

1 Thursday, 24 May 2018

2 (10.00 am)

3 LADY SMITH: Good morning. We return now to more oral
4 evidence and I'm going to invite Mr MacAulay to call the
5 first witness.

6 Mr MacAulay.

7 MR MacAULAY: Good morning, my Lady. The first witness is
8 Edward John Calvey.

9 EDWARD JOHN CALVEY (affirmed)

10 LADY SMITH: Please sit down and make yourself comfortable.

11 I can hear already, Edward, you must be suffering
12 from a summer cold -- if we're ever going to get summer.

13 A. I have, yes, sorry --

14 LADY SMITH: No, don't you apologise. I am very grateful to
15 you for being prepared to go ahead notwithstanding that.
16 There's water there if you need it and if you want
17 a break, let me know, will you?

18 A. Thank you.

19 LADY SMITH: I can see the microphone is now picking you up
20 at that distance.

21 A. Can you hear me okay?

22 LADY SMITH: Yes, that's good.

23 It's really important that you're in a position for
24 the microphone to pick up your voice, both for everybody
25 who wants to hear what you have to say and particularly

1 for the stenographers, who listen to your evidence
2 through the sound system.

3 A. Thank you.

4 LADY SMITH: Mr MacAulay.

5 Questions from MR MacAULAY

6 MR MacAULAY: My Lady.

7 Good morning, Edward. The first thing I want to
8 take from you is your date of birth: were you born on
9 ██████████ 1954?

10 A. Yes, I was.

11 Q. In the red folder in front of you, you'll find your
12 statement and I want you to look at that. I'll give the
13 reference of it to the stenographers and that's
14 WIT.001.001.3698. Could I ask you to look at the last
15 page.

16 A. Sorry?

17 Q. Could you look at the last page?

18 A. The last page?

19 Q. Yes. I just want you to confirm you've signed the
20 statement.

21 A. Yes, I did sign it, yes.

22 Q. Do you also say, if you go on to the previous page, that
23 you're happy for the statement to be published as part
24 of the evidence to the inquiry?

25 A. Yes, I'm happy with that, Colin.

1 Q. And you also say you believe the facts stated in the
2 witness statement are true?

3 A. Yes, it's all true.

4 Q. Can I go back, Edward, to a point in time before you
5 went into care because we're going to look at the time
6 you spent in care in Nazareth House Lasswade. I think
7 the background to that was you were living in Edinburgh
8 with your family; is that correct?

9 A. Yes, that's correct.

10 Q. You can put the folder back on the table. Can I just
11 say: if any part of your statement is going to be
12 referred to, it'll on the screen in front of you.

13 You were living with your parents [REDACTED]
14 is that right?

15 A. That's right.

16 Q. [REDACTED]

17 A. [REDACTED]

18 Q. Did you have happy memories of your life before --

19 A. Yes, [REDACTED] a great childhood at home.

20 Q. But was there a point in time when your mother required
21 to go to hospital?

22 A. Yes, my mother [REDACTED]
23 started having medical problems, so she had to go into
24 hospital for a while.

25 LADY SMITH: That would be tough [REDACTED]

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4 MR MacAULAY: Was it then the plan that [REDACTED] you would go
5 into Nazareth House Lasswade?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And that's where you went; is that correct?

8 A. Yes, that's right.

9 Q.

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14 Q. Can you remember what -- I think at that time, when we
15 look at the time you were admitted, what age do you
16 think you were?

17 A. I think I was about 10 years old.

18 Q. So do you have some recollection of what your feelings
19 were about going to Nazareth House Lasswade?

20 A. Well, my dad explained to me what was happening, about
21 my mother, so I was offered could I stay at home or did
22 I want to go [REDACTED] So I volunteered
23 to go because I thought I was quite looking forward to
24 it, I thought it'd be a bit of a holiday at the time.

25 Q. Who took you to Lasswade; can you remember?

- 1 A. I think it was two social workers.
- 2 Q. So far as the Sisters of Nazareth records go to show,
3 you were admitted on 24 May 1965; how does that fit in
4 with your own recollection?
- 5 A. Yes, I'd be about that age, round about that.
- 6 Q. This is where there may be some difference in your own
7 recollection and what the records say. According to the
8 records you left on 18 June 1965, so you were there for
9 just under a month.
- 10 A. I thought it was longer than that because they sent 
11 to the local primary school.
- 12 Q. What's your own recollection then?
- 13 A. It seemed to be longer, maybe two to three months.
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- 16 Q. When you say you were sent to the local primary school,
17 when you went there in about May, you were sent to the
18 local school?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. But in any event, whether it's a month or two or three
21 doesn't really matter for our purposes because we want
22 to hear what you have to say about what your experience
23 was.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. So far as your first day is concerned, can you remember

1 your first day at Nazareth House?

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8 Q. So far as you were concerned then, the dormitory that
9 you went into, can you tell me about that? What sort of
10 size was it?

11 A. My recollection was -- I'd say it was about 16, 20 beds,
12 as far as I recall.

13 Q. Was it for boys only?

14 A. Boys only, where I was, yes.

15 Q.

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17 A.

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22 Q. So far as the dormitory was concerned then, can I take
23 it from that there was an age range in the dormitory,
24 boys of different ages?

25 A. As far as I can recall, Colin, yes.

- 1 Q. You also tell us that there was a washroom.
- 2 A. Yes, big baths, a big washroom, yes.
- 3 Q. Was that to cater in particular for your dormitory, was
4 it?
- 5 A. Yes. As far as I recall, yes.
- 6 Q. How many baths were there?
- 7 A. I seem to recall about three, two or three big baths.
- 8 Q. Can you remember the name of the sister that you first
9 made contact with?
- 10 A. No, I'm not 100 per cent sure, Colin, no.
- 11 Q. Can I then just look at some aspects of the routine.
12 In the morning, let's just look at that, would
13 someone get you up in the morning?
- 14 A. Yes, we'd be up about, I'd say, 6 o'clock. As soon as
15 it was daylight, we were up.
- 16 Q. Would there be a particular sister involved in --
- 17 A. As I recall, there were two or three of them. They just
18 used to come in shouting, "Get up, get washed", sort of
19 thing.
- 20 Q. In the morning would you get washed and then go for
21 breakfast?
- 22 A. It would depend if some of the -- if [REDACTED] had wet
23 the bed, for example, I'd be made to scrub [REDACTED] sheets
24 and things.
- 25 Q. And I'll come back to that. Leaving aside bed-wetting

1 for the moment, did you go and get washed?

2 A. Yes, we got washed in big sinks and things.

3 Q. What was the routine after that?

4 A. We used to go down for breakfast and most days it would
5 be porridge and bread.

6 Q. And after breakfast would you go to school?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. 

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10 A.

11 Q.

12 A.

13 Q. Did you have some leisure time when you were there?

14 A. The only thing -- they used to have a big football park
15 at the back and I used to spend all my time there.

16 Q. Do you recollect if there were books or comics to read?

17 A. I don't recall reading anything there, apart from the
18 Bible.

19 Q. 

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12 Q. Did you have visits from your family when you were
13 there?

14 A. My dad used to come out on a Sunday because he used to
15 work on the building sites Monday to Saturday, so Sunday
16 was his only free day.

17 Q. So he came and visited you?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q.

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21 A.

22 Q. What about a social worker during this time? Did you
23 see a social worker at any point?

24 A. Not that I recall, no.

25 Q. I want now to focus on some aspects of how you might

1 have been treated when you were there, Edward. You have
2 already just mentioned in passing bed-wetting; can I ask
3 you about that?

4 A. I remember when we used to go to bed at nights,
5 I remember the nuns coming into the dormitory and would
6 be searching under a lot of kids' sheets and things.
7 At the time I didn't know what they were doing it for,
8 you know, but seemingly it was about finding out who's
9 wetting the bed and you'd hear shouts and crying, you
10 know.

11 Q. When was this in the course of the night? Was this
12 after you'd gone to bed?

13 A. Yes, during the night, after we'd been in bed, yes.

14 Q. Are you able to say when during the night this was?

15 A. No, I always recall it being dark, Colin, you know,
16 various times.

17 Q. Do you know the nuns that were involved in this?


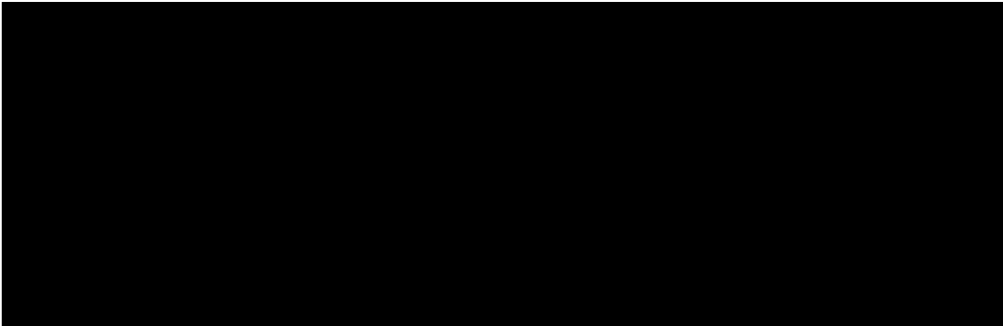
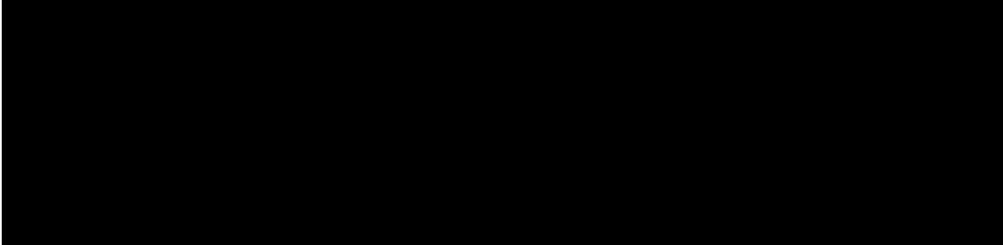
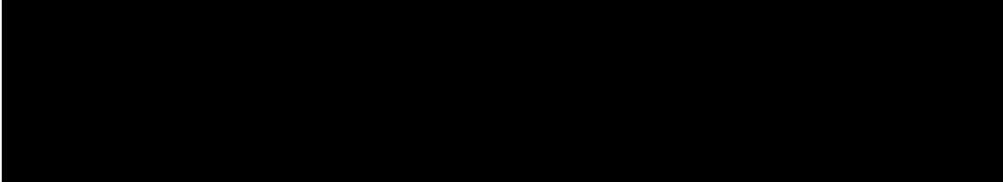
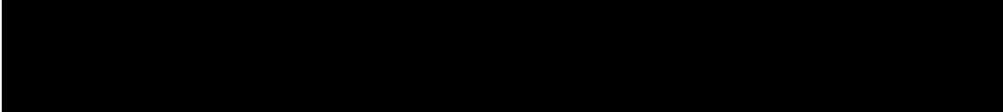
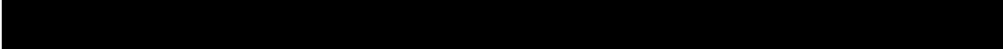
18 A. No, I don't recall the names, sorry.

