

## Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

Witness Statement of

[REDACTED]

1. My name is [REDACTED] and I am a statement taker for the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry.
2. I first met with GBO [REDACTED] on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at Inglewood House and Spa, Tullibody Road, Alloa, alongside [REDACTED] statement taker, and [REDACTED], witness support officer, in order to take his evidence on behalf of the Inquiry. A subsequent private session was arranged and I met with GBO [REDACTED] again on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Inglewood House and Spa, Tullibody Road, Alloa, alongside [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in order to complete taking the applicant's evidence.
3. In accordance with the statement taking team's training and normal practice, in order to elicit the evidence from Mr GBO [REDACTED], he was asked open questions and leading questions were avoided.
4. During both sessions, the evidence given by GBO [REDACTED] was recorded for the purposes of drafting an accurate statement for the Inquiry. [REDACTED] drafted the statement of GBO [REDACTED] and I was not present at any further meetings with him.
5. On the 26<sup>th</sup> March, the Inquiry was informed by Cath Taylor, Mr GBO [REDACTED]'s supporter from ICSSS, that Mr GBO [REDACTED] had died [REDACTED].

- 6. I have read the completed draft statement and it is an accurate reflection of the evidence given by Mr GBO [REDACTED] during his private session.

Signed..... DocuSigned by: [REDACTED] 5A8C55DAE33044D.....

Dated..... 19 April 2024 .....