19 Q. Okay. And what happened? What would happen if there
20 was a child who'd wet the bed?

21 A. You'd hear them getting hit over the head and things
22 like that, you know.

23 Q. When you say "things like that", what --

24 A. You'd hear the kids crying then. Mostly they was
25 getting hit, clattered over the head like this

- 1 (indicating).
- 2 Q. Did you see that happening?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And what about the sheets? Was anything done at that
5 stage during the night with the sheets?
- 6 A. Not that I recall. I just recall a couple of occasions,
7 , I would have to bring
8 the sheets into the bath and scrub them ...
- 9 Q. What about in the morning? Would anything happen in the
10 morning if a child had wet the bed?
- 11 A. We'd all have to line up and a few of the kids were
12 getting hit, clattered and things, you know, and shouted
13 at most -- a lot of shouting going on all the time from
14 the nuns.
- 15 Q. Did you wet the bed?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. 
- 18 A. 
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- 20 Q. 
- 21 A. 
- 22 Q. And what happened to him, did you see?
- 23 A. He used to get hit over the head and on the shoulders
24 here and clattered, you know, from the nuns.
- 25 Q. And what would happen after that?

- 1 A. He'd obviously be upset and crying and things, you know.
- 2 Q. Would he have to do anything with the sheets?
- 3 A. [REDACTED] I would have to do it.
- 4 Q. What did you have to do?
- 5 A. Scrub the sheet in the bath. The big bath that was
- 6 there.
- 7 Q. Were you told to do that?
- 8 A. Yes, forced.
- 9 Q. When you say "forced", what do you mean?
- 10 A. The nuns just grabbed me and said, "You've got to do
- 11 this".
- 12 Q. How often did that happen during your time there?
- 13 A. I'd say three or four times, Colin.
- 14 Q. How did that make you feel?
- 15 A. Embarrassed.
- 16 Q. What about [REDACTED]?
- 17 A. He was crying and all that, you know, and embarrassed
- 18 and humiliated.
- 19 Q. Did he have in any way to wash himself; can you
- 20 remember?
- 21 A. It was in the baths, you know. I recall big baths there
- 22 and he'd have to go in there and scrub.
- 23 Q. He would have to?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Do you know what the water was like?

1 A. It was never very warm. It was mostly cold, I'd say
2 most days.

3 LADY SMITH: You say he had to scrub himself --

4 A. Yes.

5 LADY SMITH: -- is that right?

6 A. Yes.

7 LADY SMITH: What with?

8 A. Well, he'd have to go into the bath afterwards and scrub
9 himself, you know.

10 LADY SMITH: Did he have to use something to scrub himself?

11 A. It was one of the old-fashioned bars of soap.

12 LADY SMITH: Right, yes.

13 MR MacAULAY: You've told us that during the night the nuns
14 would check. So far as [REDACTED] was
15 concerned, do you know if they checked on him during the
16 night and found that he had wet the bed?

17 A. All I recall, Colin, is these particular mornings, it
18 was always, say, 6/6.30 the in the morning, that's when
19 they would find out. They were checking beds during the
20 night but mostly [REDACTED] was caught in the morning
21 time.

22 Q. The other thing I want to ask you about is the food.
23 How did you find the food?

24 A. Not very pleasant. In the mornings we'd be getting the
25 porridge, but they had made it the Scottish way, full of

- 1 salt, you know. It was quite disgusting. And bread.
- 2 Bread and drinks.
- 3 Q. Did you eat it?
- 4 A. I couldn't eat it. I tried to force myself to eat it
- 5 because the nuns would be behind you shouting at you,
- 6 "Eat up!"
- 7 Q. And what would happen if you didn't eat it?
- 8 A. They used to force the nape of your neck right into the
- 9 bowl nearly, you know.
- 10 Q. Did that happen to you?
- 11 A. Yes. I seen it happen to a lot of kids there.
- 12 Q. Were you punished in any other way for not eating your
- 13 food?
- 14 A. A lot of times they'd knuckle you on the head, use their
- 15 knuckles and clatter you there. It was always hitting,
- 16 you know.
- 17 Q. Was that painful?
- 18 A. Yes, at the time it was, yes.
- 19 Q. When you say "always hitting", can I just understand
- 20 what you mean by that, Edward?
- 21 A. If the nuns felt somebody had done something wrong, they
- 22 would just shout at you and at the same time as they'd
- 23 be shouting as you, they'd be hitting you.
- 24 Q. Can you describe how they would be hitting you?
- 25 A. Most of the time it was with knuckles, but I seen one

1 occasion where a couple of brothers got hit with a cane.

2 Q. Were you hit by a cane?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did you see any difference in the treatment of boys or
5 children who might have been there for a short period of
6 time and those who --

7 A. Yes, I've always remembered that, Colin. It seemed that
8 the children that didn't have visitors -- maybe they
9 were orphans or whatever reason -- they got the worst
10 treatment, the continual shouting and hitting them, and
11 they'd get the cane.

12 Q. So that's something that's stuck in your mind?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And you say shouting. Can you remember what was being
15 shouted?

16 A. Just always shouting, "You've got to do this, you've got
17 to do that, eat this". Things like that.

18 Q. Was this in connection with boys and girls?

19 A. Yes. In the dining hall it'd be girls as well, yes.

20 Q. This knuckle treatment you've mentioned, can you tell me
21 the occasions that that might happen to you? When could
22 that be the punishment that you got?

23 A. If you were walking along and they caught you talking,
24 if you were talking too loud, they would just say, "Shut
25 up", and as they're telling you to shut up, they were

1 hitting you. If you weren't eating the food, you'd be
2 getting knuckles over the head telling you to eat the
3 food, even though you didn't like it, if you know what
4 I mean.

5 Q. When you were in bed, did you have to lie in bed in
6 a particular way?

7 A. Yes, you'd always have the sheets up to here and your
8 arms out (indicating).

9 Q. Your arms outstretched over the sheets?

10 A. Over the sheets.

11 Q. Did someone tell you that was the way you had to be in
12 bed?

13 A. The nuns did, yes.

14 Q. If you didn't lie like that, did anything happen?

15 A. If they caught somebody, they'd just come in shouting at
16 you, "Put your hands on the sheets!" and you'd hear
17 other kids getting clattered and crying.

18 Q. If you look at the environment in the dormitory or the
19 atmosphere in the dormitory, either at night or in the
20 morning, can you tell me, what was it like?

21 A. Everybody seemed to be upset all the time, the children,
22 the kids. I'd say it was like a prison, worse than
23 a prison, you know.

24 Q. What was your own state of mind at that time when you
25 were there? Can you tell me?

- 1 A. I was confused, didn't know what was going on, you know.
2 I just wanted to get out of it.
- 3 Q. When your father came to visit, did you mention anything
4 to him?
- 5 A. [REDACTED] getting hit now and again,
6 things like that, but he had a lot of -- he had to work
7 six days a week, you know what I mean? He just probably
8 said, "You need some discipline". I think he thought
9 [REDACTED] exaggerating, maybe, you know.
- 10 Q. You think he didn't realise the extent of it?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Do you have any recollection during your time there of
13 a nun being nice to you?
- 14 A. No. Never. I don't even think they called me by my
15 name once.
- 16 Q. You mean your first name?
- 17 A. "You do this, you do that", you know.
- 18 Q. Whatever the time might have been that you were there,
19 whether it was a month or two, there came a time when
20 you left Nazareth House, [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED]
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. I think you tell us in your statement you went back to
24 live with your mother and father.
- 25 A. Yes, that's right, Colin, yes.

1 Q. You've told us that you did tell your father to some
2 extent what had happened; did you tell anyone else?

3 A. No, there was no one else to tell.

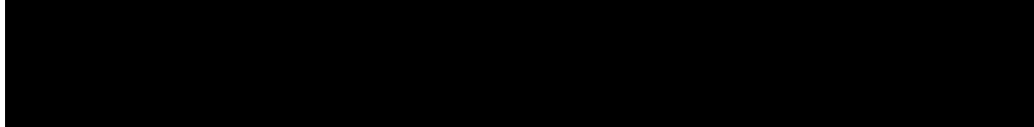
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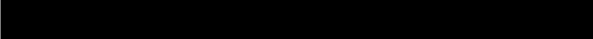
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9 Q. 

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13 Q.  Do you think your
14 experience in Nazareth House had any impact on you?

15 A. Yes, for a good few years afterwards, Colin, yes.

16 I used to take panic attacks, unable to sleep. I've had
17 that for years, you know.

18 Q. When did that start?

19 A. When I came out of Nazareth House.

20 Q. Did you think about Nazareth House?

21 A. Yes, at the time quite a lot, yes. Nearly all the time.

22 Q. I think what you say in your statement is that you'd
23 have nightmares.

24 A. Yes, I had nightmares, yes, panic attacks, and sometimes
25 when you get them and you can't breathe, and a few times

1 an ambulance would have to come and take me to hospital
2 for check-ups and things.

3 Q. Do you relate that to your time at Nazareth House?

4 A. Yes, because I was all right before I went in, you know.

5 Q. One thing you also say is that at school, you were
6 hitting children; is that right?

7 A. After I came out I used to get into some bother for
8 doing the exact same things that those nuns were doing.

9 Q. What was that?

10 A. If I was having an argument with another child, I'd be
11 hitting him on the head with my knuckles -- and I used
12 to get the belt for that.

13 Q. And that's something you learned then from your time in
14 Nazareth House?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You put forward in your statement, Edward, some hopes
17 for the inquiry. That's on paragraph 33. I'll put that
18 on the screen for you. What you say there is:

19 "I hope that as a result of this inquiry something
20 is put in place to support children in care. They have
21 to be spoken to by an outside independent body who are
22 prepared to listen to the children and, more
23 importantly, the children should be believed."

24 A. Yes that's true. That's what I'd love, yes.

25 Q. And you hope that there is better care for children?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Better than the care you had?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Much better?

5 A. Yes. Couldn't get any worse, I don't think, or hope.

6 MR MacAULAY: Very well, Edward. These are all the

7 questions that I need to put to you today.

8 My Lady, unless there are any other questions to be

9 put, then Edward can leave.

10 LADY SMITH: Can I check whether there are any outstanding

11 applications for questions? No.

12 Edward, there are no more questions for you. We're

13 very grateful to you for coming forward and engaging

14 with the inquiry, both for your written statement and

15 for coming along today to tell us yourself in person, as

16 I say, despite struggling with the cold that's hit you.

17 I hope you're now able to get away and look after

18 yourself.

19 A. Thank you.

20 LADY SMITH: Thank you. I'm able to let you go.

21 A. Thank you, my Lady. Thanks very much.

22 (The witness withdrew)

23 LADY SMITH: Mr MacAulay.

24 MR MacAULAY: My Lady, this would be an appropriate time to

25 have a statement read in.

1 LADY SMITH: Yes, let's do that.

2 Witness statement of "MARTIN" (read)

3 MS RATTRAY: This applicant wishes to be anonymous and use
4 the pseudonym "Martin". His statement can be found at
5 WIT.001.001.7919. Martin is unable to attend to give
6 oral evidence due to his poor health.

7 "My name is Martin. I was born in 1969."

8 My Lady, at paragraphs 2 to 6, Martin speaks of
9 living in the Glasgow area and of going into care after
10 his mum died of a heart attack. Martin was with her
11 at the time and he was 5 years old. His adult brother
12 moved abroad with his younger sister. Martin and his
13 other brother were placed in care. Initially, they were
14 placed to the and then they were separated, and Martin
15 never saw his siblings after that.

16 My Lady, moving to paragraph 6, on page 7920, Martin
17 speaks of his experiences in Nazareth House Lasswade:

18 "I was moved about in different places after that.
19 I think I was in foster care and also in Nazareth House
20 in Glasgow at some point. I ended up in Nazareth House
21 in Lasswade when I was about five years old. That must
22 have been the only place available. I was known as
23 a child of the state."

24 Nazareth House records that Martin was admitted in
25 1973 when he would have been aged 4:

1 "I was five years old when I arrived at
2 Nazareth House. It would have been somebody from
3 Strathclyde Social Work Department who would have taken
4 me, but I don't remember.

5 "It was a big place with a mix of boys and girls.
6 It seemed like there were hundreds of kids to me, but
7 there were probably only about 20 or 30 kids in there.
8 The age group was from about 5 years old right up to 15
9 and 16 years old. The boys and girls mixed together and
10 it seemed like a free-for-all.

11 "The place was run by nuns. I only remember
12 Sister [REDACTED] LTX , who was called [REDACTED] LTX . She
13 looked after me a lot. There were other staff members
14 who helped out with the laundry and stuff like that, but
15 my experience was with the nuns more than the workers.

16 "My first day was horrible. I remember going in and
17 not liking it because everybody was looking at the new
18 boy in class. There was definitely an air of fear from
19 day one.

20 "I was shown around by the nuns and shown my
21 bedroom. I was told about all the discipline and that
22 I had to do this and that. I had gone from an
23 environment with a family to this big place with lots of
24 people and nuns who looked scary. I felt lost and was
25 crying. I was wondering why I was there. There was

1 nobody to support me.

2 "It felt very regimental. We got up about 7 or
3 8 am. We had to make the bed a certain way. The pillow
4 and the sheet had to be done a certain way. We only had
5 a couple of wee sheets. They were just like jaggy
6 covers that you get in the jail.

7 "The beds would get checked. It was like a sergeant
8 major scenario where the nun would come and check your
9 bed and you'd be punished if you hadn't done it
10 properly.

11 "We went to Mass in the mornings, especially during
12 Lent when you'd be forced to get out of your bed. The
13 religious side had an element of guilt attached to it,
14 where you would be told that you were going to hell if
15 you didn't do something. It wasn't a very nice thing to
16 tell a 5 or 6-year-old boy.

17 "Boys and girls had separate dormitories. The beds
18 in the dormitory were all next to each other and there
19 was no privacy. I don't remember how many beds were in
20 each dormitory but it seemed like a lot to me.

21 "We went to bed quite early because they wanted
22 everybody in bed. I don't know about the older kids,
23 but I remember going to bed quite early and lights going
24 out.

25 "I remember going to bed quite upset and crying.

1 I would wonder where my mum was and where my family was.
2 That lasted for years. There was no mechanism put in
3 place to get counselling or support. You were chucked
4 in and just left.

5 "I can't recall if we had lunch at school or went
6 back to the home. We had our tea in the home after
7 school.

8 "The food was diabolical. It was just a slop and it
9 all looked the same. There was no effort put into it at
10 all. You were never asked what your likes and dislikes
11 were. A plate of gunge was just slapped down in front
12 of you. You were treated like an animal.

13 "If you didn't want to eat it, you were force-fed
14 it. It would be physically forced down your throat by
15 the nun or the civilian workers. You would be ridiculed
16 and belted as well.

17 "One of the punishments for not eating was that you
18 had to carry a big bucket filled with leftover food. It
19 also had potato peelings and other stuff in it. It was
20 a pretty hefty load for anybody to lift, especially
21 young kids.

22 "You could be aged 5 or 15, but you would be made to
23 carry this leftover bucket of food. It could be raining
24 or anything but you had to carry it from the place where
25 we ate to where we disposed of the food. You would have

1 to carry it even if you were dragging it along. The
2 civilian worker would be told to watch you doing it.

3 "I remember helping out with the cleaning.
4 I remember dusting and mopping and clearing up tables.
5 You would be told what your chore was for that day.

6 "We went to a Catholic school. It wasn't a good
7 experience. It was an experience of fear and
8 intimidation from teachers and pupils. They all knew
9 you came from Nazareth House and you were just
10 a second-class citizen in their eyes. The kids treated
11 you like a scumbag.

12 "I went to school like a tinker. The kids from the
13 home would be dressed in whatever was put on us. We had
14 scuffed shoes and basically our clothes were a mess. We
15 didn't have anything new ever. This led to bullying at
16 school and it mapped out your whole life. You were
17 downtrodden and known as the unwanted weirdo that lived
18 in the home.

19 "I think we only had baths once a week. I remember
20 because when went to school all the other kids laughed
21 at us because we were stinking. We were not clean.
22 I had problems with my hearing and the teachers at
23 school just thought I wasn't listening so I was left
24 behind. I wasn't able to catch up. I left the school
25 when I was 11 and I think my education was zilch.

1 "Punishment in school was belting. I might be
2 biased, but I felt that the kids from Nazareth House got
3 belted more than the other kids. You'd get belted for
4 stepping out of line or not doing your homework.

5 "We took our homework back to Nazareth House and it
6 could get lost. Nobody was monitoring us. There was
7 a lot of discipline on one side, but then the kids were
8 also all left to their own devices and there was a lot
9 of anarchy. It was like there were two different
10 set-ups in the home.

11 "It was like being in a cult. I hadn't been
12 baptised when I went to Nazareth House, so I was
13 baptised at a daft age when I went in. Making communion
14 and confirmation was the top of the list for them. It
15 was probably the best wash I ever had. I think I was
16 actually born Protestant.

17 "We had to say prayers in the morning and were
18 marched to chapel every Sunday and even during the week.
19 It was a fearful existence. We were told to act
20 a certain way or told we were going to hell. The nuns
21 were supposed to be gods to us. We were only 5 or
22 6-year-old. The church thing was an overload and it was
23 battered into us all the time. It was a regime that you
24 had to follow.

25 "I know that if there were any holiday obligations,

1 we had to do that. You would miss school to do the
2 holiday obligations. When it was holy week, you went to
3 Mass every day that week and didn't go to school.

4 "I think we only had baths once a week, if we were
5 lucky. You'd be put in the bath about two at a time.
6 I think boys and girls were together and mixed age
7 groups. You'd have a bath in front of everyone and have
8 to get changed in front of the nuns and everyone else.
9 There was no privacy at all.

10 "I had issues with my ears from when I was
11 a toddler, but it wasn't picked up on until I was about
12 5 or 6 years old. This affected my speech and my
13 vocabulary, and my learning curve was behind everybody
14 else. I never learned to speak properly and got by the
15 best I could.

16 "I don't remember seeing a dentist or a doctor at
17 any point. We got treated for head lice and stuff.
18 If we got cuts and grazes, we were just left to get on
19 with it.

20 "I don't recall watching television or having any
21 entertainment. We were left to our own devices to just
22 play outside. That meant there would be a lot of
23 bullying. There was a hierarchy and I was just a wee
24 lightweight. The other kids picked on you.

25 "I don't remember toys around. They would have been

1 hand-me-downs if we had any. There would be four or
2 five girls playing with one doll.

3 "I don't remember making any friends. I remember
4 a boy who had a sister with a disability. He got
5 adopted before me. I remember other kids who I got
6 doings from. Kids from the home abused you as well as
7 the nuns.

8 "We went to a place called Dunbar for a week or
9 something. I think the place serviced all of the
10 Nazareth Houses. It wasn't a big place so we went in
11 groups of four or five and would stay for a week.

12 "We would get to go out and go to the beach and
13 stuff. We would come in contact with a lot of people
14 outside of Nazareth House. We did stand out in that
15 environment. You'd see kids sitting with ice cream
16 cones and we would be sitting with nothing.

17 "We would be told to go to the beach and just sent
18 away on our own. We didn't get any pocket money or
19 anything. We had no concept of money. I never had any
20 money in my hand the whole time I was in the home.

21 "I don't remember any trips to the zoo or anything.
22 I also didn't get any visitors unless you were being put
23 in the shop window for adoption or fostering.
24 Nazareth House was your life, basically.

25 "You would get put in the window for adoption or

1 fostering sometimes. You would get a bath and your hair
2 combed and be told that somebody was coming to see you
3 and to be on your best behaviour. A few of us would be
4 put in a room together. It would be four of us maximum.
5 It felt like you were an animal in the zoo.

6 "People who wanted to foster or adopt would come
7 through St Margaret's Adoption Society in Glasgow. They
8 would come into the room we were in and interact with
9 us. I wasn't a toddler or very young so I was always
10 left on the shelf. My vocabulary was also very limited,
11 so I obviously wasn't seen as a person that people
12 wanted to take away.

13 "The more it happened, the more you knew what to
14 expect. There was a feeling of being unwanted. I would
15 think that nobody wanted me. I was probably giving out
16 the wrong signals because I was shy and reserved.

17 "People would sometimes take you away with a view to
18 fostering you. The people would take you out for a day
19 or so first so you could be familiar with them. A lot
20 of it was over my head.

21 "I remember going to stay with a family in Stirling.
22 They were lovely but I felt odd. I couldn't cope with
23 the generosity and being cared for.

24 "I was taken out to stay with folk about a dozen
25 times. I felt lost. These people were very loving and

1 I couldn't cope with it. They would be kind to me and
2 give me 10p to get a mixture or something. That was all
3 foreign to me, so I put a barrier up. I may have put
4 off anybody that was thinking of taking me.

5 "I also remember a few St Margaret's adoption days
6 when we were taken to Glasgow and put in the shop window
7 there to see if anybody wanted us.

8 "The social work did come to visit but I don't have
9 any recollection of times and specific meetings. I know
10 you would be shushed up and cleaned up before the
11 visits. You were told by the nuns to keep quiet and
12 only speak when spoken to. They wanted to put on a show
13 that we were well looked after. It was like we were
14 supposed to be grateful for being there.

15 "I have no memory of having a birthday when I was
16 in the home. Christmas was different. I remember there
17 being a very poor Christmas tree. I think somebody may
18 have donated it. I think we might have got a Christmas
19 dinner of some sort.

20 "We were taken to a place where a Santa came and
21 gave you a present. I think it was a charity thing and
22 the present would be a selection box. That was
23 basically our Christmas. We would be happy as Larry
24 because we didn't know any better and had no
25 expectations. We didn't know what Christmas was about.

1 It was a religious occasion and all about Jesus, rather
2 than about Santa and having fun.

3 "We never got anything new. Everything we had was
4 hand-me-downs. It would be things that people had
5 handed in and had been wrapped up. I remember getting
6 an Action Man with one arm missing. You would know that
7 somebody had had it before.

8 "Things had to be done a certain way. You got
9 punished if you stepped out of line in any way.
10 Anything that the nuns didn't see as right was
11 considered to be stepping out of line. There was
12 a regime of fear.

13 "Everything was shrouded in religion, so stepping
14 out of the line was what they perceived to be going
15 against the Ten Commandments. You would be highly
16 disciplined if you stepped out of line, swore or soiled
17 your underwear. We were repeatedly told we would go to
18 hell.

19 "You tried to do everything right because you didn't
20 want to be punished and isolated. You did things you
21 didn't want to do because you wanted to be accepted and
22 part of a family.

23 "They used mostly physical things as punishment,
24 like lifting their hand to us and belting us. They
25 would give you the belt on the hands, the back of the

1 legs, or on the bum. Some nuns were worse than others.

2 "I was always falling into situations. I was just
3 a mixed up wee boy, so I was always getting a slap on
4 the jaw or the back of the legs, and my hair pulled. It
5 was mainly the nuns who hit me. I think the workers
6 also lived in fear of the nuns.

7 "The nun on duty could give you the belt. I saw
8 Sister [REDACTED] LTX giving people the belt and I saw her as
9 one of the good guys, so the others must have been
10 worse. She was a shining light to me and was the only
11 one who I felt looked out for me. It wasn't anything
12 she did, but was just a feeling I had. Maybe it was
13 just bad judgement on my part. Maybe I was just trying
14 to find any little bit of goodness when everything was
15 so bad. She was handy with her hand, and that was
16 known.

17 "I think Sister [REDACTED] LTX was in the system and that
18 was just what they had to do. You also can't forget
19 that it was an era where parents lifted their hands to
20 children. There was an element of thinking that
21 slapping and hitting was just the punishment for
22 stepping out of line. I was so used to being hit that
23 it was just part of everyday life.

24 "The nuns were not trained to look after children.
25 They didn't have the qualifications or facilities to

1 handle all the children. If you did anything wrong you
2 would be threatened with being sent to the
3 Mother Superior's office for discipline. We hardly
4 every saw the Mother Superior and when we did, it was
5 like the Queen was in your company. She knew what was
6 going on in the home.

7 "Being sent to the Mother Superior was more of an
8 emotional threat. She would shout at you and order the
9 nun to belt you or see that you weren't getting a
10 biscuit at teatime. A biscuit to us was a big thing
11 because we didn't get anything.

12 "We didn't get anything like money or treats and we
13 had very little belongings so they didn't have anything
14 to take away as punishment. The only deprivation they
15 could use was to say you would not get given a biscuit
16 or something.

17 "The ridicule and the emotional abuse was terrible.
18 There was an element of saying to us that we were in
19 there now and we were going to be forgotten about.
20 I would be told I was the devil's work and that I was
21 going to hell.

22 "I don't remember every getting anything new in
23 Nazareth House. Everything was a hand-me-down. We were
24 only allowed to use so much soap at a time. There was
25 always fear that you wouldn't have enough soap or enough

1 toilet paper.

2 "My welfare wasn't important to them. In their eyes
3 I was just in a gang of people that nobody wanted, and
4 they were the only ones who were willing to care for us.

5 "The records that I have got from Strathclyde
6 Council say that bed-wetting was a serious issue for me.

7 "I wet the bed a lot of. A lot of the time it would
8 be because I'd had a nightmare and would wake up. A
9 sister would come and get me because I had disrupted the
10 dormitory and take me away. Other times I would go and
11 get someone because I'd wet the bed and you can't lie in
12 your own urine. The nun would be in her nightwear and
13 not the normal nun dress. They wouldn't be happy at
14 being woken up.

15 "One of the punishments was that I was put in a cold
16 bath at night with my jammies on. They might have
17 thought it was to clean me, but I saw it as a
18 punishment. I would be left there for half an hour or
19 even as long as an hour. The nun would be in the room
20 the whole time, she would be shouting at me and bringing
21 me down. My recollection of bath times was bad because
22 it was mostly when I wet the bed.

23 "I would be shouted and bawled at and ridiculed
24 at the time and again the next morning. I was made to
25 feel like nothing because I was wetting the bed at

1 6 years of age. They'd threaten to put a nappy on.
2 I also remember something being said to me about being
3 possessed by the devil and that I would be taken to
4 Lourdes to cure my bed-wetting.

5 "After being put in the bath, I'd have to go back to
6 bed and strip my wet bed. I would sleep on the bare
7 mattress with no sheets on the bed and I would be naked
8 because I'd had to take my wet pyjamas off. We didn't
9 have spare jammies so I would have to sleep naked until
10 my pyjamas were laundered.

11 "When you woke up in the morning naked and with no
12 sheets everybody knew you had wet the bed. You would
13 then be ridiculed by the kids too.

14 "In the morning you'd be threatened that you had
15 better not wet the bed again because you'd had the
16 sister up all night with you. On a bad week, hands
17 would be lifted to you and you'd be taken to the
18 Mother Superior and she would shout at you. There was
19 just no care at all. They just saw you as a hindrance.

20 "I just wanted to stop wetting the bed, but because
21 I was worried about it, I kept doing it all the time.
22 Nobody every got to the bottom of why I wet the bed, so
23 I carried on doing it. Sometimes I would just lie in my
24 wet bed for the night because I didn't want to get
25 a beating and make my bed in the morning. Then I would

1 be called a liar for hiding it and get a beating for
2 that.

3 "Kids were out doing what they wanted when we were
4 out to play. It was almost like we were all put in
5 a big yard and just left there all day. We had nowhere
6 else to go. We would play tig and hide and go seek, and
7 that is when most of the abuse happened. There were no
8 adults there to supervise us.

9 "There were older kids and girls that were
10 developing. There was an incident where an older girl
11 took me behind the bike shed against my will, pulled my
12 trousers down and tried to have sex with me. I was
13 a wee boy, I was only 6 or 7 years old. I felt dirty.
14 I don't know her name because I have blocked it out.
15 She was a resident there and was about 15 or 16 years
16 old, I think.

17 "It was a very sexual environment within the home.
18 The older kids did have sex and that was a fact. The
19 younger kids were just there for the taking if somebody
20 wanted to do something to you. We were there to be
21 abused and had people putting their hands down your
22 pants and feeling your bits. It was a free-for-all. It
23 was kind of accepted that these things happened to you
24 and people just turned a blind eye to it.

25 "The civilian staff would come up to you and slap

1 your arse or do something inappropriate with you. There
2 was a [REDACTED] n the place but
3 I don't remember his name. He would walk by you and ask
4 you what was in your pockets then put his hand in your
5 pocket and feel your private bits. He would ask you to
6 help with the painting or to sit on his knee and then
7 touch you up. That regularly happened to me.

8 "Other boys would say to stay away from [REDACTED]
9 because he was handsy with his hands. From my
10 experience, he was more fond of the boys. It was kind
11 of talked about, but it was a dirty secret. This
12 happened the whole time I was in the home.

13 " I was only about 7 years old and that was all
14 I knew. I didn't know any better, besides, how dare
15 I speak up? I had been told to keep my mouth shut my
16 whole life. It was just another situation where you
17 were a survivor. You just survived and waited for the
18 next day. It might be too strong to say we were like
19 caged animals, but we weren't far off it.

20 "The fact is, if you grew up in a home over
21 a certain period, you would have witnessed one or more
22 of these incidents. There is no way you didn't see it
23 happen.

24 "Prospective adoptive parents came to see me with
25 a view to adopting me. They had come through

1 St Margaret's Adoption Society in Glasgow. They took me
2 out a few times. My adoptive dad took me to see a Hibs
3 and Celtic football match in Edinburgh. The couple
4 adopted me and I went to live in Port Glasgow with them.
5 I don't think I really had a choice in the matter.
6 Nobody asked my views. It wasn't explained to me where
7 my real parents were and that they weren't coming back.
8 I was just expected to go with these new parents and
9 they would be my new family. I was expected to be
10 thankful.

11 "I was in Primary Six when I left Nazareth House, so
12 I was 10 or 11 years old. I think my education level
13 was the same as a Primary Two pupil, and I never caught
14 up."

15 My Lady, the Nazareth House register gives a date of
16 Martin leaving in 1979 when he would have been about the
17 age of 11.

18 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

19 MS RATTRAY: My Lady, I will move on to the next paragraph,
20 86, but that is in fact found on page 7935; I think
21 in the statement some of the pages have been scanned out
22 of order.

23 LADY SMITH: Yes, I noticed that. Thank you.

24 MS RATTRAY: "There was nothing in place to talk to anyone.
25 I didn't know that telling somebody was what you were

1 supposed to do. If you told on the other kids, it would
2 be considered as clyping on people and that wouldn't
3 have looked good. Also, there was nobody to tell.

4 "There was nobody to talk to even after I got
5 adopted. I grew up with a Catholic family. Nobody
6 would believe that wee Sister So-and-so was doing these
7 things to you. If you said a nun was bad to you, you
8 had a lot of guilt.

9 "The first time I spoke about my abuse was to the
10 National Confidential Forum a few years ago. I never
11 reported anything to the police. I have spoken to
12 Helen Holland on the phone."

13 My Lady, in paragraphs 89 to 105, Martin speaks of
14 his life with his adoptive parents. In summary, he took
15 time to settle, there were social work checks. His
16 social skills and educational attainment were affected
17 by his experience in care and his adoptive parents got
18 tutors to help him. At 17 he became a chef and has
19 worked as a chef throughout his adult life.

20 He says that his adoptive parents love him but he
21 struggles with their emphasis on the Catholic Church and
22 that they think anybody talking about abuse is
23 a gold-digger.

24 My Lady, turning to page 7936 and paragraph 106
25 where Martin speaks of treatment and support and the

1 impact of his experiences in care:

2 "I have never had any counselling. I have made
3 a life for myself but I have carried stuff within me my
4 whole life. I am now due to get some counselling
5 through Future Pathways. It has taken a while because
6 they are so busy. What they do is good, but there are
7 not enough of them, so it is a very slow process.

8 "I have spoken to a psychologist once now over the
9 phone. I can't take time off work during the week and
10 they don't offer weekend appointments. This is another
11 pressure. There needs to be more flexibility.

12 "I take medication for anxiety and acid reflux,
13 which is stress related. I have carried guilt about the
14 sexual abuse my whole life. I numbed it for so many
15 years. Nobody listened to you and nobody supported you.
16 So many people's lives have been affected in a way that
17 they'll never get back. The system was at fault because
18 they never listened to people, even when they came out
19 and started talking about it.

20 "It's surprising how a part of your childhood can
21 affect your whole life and your outlook on life. I was
22 downtrodden at school and known as the unwanted from the
23 home. That followed me on my whole life. I'm very
24 protective about my time in care and I don't like people
25 to know about it. The emotional abuse and being

1 ridiculed so much in Nazareth House and at school has
2 meant that I have never had a lot of confidence in
3 myself.

4 "I was so behind at school by the time I got adopted
5 that I was always chasing my tail. My hearing problem
6 wasn't picked up on until after I was adopted at about
7 11 years old. If my hearing problem had been picked up
8 earlier, I could have got the treatment and support at
9 school. I could have been put down a class or two so
10 I could have kept up. Instead, I went through a care
11 system that didn't care.

12 "Anxiety has been part of my life my whole life, so
13 I've always been on edge. It was only diagnosed three
14 years ago. I can really feel the difference if I miss
15 my medication for even one day, so I have to make sure
16 I take it every day. I could have had a better career
17 and a better lifestyle if I'd done better at school.
18 That has haunted me all my years. I have stayed in the
19 same kind of work my whole life because I don't like
20 change. I don't have the confidence to change. I have
21 been in the same kind of work for 37 years and I earn
22 less now than I did when I started. At this stage of my
23 life, I should be at a more comfortable level.

24 "I am not the person that people think I am. I have
25 carried around a guilt for years. I have always thought

1 that I wouldn't be believed about my experiences in
2 Nazareth House. That never goes away. You always think
3 that you won't be believed.

4 "I haven't trusted anybody my whole life. I didn't
5 get married until I was 42 years old and I had a lot of
6 failed relationships behind me. It was through my own
7 fault because I couldn't settle.

8 "I was in a relationship where the person was
9 violent towards me and it took me back to my days in the
10 home. It is only in my current relationship that it
11 hasn't happened."

12 At paragraph 118:

13 "I know some people can't handle things and do
14 commit suicide. I have only felt that way once and it
15 was when I lost custody of my son. I was at my lowest
16 ebb then. I don't really drink any more because when I
17 was drinking it was bringing a lot of anger out in me.

18 "My view of sex is not a good one. I view sex as
19 something that is dirty because of what happened in the
20 home. It has affected my relationships. I shouldn't
21 have been exposed to the sexual environment in the home
22 at such a young age and it has affected the rest of my
23 life.

24 "I would have loved to have had more children but
25 because of the effect my personality had on

1 relationships that never happened. My wife thought
2 I was weird because I was very stand-offish to begin
3 with. I never used the word 'love'. I find it hard to
4 tell people I love them because it is a false word to
5 me. I have learned about love as I have gotten older
6 understand that people can love me. I still have this
7 niggling thing and struggle with the word. I find that
8 if you haven't been loved, then you also struggle to
9 love.

10 "I have been with my wife for eight years now. We
11 got married after three years. It took me three years
12 into the relationship to tell her I was adopted. She
13 understands the way that I am now.

14 "I hoard pump soap and toilet paper now. It drives
15 my wife crazy. It's because we were never allowed to
16 use enough soap at Nazareth House.

17 "I have a lot of anger and feelings of rejection
18 when I think about why I was put in care. My biological
19 family disappeared before my eyes. I don't know much
20 about my early life at all and I never saw my siblings
21 after the age of 4 or 5. Why was I split up from my
22 brothers and sisters? To me it was the end of the
23 world. Why was nothing explained to me? Being with my
24 siblings probably would have made it better because we
25 could have looked after each other.

1 "I have no medical family history. I don't know
2 anything about myself. I have a lot of questions about
3 why all these things happened to me and why the place of
4 care I was put in was the opposite of care. My life is
5 like a jigsaw that I am trying to piece together and
6 I might feel a bit more complete as a person if I get
7 some of those pieces.

8 "I never, ever saw my own dad or brothers or sisters
9 again. I feel guilty about looking for them as if
10 I would be letting down my adoptive parents.

11 "I was told that if I wanted my records, I would
12 have to contact the Sisters of Nazareth in London for
13 information. I didn't think that sounded like a good
14 idea. Asking me to get information from the
15 perpetrators of my abuse is just wonderful. They're not
16 going to confirm my abuse.

17 "My adoptive parents gave me some papers a few years
18 ago. These were a few letters from Strathclyde Council
19 from when they adopted me. That is how I know I had
20 three siblings and my mum died at a bus stop. I am now
21 in the process of trying to get some more information.

22 "I blame the system. The nuns were at fault but the
23 system shouldn't have allowed it to go on. I don't
24 understand how they were allowed to look after children.
25 They had no experience or qualifications to do it.

1 People need qualifications to work with kids.

2 "People who want to abuse kids get jobs working with
3 kids so they can have access to them. Although there
4 are PVG checks, they still slip through the net and
5 that's just the sad truth. It needs to be made as hard
6 as possible for these people to get jobs with kids.

7 "I don't understand who thought it was a good idea
8 to separate me from my siblings. That was a violation
9 of my human rights. These things happened a lot and it
10 shouldn't have. We were treated worse than dogs.

11 "I want people in care to be listened to and
12 believed. I haven't met anybody from Nazareth House
13 since I've left. People can't all be talking about
14 similar experiences if it wasn't true. The horse has
15 bolted for me, but I hope it doesn't happen to anybody
16 else.

17 "I have no objection to my witness statement being
18 published as part of the evidence to the inquiry.

19 I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are
20 true."

21 The statement is signed by Martin on 14 April 2018.

22 LADY SMITH: Thank you very much.

23 MS RATTRAY: My Lady, I understand the next witness is due
24 in at about 11.30.

25 LADY SMITH: So if we took the break now and then resumed

1 once we know the witness is ready to give evidence.

2 Very well. Thank you.

3 (11.02 am)

4 (A short break)

5 (11.30 am)

6 LADY SMITH: Mr MacAulay.

7 MR MacAULAY: My Lady, the next witness is Steven John

8 Craig, and he is an applicant.

9 STEVEN JOHN CRAIG (sworn)

10 LADY SMITH: Please sit down and make yourself comfortable.

11 Steven, I think that looks as though you're in
12 a good position for that microphone. As I explain to
13 all the witnesses, it's very important that the
14 microphone picks up your voice, both for the benefit of
15 everybody in the room who wants to hear you, and the
16 stenographers who listen to you through the sound
17 system. So if you could make sure that it's always
18 picking up your voice -- you can tell yourself as you
19 listen to it. Mr MacAulay is going to explain about the
20 red file in a moment.

21 Mr MacAulay.

22 Questions from MR MacAULAY

23 MR MacAULAY: Good morning, Steven.

24 The first thing I want to take from you is your date
25 of birth. Can I confirm with you that you were born on

1 [REDACTED] 1972.

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. In the red folder you'll find the statement that you've
4 provided to the inquiry. I'll give the reference of it
5 to the stenographers. That's WIT.001.001.7982. Could
6 I ask you, Steven, to go to the last page? That's
7 page 7994. Can you confirm that you have signed the
8 statement?

9 A. Yes, I have.

10 Q. Can you also confirm that you have no objection to your
11 witness statement being published as part of the
12 evidence to the inquiry?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Do you also say there in the last sentence:

15 "I believe the facts stated in this witness
16 statement are true"?

17 Is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Thank you.

20 I'm going to ask you questions, Steven, about your
21 time at the Nazareth House in Lasswade in particular.
22 But before doing that, can I just look very briefly at
23 the background leading up to you going into Lasswade.

24 [REDACTED]

25 A. [REDACTED]

1 Q.

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4 Q.

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6 Q.

7 A.

8 Q. What you tell us in your statement is that the

9 background to this is that your mother, who you were

10 living with, the house went on fire?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What was the result of that? What happened?

13 A. My mother's house in Nittshill was set on fire by

14 with a big box of square matches -- you

15 know, the big box?

16 Q. Yes.

17 A.

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22 my dad started with the illness of alcoholism and his

23 mother couldn't handle me peeing the beds and

24 crying for mother, and he was out all night, full of

25 drink, and whatever he was on, and she phoned the social

1 services.

2 Q. Was that the first contact that your family had had with
3 social services, so far as you know?

4 A. Yes, yes.

5 Q. And what then happened?

6 A. Well, I remember, as I was a wee boy, [REDACTED] taken away
7 from my mother. [REDACTED] in a place in Glasgow with the
8 Social Work Department. I can remember vaguely getting
9 took away from my mother because it made me quite
10 anxious and I was crying [REDACTED] and I was
11 taken to Nazareth House.

12 Q. Was your mother upset at the time?

13 A. Of course, aye.

14 Q. Were you given any information as to where you were
15 going at the time?

16 A. To be honest with you, I was that young, you know ...

17 Q. Well, if we then look at being at Nazareth House. What
18 I'm going to do first of all is put to you what's in
19 their records. I do understand that you may not be
20 completely in agreement with this but, according to
21 their records, you were admitted to Nazareth House on
22 3 September 1976, when you would be [REDACTED] 4. You
23 left about two months later on 5 November 1976 when
24 you're [REDACTED] under 4 years of age.

25 The reason I understand that you don't fully agree

1 with that is what you say in your statement. What's
2 your position, Steven, as to when you think you went
3 there and for how long you were there?

4 A. My position was -- when it comes to dates, I'm not too
5 sure of the numbers there, you know. Obviously I knew
6 it was in the 70s, but I didn't know specific dates.

7 Q. Did you have any sense of what age you were when you
8 went there?

9 A. I thought I was about 5 or 6.

10 Q. In relation to how long you were there, what was your
11 own understanding?

12 A. I reckoned about six weeks. I just imagined it was
13 six weeks because it was long enough.

14 Q. Although you were, as you indicated, very young and you
15 were there for a relatively short period of time,
16 do you have a clear recollection as to how you were
17 treated there?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q.

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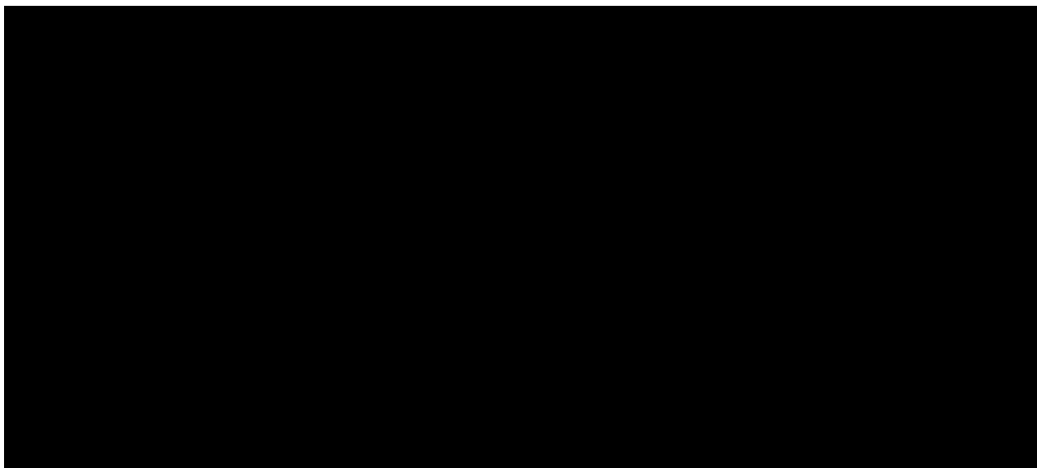
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22 A.

23 Q.

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- 1 Q. What's your first recollection, Steven, of being in
2 Nazareth House? What's your first recollection?
- 3 A. Sister [REDACTED] LTX [REDACTED].
- 4 Q. What's your first recollection of her?
- 5 A. Fear.
- 6 Q. When did you first meet Sister [REDACTED] LTX [REDACTED] once you were
7 there?
- 8 A. Oh, I couldn't tell you. If I was to tell you anything
9 like that, I'd just be guessing.
- 10 Q. Okay. I'll come back to that.
- 11 But can I touch now on what your recollection is
12 in relation to aspects of the set-up. So far as
13 sleeping arrangements were concerned, what's your
14 recollection of the sleeping arrangements?
- 15 A. [REDACTED]
- 16 [REDACTED] I don't know if it was a dormitory or a room, [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]
- 19 Q. I'll come back to bed-wetting shortly. Do you remember
20 if there were any other children in that room?
- 21 A. Oh, there was children in the place, but I don't know if
22 they were in the same room. I couldn't tell you --
23 I don't want to because I can only recall what happened
24 to me in my life, you know.
- 25 Q. Do you remember if you were put into a particular group

- 1 of children?
- 2 A. Honestly, I couldn't ... I don't know if it was group,
3 I don't know if it was sections or whatever.
- 4 Q. Was there a particular nun who was in charge of you?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Who was that?
- 7 A. Sister [REDACTED] LTX .
- 8 Q. You mentioned fear in connection with Sister [REDACTED] LTX
9 a moment or two ago, but what you say in your statement
10 to begin with -- and this is on paragraph 6, and I'll
11 put this to you -- is that Sister [REDACTED] LTX initially
12 came over as a small, caring woman who wanted to look
13 after young people. Was that your first impression?
- 14 A. Yes, when I seen the -- I think it was a crucifix --
15 you're a wee boy and you just think these people are
16 God's people and they're here to help you and here to
17 guide you, and you're a wee boy that's missing your
18 mother, and I thought she was there for us. I was
19 terrified of that nun.
- 20 Q. But at the beginning you thought she would be caring for
21 you?
- 22 A. She was actually nice in front of my mother and things
23 like that, you know. It was a different kettle of fish
24 when we were on our own.
- 25 Q. Can you remember if you went to school when you were at

1 Nazareth House?

2 A. No, I don't think I went to school.

3 Q. Was there some sort of schooling within the building?

4 A. Without a doubt, there must have been, yes, because

5 there were quite a few children about.

6 Q. You have no recollection then of any schooling when you

7 were there?

8 A. Oh no, I couldn't. I couldn't ...

9 Q. So far as food was concerned, do you have much

10 recollection about the food, what it was like?

11 A. No.

12 Q. And what about free time? Do you have any recollection

13 as to what you'd do in your free time?

14 A. I just remember I was always wanting my mammy. I was

15 always crying for my ma all the time. [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 I remember the swing park. We used to go to a wee

19 swing park and that's where my mother seen [REDACTED] bum.

20 [REDACTED] skelped on the back, black and blue, and that's

21 when [REDACTED] moved out of the house. I can remember the

22 recollection of that visit on the Saturday when my

23 mother came to visit [REDACTED] on the

24 swings and my mother pulled [REDACTED] over and she was

25 changing [REDACTED] trousers or whatever, maybe [REDACTED] had a nappy

1 on, I don't know, but she seen [REDACTED] backside was black
2 and blue.

3 Q. I will be coming to look at that, Steven. You've
4 touched on the fact that your mother did visit. Apart
5 from the visit you're talking about, had your mother
6 visited you on a number of occasions before that?

7 A. I believe she came to visit [REDACTED] -- my mother died at
8 42 years of age, and I believe she came to visit [REDACTED] --
9 as I was getting older she told [REDACTED] she was up three
10 times.

11 Q. What about social workers? Do you remember if you had
12 any contact with a social worker?

13 A. I can't remember that, no.

14 Q. Let's just then look more closely, Steven, as to how you
15 were treated at Nazareth House. You begin, as you've
16 already mentioned, by focusing on Sister [REDACTED] LTX . You
17 say, to start off with, she seemed to be quite nice; was
18 that your impression?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. How did that change then?

21 A. It just changed -- I don't know, I couldn't answer how
22 that changed. It was like two different people, you
23 know. The person in front of your mother, she looked
24 innocent and she just looked as if she was just
25 plain-faced all the time and she never seemed to smile,

1 she never seemed to ... She looked very serious and it
2 changed when [REDACTED] wet the bed and things like
3 that.

4 Q. Let's look at bed-wetting then. You've mentioned that
5 already. You have said already you [REDACTED] did
6 wet the bed.

7 A. Oh without a doubt, yes.

8 Q. And had that been something you'd be doing before you
9 went into Nazareth House?

10 A. Yes, I believe that's through the family illness of
11 alcoholism, yes.

12 Q. Can you tell me what would happen then if you wet the
13 bed?

14 A. I remember wetting the bed a couple of times and I was
15 carrying big sheets down to the launderette. I remember
16 having to go downstairs and I remember sometimes -- I
17 was just humiliated with the sheets. I didn't know
18 those words at the time, but I was brought up with a lot
19 of fear. If [REDACTED] had wet the bed, we'd
20 sometimes have to carry the sheets down and sometimes
21 we would get skelped and told our mother doesn't want us
22 back again and, "You're staying with me forever". It
23 was like something out of a horror movie.

24 Q. Who was doing this?

25 A. Sister [REDACTED] LTX, and there was another sister,

1 Sister Superior, and I used to look at her -- I remember
2 looking up at her as if to say, "Can you help me, hen?"
3 but she wasn't really interested either.

4 Q. Are you saying she was present when some of this
5 happened?

6 A. Sometimes she was present, yes. It was just as if --
7 I don't know if she was a higher up sister, you know.
8 I don't know the way the order goes. But I think she
9 was higher up than Sister [REDACTED] LTX , I don't know if
10 they're all the same, but Sister Superior, whatever her
11 name was.

12 Q. Let's take it in stages, if I can, Steven. Let's say
13 you've woken up and you've wet the bed. Would it be
14 Sister [REDACTED] LTX that would come to deal with you in the
15 morning?

16 A. Yes. Sister [REDACTED] LTX would come into the room, yes.

17 Q. And if you'd wet the bed then what would next happen?

18 A. Oh, I would get skelped and I would get humiliated.
19 Sometimes the sheets would get -- we'd need to carry the
20 sheets down to the launderette and things like that, and
21 we'd get skelped on the backside and clipped across the
22 ear. It got to the stage where I didn't want to go to
23 sleep at night because I was feart in case I wet the
24 bed.

25 Q. When you say you got skelped, again are we looking at

- 1 Sister [REDACTED] LTX for that? Is that Sister [REDACTED] LTX ?
- 2 A. Yes. It was only Sister [REDACTED] LTX that used her hands,
3 yes.
- 4 Q. And where would you get skelped?
- 5 A. I would get skelped on the backside or sometimes across
6 the ear, the back of the ear, a flick (indicating).
- 7 Q. And when you were skelped on the backside, would you be
8 standing up, put over her knee? What was the position?
- 9 A. Over her knee.
- 10 Q. Would she take your trousers down?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And can you remember how often you wet the bed during
13 your time at Nazareth House?
- 14 A. I would reckon maybe every second night or maybe every
15 night. If I woke up without being wet, I counted my
16 blessings, I was fortunate.
- 17 Q. And in relation to how you were treated, was the
18 treatment the same, that you'd have to deal with the
19 sheets and you'd get skelped, as you've put it?
- 20 A. Uh-huh.
- 21 Q. Would you be upset? Would you be crying?
- 22 A. I was crying constantly.
- 23 Q. [REDACTED]
- 24 A. [REDACTED]
- 25 Q. [REDACTED]

- 1 A. [REDACTED]
- 2 Q. And you mentioned already that you would try not to go
3 to sleep at night; is that correct?
- 4 A. Mm-hm.
- 5 Q. How would you try to do that?
- 6 A. Well, I would just be frightened to go to sleep in case
7 I wet the bed, you know, and I would try and keep myself
8 open, maybe go into a deep sleep and fight to keep
9 myself awake. That's not normal.
- 10 Q. What about getting up during the night to go to the
11 toilet? Was that an option you had?
- 12 A. I was riddled with fear, to be perfectly honest with
13 you. I can't remember getting up during the night to go
14 to the toilet. I think I was frightened in the whole
15 place, to be honest with you. It was a big Victorian
16 building, I remember that.
- 17 Q. When you did wet the bed and Sister [REDACTED] LTX was dealing
18 with you, you've already mentioned the sort of things
19 she was saying. What sort of things can you tell us?
- 20 A. Now I'm realising it's mental torture but I didn't
21 realise that at the time. She was telling us things
22 like: you're mother doesn't want you, you're with me
23 now, you're going to be with me forever, and you'd
24 better stop doing what you're doing, wetting the bed and
25 stuff like that and crying for your ma. She was just

- 1 a horrible, horrible person.
- 2 Q. In relation to having a drink at night, was there
3 something -- were you allowed to have a drink at night
4 or was that not allowed?
- 5 A. No, that wasn't allowed after a certain time.
- 6 Q. Was that because you were bed-wetting?
- 7 A. Aye.
- 8 Q. So far as other children would be concerned, did you see
9 if other children were treated this way for bed-wetting?
- 10 A. Honestly, I can't recall anyone else being involved.
11 I just know growing up, being a child to the adult I am
12 now, I was really focused on me [REDACTED]; I wasn't
13 focused on anybody else.
- 14 Q. If you wet the bed would other than children know that
15 you'd done that?
- 16 A. Oh, I remember. I think the whole place knew, aye,
17 because I remember being embarrassed, but I didn't know
18 that at the time because I've got all these feelings,
19 I don't know what they are. I remember having to lift
20 sheets, going down the stairs with the sheets.
- 21 Q. Do you remember what you did with the sheets?
- 22 A. They were took into a laundry, like a big basket -- not
23 a basket, a big blue bin. I don't mean a bin, a big
24 opened up thing they use in hotels and that to put your
25 sheets in.

- 1 Q. Would you then leave the sheets there?
- 2 A. Uh-huh. I was just always crying for my mother all the
3 time.
- 4 Q. You do tell us in your statement -- this is at
5 paragraph 20 -- about an occasion when you ripped your
6 trousers when you were playing outside. You have some
7 recollection of that. What happened on that occasion?
8 (Pause). I think you're reminding yourself by reading
9 it.
- 10 A. Aye. I ripped my trousers, aye, and I was just
11 humiliated all the time there, you know. I was sent to
12 my room, as it says there. Just never got any comfort
13 or nothing. You never got anyone coming in, going
14 "Everything's going to be all right" or anything like
15 that. It was just as if you were an orphan, you were
16 treated as if nobody's there for you and nobody wants to
17 know you, and you're under the care of these nuns and
18 I'm a young boy and I'm terrified, [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] and it's making me worse and
20 it was horrendous.
- 21 Q. I think what you're saying there is you weren't being
22 given any comfort by anyone?
- 23 A. No, there was no comfort by anyone, no.
- 24 Q. For the ripping of the trousers incident, I think you
25 tell us you were sent to your room and you were just

1 sitting there crying for your mother. You do remember
2 that?

3 A. Yes, it's a wee thing that came into my head on the day
4 that I was giving my statement -- sometimes things flash
5 into my head. Sister Superior, I don't know where I got
6 that name from, but it was just when I was giving the
7 investigation team my statement, that name flew right
8 back into my head. Because this has all been opened --
9 just been opened for me recently when I gave the
10 statement.

11 Q. What you go on to say is that:

12 "At times, she [and I think there you're talking
13 about Sister [REDACTED] LTX] would skelp [you] on the head."

14 Is that a slap you're talking about?

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. What were the reasons for that? Can you tell me?

17 A. The reasons I got slapped on the head is because I would
18 just be a normal wee boy up to -- maybe a nuisance
19 sometimes, but every time I seen her I started to get
20 frightened. She grue on me. Every time I seen her, I'd
21 get skelped. Id' get skelped for wetting the bed and
22 just for sometimes carrying on with other people.
23 I remember there was people there, but I never can
24 recall what activities and that were. I just remember
25 the swing park when my mother come up to visit [REDACTED] When

1 I seen -- I used to be frightened to tell my mother
2 anything that was going on in Nazareth House.

3 Q. We'll come to the day when you came to leave in
4 a moment. I'll ask you about that.

5 Just talking about whether you told anybody within
6 Nazareth House about what was happening to you, did you
7 speak to any of the other nuns about what
8 Sister [REDACTED] LTX was doing to you?

9 A. Not that I can recall, no. I don't think ...

10 Q. Were there any nuns that were nice to you?

11 A. Aye, some of them, as I recall -- aye, they weren't
12 all ...

13 Q. Do you think the other nuns or some of the other nuns
14 would have known what Sister [REDACTED] LTX was doing?

15 A. Oh, without a doubt, without a doubt.

16 Q. What you say in your statement -- I just want to ask you
17 about this and it's at paragraph 26 and this certainly
18 seemed to have been your recollection when you gave the
19 statement:

20 "I told the Mother Superior at one point that
21 Sister [REDACTED] LTX was hitting us but she never did
22 anything about it."

23 Do you have a recollection of that?

24 A. That was the older sister, that was the one --

25 Q. That's the one you mentioned before?

1 A. Aye, but she just looked as if -- I remember I used to
2 cry to her because I felt that she was the sister who
3 was up above Sister [REDACTED] LTX and I used to look to her
4 for a bit of guidance and support, but she wasn't
5 really ... Although she never hit us or anything,
6 I just remember looking at her as if to say, "Please can
7 I get my mam", and that.

8 Q. Is it to do with that rather than telling her you were
9 being hit by Sister [REDACTED] LTX ?

10 A. I think she knew I was getting hit. I think she knew
11 I was getting hit because it wasn't as if it was once
12 in the six weeks; it was quite regularly.

13 Q. Let's come to the day you came to leave Nazareth House.
14 I think you've already touched upon this. That was the
15 day your mother came to visit you; is that correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Can you tell me what happened on that particular day?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Just in your own words, Steven.

20 A. My mother came up to visit us with her brother
21 [REDACTED] -- my mother's name was
22 [REDACTED] before she got married -- and she
23 come up to visit [REDACTED] on the Saturday. And I was always
24 saying [REDACTED] "Don't tell mum", because I did feel as
25 if [REDACTED] having to stay there for the rest of [REDACTED]

1 days, because I didn't know what was going on behind the
2 scenes before we got a house.

3 My mother was at the swing park and she was all
4 smiles and stuff, but deep down I was dying to tell her.

5 But I did tell her because she was checking [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED] and she seen the bruises [REDACTED]

7 Q. Just to be clear, she for some reason has [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED] and she's seen marks [REDACTED]?

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. Did you see the marks?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What had caused the marks?

13 A. Sister [REDACTED] LTX [REDACTED] skelping [REDACTED].

14 Q. So what then happened after that?

15 A. I broke down and told my mum what was going on. I cried
16 to my mother and my mother went after the nun.

17 Q. What about your own bottom, did you show your mother
18 your bottom, can you remember?


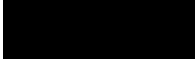


19 A. I don't think mine was black and blue. Mine was a bit
20 red, [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] The reason I know that is
22 because I've never forgotten it.

23 Q. Can you remember if your mother looked at your own
24 bottom to see if you had any marks?

25 A. Aye, my mother did check, you know.

- 1 Q. So what happened then once your mother had checked [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] bottom?
- 3 A. I told her it was Sister [REDACTED] LTX [REDACTED]. She says, "What
4 happened [REDACTED]?" and my mother burst into tears -- my
5 mother was only young -- and that was [REDACTED] out of there.
6 [REDACTED] got out of there.
- 7 Q. Did you know what your mother did at that time?
- 8 A. She went after the nun and her brother was trying to
9 calm her down and I was in hysterics [REDACTED]
10 because I thought [REDACTED] going to get took back into
11 the home and my mother was going to go away and leave [REDACTED]
12 again, so I was riddled with fear.
- 13 Q. When you say she went after the nun, do you know what
14 she did?
- 15 A. I'm sorry, I couldn't tell you. I don't know.
16 I believe she had a confrontation with the nun.
- 17 Q. In any event, did your mother take you out that day?
- 18 A. Yes. I believe [REDACTED] escorted out that day, yes.
- 19 Q. I think what you say in your statement is you went
20 straight to the Social Work Department in Glasgow;
21 is that right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Is that because your mother was still trying to get
24 a house?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Is that now your understanding? It may not have been
2 the understanding then, but because the house burned
3 down, your mother was trying to get a house for the
4 family; is that right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And she had not got one by the time she took you out of
7 Nazareth House?
- 8 A. She never got a house. They gave her -- the first
9 available house they could get was in the slums of
10 Glasgow and we ended up in Cranhill.
- 11 Q. And I think your understanding is that that would not
12 have been her choice?
- 13 A. Without a doubt, but I didn't see all that then; I see
14 it all now in hindsight.
- 15 Q. So that's where you went to stay?
- 16 A. We went to stay in Cranhill, yes.
- 17 Q. What you tell us in your statement, Steven, is that you
18 
19  all of a sudden  ran across the
20 road and he was knocked down; is that right?
- 21 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 22 Q. And he was killed in that accident?
- 23 A. He was killed. He was knocked down. It was Cranhill,
24 in Bellrock Street, and it was a Thursday night and the
25 shows were at the Cranhill Park and  seen the

1 octopus going up and round, and he ran across the road
2 and was instantly killed by a car.

3 Q. And I think what you tell us in your statement is that
4 after [REDACTED] was killed, you felt guilty.

5 A. I did feel guilty, yes.

6 Q. Why did you feel guilty?

7 A. I felt guilty because my dad used to blame it on me,
8 because it's an illness with alcoholism and it's
9 a blaming illness, and he used to blame it on me, things
10 like that.

11 Q. Blaming [REDACTED] death on you?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. I think you were in another children's home after
14 Nazareth House, is that correct, you went to a place
15 called -- was it Calder House in Blantyre?

16 A. Yes, that's when I was a wee bit older.

17 Q. You have mentioned alcoholism already. I think you
18 yourself developed an alcohol problem?

19 A. Yes, very, very quick, at the age of 15/16.

20 Q. But you've been to Alcoholics Anonymous and you're, as
21 it were, on the straight and narrow now; is that right?

22 A. I'm nine years in November without a drink.

23 Q. If I can try and focus now on the impact or aspects of
24 the impact that you would say being in Nazareth House
25 may have had on you. What's your attitude to nuns?

- 1 A. Now?
- 2 Q. Yes.
- 3 A. Oh, I can forgive, you know, because I'm a Christian now
4 and I forgive the nuns. But for years I was full of
5 hatred and full of anger because I wasn't believed.
6 People used to think I was attention seeking, you know,
7 and I'm crying for help and bigotry was involved.
8 People used to think I was a bigot, but now I know
9 it's -- me and God know the truth.
- 10 Q. Did you tell your mother and your father, and indeed
11 other members of the family, about what you say
12 Sister [REDACTED] LTX did to you?
- 13 A. Oh yes. My mother died at 42 and my mother would cry
14 regularly about it. This wasn't hushed under the carpet
15 by the family or nothing. My family know about this.
16 My mother used to cry herself sometimes to sleep [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED] I can see
19 all that now but at the time I never seen all that,
20 I was just full of -- I don't know what I was full of.
21 I was just a wee boy and people used to think I was
22 seriously mixed up.
- 23 Q. One thing you do say in your statement at paragraph 36
24 is that you blame Sister [REDACTED] LTX for the death of [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED]

1 A. Without a doubt. If I'd never ended up having to escape
2 from Nazareth House, we might not have ended up in
3 Cranhill, but that's in hindsight. But we ended up in
4 Cranhill and [REDACTED] I was riddled with
5 anger towards the nuns for years. I actually contacted
6 Sister [REDACTED] LTX -- I don't know if I should be saying
7 this but I phoned her up one day and she had moved to
8 [REDACTED] -- I was full of drink 15 years ago -- and I asked
9 to speak to her on the phone because I was one of these
10 people that was always fascinated with her in my head
11 because of what she'd done [REDACTED].

12 Q. Did you speak to her?

13 A. She spoke to me and said she can't speak about this and
14 hung the phone up. She was in a home in [REDACTED] and had
15 changed her name from Sister [REDACTED] LTX to -- I can't
16 remember what she changed her name to but she changed
17 her name from [REDACTED] LTX to something else.

18 Q. Why did you phone her?

19 A. Because I wanted to see why she did that to me [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]. I wanted to confront her because I'm a wee bit
21 older and I've not got any fear. Then again, I was on
22 the drink. I know it was a stupid thing to do.
23 I contacted Nazareth House in London and they gave me
24 the details and they said she was no longer working in
25 Scotland, she's now in [REDACTED], and I contacted --

1 I believe it was an old folks' home and asked could
2 I speak to Sister [REDACTED] LTX , but she had changed her name
3 from Sister [REDACTED] LTX to a name I can't recall, but if
4 I heard it I'd know it. She'd changed her name and that
5 just goes to show me. She changed her name.

6 She spoke to me for 2 seconds -- sorry, 2 minutes --
7 not even 2 minutes, sorry-- "Hello Sister [REDACTED] LTX it's
8 Steven Craig, do you remember me [REDACTED]
9 from your children's home at Nazareth House?" "Oh, I
10 can't speak about this", and she just hung up the phone.

11 Q. She didn't acknowledge that she remembered who you were?

12 A. No, she never acknowledged at all, she didn't want to
13 speak, she just hung up the phone. There wasn't even
14 a cheerio.

15 Q. You tell us in your statement -- I'm not going to look
16 at the details, but this is paragraphs 37 to 44 or
17 thereabouts -- paragraph 40, rather -- that you've had
18 personal problems over the years, but you've been sober
19 now for quite a number of years.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And your problems I think were very much drink related,
22 I think you say.

23 A. Without a doubt, yes.

24 Q. Can I then turn to paragraph 45 of your statement, where
25 you're dealing with the lessons that you think could be

1 learned from your experience in care. Can you help me
2 with that? What lessons do you think we can learn from
3 what you experienced?

4 A. This has been a great help for me, you know, it gets me
5 a bit of closure. I realise after I do this today,
6 that's a chapter of my life I can close and I believe [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] my mother are here with me today. I'm
8 doing this for [REDACTED]. I realise, for a change,
9 I'm getting believed. That's a big, big difference for
10 us people because we're all survivors that are being
11 believed, and I don't think this would ever happen again
12 in this society, you know. I just pray to God it
13 wouldn't happen again. I don't think it would ever
14 happen again. Sorry, was that not the question you
15 asked me.

16 MR MacAULAY: That was the question and you've given me the
17 answer, Steven, thank you very much. Indeed, I can say
18 these are all the questions I want to ask you today.
19 Thank you for coming to give your evidence to this
20 inquiry.

21 My Lady, I don't understand that -- I think I've
22 covered all the questions I may have been asked to ask.
23 I don't know if there are to be any more questions.

24 LADY SMITH: Are there any outstanding applications for
25 questions of this witness? No.

1 Steven, those are all the questions and so that does
2 bring this part of your life to an end.

3 Thank you very much for engaging with the inquiry.
4 From you, both through your written statement and your
5 coming here today to talk about what happened, [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED] I'm now able to
7 let you go and I do so with my thanks.

8 A. Thank you very much.

9 (The witness withdrew)

10 LADY SMITH: Mr MacAulay.

11 MR MacAULAY: My Lady, because the witnesses this morning
12 have been shorter than usual, we are finishing a bit
13 earlier than we might normally.

14 LADY SMITH: Very well.

15 MR MacAULAY: The next witness will not be here until --
16 starting at 2 o'clock, so we should probably adjourn
17 until then.

18 LADY SMITH: We will rise now until 2 o'clock.

19 (12.04 pm)

20 (The lunch adjournment)

21 (2.00 pm)

22 LADY SMITH: Yes, Mr MacAulay.

23 MR MacAULAY: Good afternoon, my Lady.

24 The next witness is an applicant, he wants to remain
25 anonymous and to use the name "Bob" in giving evidence.

1 "BOB" (sworn)

2 LADY SMITH: Please sit down and make yourself comfortable.

3 You'll need to stay in the right position for that
4 microphone, both so that everybody in the room can hear
5 you and so the stenographers can pick up your evidence
6 through the sound system, so if you make sure you're in
7 the right position.

8 Mr MacAulay.

9 Questions from Mr MacAULAY

10 MR MacAULAY: Good afternoon, Bob.

11 I'll be asking you questions essentially based on
12 the statement that you've provided to the inquiry, but
13 if I ask a question and you can't remember, just say
14 that. Likewise if something comes to your mind in the
15 course of your evidence that you feel is relevant, then
16 feel free to tell us about that. Do you understand?

17 A. I understand, yes.

18 Q. The first thing I want to take from you is not the date
19 of your birth but simply the year of your birth: can
20 I confirm with you that you were born in 1957?

21 A. Yes, Colin, aye.

22 Q. In that red folder in front of you, you'll find the
23 witness statement that you've given to the inquiry.
24 I'll give the reference of that to the stenographers for
25 the transcript; it's WIT.001.001.8705.

1 Could you turn to the last page and that's
2 page 8722.

3 A. I have it.

4 Q. Can I ask you to confirm that you've signed the
5 statement?

6 A. Yes, that's my signature.

7 Q. Do you say in the last paragraph:

8 "I have no objection to my witness statement being
9 published as part of the evidence to the inquiry"?

10 Is that right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you also say:

13 "I believe the facts stated in this witness
14 statement are true"?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You can set the folder aside for the moment, Bob, and
17 can I say, if there's any part of the statement that
18 I'll be asking you to focus upon, it'll come on the
19 screen in front of you and you may find it easier to
20 read from there.

21 The first thing I want to ask you about is your life
22 before you went into care because I will be asking you
23 about your care in Nazareth House Cardonald and also
24 Lasswade, because you were in both these establishments.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Before care, I think you tell us that you stayed with
2 your parents; is that correct?

3 A. Yes, that's correct.

4 Q. And did you have brothers and sisters?

5 A. Yes, I had an older brother and two younger brothers who
6 actually went into care to both Nazareth Houses at the
7 same time as myself.

8 Q. Did you have a sister as well?

9 A. Yes, I had two older sisters, but they didn't stay with
10 our parents. I had a younger sister who wasn't born
11 at the time we were taken into care.

12 Q. I think there were some family troubles and that was
13 part of the reason why you are taken into care.

14 A. Yes. Somebody decided to bring the situation what
15 we were in to the attention of the social work -- it
16 could have been the school, neighbours or whatever. But
17 we were getting neglected: we weren't getting abused,
18 we were getting neglected. Both parents were alcoholics
19 and we weren't attending school and, when we did, we
20 didn't have the proper clothing, we weren't being fed,
21 et cetera. So obviously, somebody was brave enough to
22 bring the matter to the attention of the authorities and
23 what actually happened is -- I can't remember the day,
24 but we were removed from that environment and ended up
25 in Nazareth House in Cardonald.

1 Q. Can I then focus on Cardonald for the next little while
2 with you. Can I say this to you, that under reference
3 to the records we've recovered from the Sisters of
4 Nazareth, the suggestion there is that you were admitted
5 to Cardonald on [REDACTED] 1964, so you'd be about 6
6 at the time. Does that fit with your recollection?

7 A. Yes, aye.

8 Q. According to the records, you left Cardonald to go to
9 Lasswade -- and we'll look at that later -- on
10 [REDACTED] 1965 when you'd be about 7; would that be
11 about right?

12 A. Yes, that's exactly right.

13 Q. Let's focus on Cardonald. When you went to Cardonald,
14 I think you've already indicated your brothers went with
15 you; is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. That's three brothers?

18 A. My three other brothers, yes.

19 Q. You were very young when you went there, about 6, but
20 I think you tell us in your statement you do have some
21 memories of what life was like.

22 A. Yes, I had some memories before I went there, you know
23 what I mean? Experiences with people, the upbringing
24 I was having. The day I was removed from the family
25 home and taken to Cardonald, I have no recollection,

1 I can't remember it. I can't remember arriving at the
2 children's home. It wasn't until an event happened that
3 I started to focus and realise basically what the danger
4 was, you know, and I couldn't even recall any memory of
5 my brothers in that home.

6 Q. Can I ask you then about the event that you have in mind
7 that is important to you; what happened?

8 A. Well, when you're talking about the time frame of the
9 mid-60s or what have you, what the institutions used to
10 do -- like they had problems with hair lice, nits,
11 whatever it is, and this particular day I remember
12 we were told to kneel on a stairway and --

13 Q. When you say "we", who --

14 A. There was boys, girls and that. I was at the back and
15 there was crying and there's screams and there's like
16 mass hysteria. There was a nun at the top of the stairs
17 and what you had to do was be quiet and as the person in
18 front of you moved up a step, you had to kneel on the
19 concrete onto the next step.

20 From making my way up -- whenever (inaudible)
21 spoke, making too much noise, crying, panicking, they
22 were removed to go back to the end of the queue, and
23 that happened to me a couple of times.

24 So as I came closer to the nun, I noticed she was
25 kneeling, that she had a towel -- something white across

1 her knees, and the purpose for that towel was so that
2 when you were kneeling in front of her, you had to place
3 your head directly on it, and she had a nit comb and she
4 was scraping it through your hair. What I noticed when
5 I was putting my head down it was all covered in blood
6 and hairs and beside her was a couple of rags -- I say
7 rags, other white cloths -- and they were all soaked in
8 blood.

9 So I've came there and she's sticking this comb into
10 my head and such force, she was actually damaging my
11 scalp, blood was actually on my head and I'm screaming
12 and she's slapping me and the people behind me, it was
13 just mass hysteria.

14 It didn't stop her, she was just persistent with
15 this comb: scrape, scrape, scrape. When she finished,
16 she went like that, "Wipe yourself with that", and I
17 went like that and I noticed the blood that was running
18 down my face. I picked it up and I'm rubbing it and
19 I put it down and went through this door and everybody
20 there's crying -- different parts of their head, across
21 their ear or forehead or on their clothing, splats of
22 blood. So that would give you an indication how hard
23 and forcibly she was using the comb on the head. That's
24 the first memory I have of Cardonald.

25 Q. I take it you don't really know whether that was on the

1 first day or the first week or when it was --

2 A. No, I don't know -- no, I can't say, I have no idea.

3 Q. Was that the only time that this particular procedure

4 involving this comb was used on you --

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. -- that you can remember?

7 A. Yes, I can't remember it recurring.

8 Q. The other thing I want to ask you about is a memory that

9 you disclose in your statement and that is in connection

10 with healthcare and, in particular, the involvement with

11 injections.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Can you help me with that?

14 A. The next recollection I have of Cardonald was we were in

15 a corridor on the ground floor and there was a load of

16 girls, boys -- some of the girls were older than myself.

17 I can't even remember if my brothers were there. Again,

18 it was hard to -- it's hard to describe the atmosphere,

19 but they're all crying and panicking. And this nun came

20 flying out this office, she dragged this girl -- what

21 I found strange, what's always stuck in my mind, the

22 girls in question who were there, there was maybe four,

23 six, maybe more, maybe less, it was happening -- I was

24 panicking, right?

25 They had headscarves on and their hair was actually

1 coming out, like you'd describe somebody suffering from
2 alopecia, you know with like the clumps of hair, a
3 nervous disorder, whatever, I don't know what was
4 causing it. But they've dragged this young girl in and
5 there was another girl, she was -- in fact we were all
6 crying and screaming. She's ran down the corridor --
7 there was an open door and she'd ran out and I followed
8 her out and we left Cardonald premises, the grounds, and
9 we were on the main street, the main road.

10 Q. Why had you run away like that?

11 A. Because we were panicking, what was actually happening,
12 the crying and stuff.

13 Q. Did you see what was happening at this stage?

14 A. No, this girl getting dragged in, forcibly dragged in by
15 this nun.

16 So we hit the main street and the young girl -- she
17 may have been the same age as myself -- she's stopping
18 people in the street and asking, "Help me get my mother,
19 help me get my mother, I'm looking for my mammy", and
20 people were going, "Who are you?" and stuff like that.

21 A concerned citizen took us to the local police
22 station. So we went there and -- I was very small, so
23 the policemen looked like giants and, "Where did you
24 come from?" and that. They eventually got the
25 information they needed. I don't know if they or the

1 nuns came to collect us, but we ended up back in
2 Nazareth House.

3 Q. And what happened when you got back?

4 A. I've had some beatings and pain in my life, but nothing
5 can describe the pain I suffered that night -- and the
6 young girl. We were beaten black and blue. The blood
7 was everywhere.

8 Q. Who was beating you?

9 A. The nuns. It must have been in retaliation for running
10 away and telling the police because obviously we were
11 panicking, trying to justify in what limited capability
12 we had to -- the fear we had, what was happening.

13 I remember looking over, I'm on the deck, the nuns
14 are all screaming "effing B" and what have you, and this
15 young girl looked as if she'd been knocked unconscious.
16 There was blood coming from under this headscarf she had
17 on, there was a big, large clump of hair and she's not
18 moving. I'm trying to push myself into the ground and
19 this nun's staring at me, a strange look. I've suffered
20 all my life with nightmares and sleepwalking. Next
21 thing she's sitting at a chair in front of me in the
22 same room and her hands were covered in blood. She had
23 a garment they wear, the head garment a nun wears,
24 I don't know the name of it --

25 Q. I think we know what you mean.

- 1 A. The black thing with the white on the front and the
2 white round the collar. That was all splattered in
3 blood, there was blood on her face, and I'm screaming
4 and they're just staring at me and I passed out.
- 5 Q. Can you tell me how many nuns were involved in this
6 beating you've been telling us about?
- 7 A. It was maybe two, three, four, I have no idea, it was
8 just raining down. I can't remember if they used any
9 weapon or if they just used their hands and fists, but
10 whatever they done to myself and that young girl, you
11 know what I mean, it actually knocked us for -- she was
12 ill, blank, 100 per cent.
- 13 Q. Did you know or did you get to know the names of any of
14 the nuns that --
- 15 A. No, I actually -- over the years, in care, I developed
16 a coping mechanism not to get personal, to get to know
17 their names and stuff like that. As far as I was
18 concerned, you know what I mean, I had to keep my
19 distance. I didn't want to go to that kind of level to
20 find out their names.
- 21 Q. What were you running away from --
- 22 A. We were running away -- when I says that, that we ran
23 away -- after that, there was a time lapse. I don't
24 know what happened. I was taken somewhere, there was
25 a brief memory I was in this room, it was all oak

1 panelling, there was no colour -- cast your memory back
2 about 50-plus years. There was a young girl in the
3 room. She may have been in her late teens, mid-teens.
4 She's coming over, she's quiet, gentle, and (inaudible)
5 she's going like that, "Be quiet, be quiet, [REDACTED] we
6 can't talk, we can't talk", and I remember that having
7 two or three times. Did it happen on the same day or
8 did it happen over a course of days?

9 But after that, I was back in sort of the main
10 building and this room where myself and the young girl
11 absconded, we were taken in and told to strip to the
12 waist and there was doctors -- they didn't have white
13 coats or what have you, it was the nuns and these
14 gentlemen, and they were prodding you and they would
15 checking your heart, looking in your ears, opening your
16 mouth, taking blood samples.

17 They started injecting me in the backside, on my
18 buttocks, and the pain I got was undescrivable. It was
19 a burning sensation.

20 Q. Was that one injection you got?

21 A. It was always one injection, aye. It wasn't a daily
22 occurrence. It felt to me at that time, at that age,
23 like it was happening every five minutes but --

24 Q. It happened more than once at Cardonald?

25 A. Oh yes, it did. Common sense dictates it may have been

1 once a week or whatever but it was constant we were
2 going in there and the charts, monitors, they were
3 writing stuff down.

4 Whatever they were injecting into us, I have no idea
5 what it was. There was nothing wrong physically with
6 me, I wasn't suffering from any kind of ailment, but the
7 pain -- I couldn't avoid it, you had to scratch. So I'm
8 scratching through my trousers, my underpants, and I was
9 scratching that much that I was breaking the skin, and
10 my underwear, my trousers -- it would be at night so my
11 pyjamas would actually be sticking to my backside, the
12 back of my legs, and there was no way I could shake off
13 this pain.

14 It was -- if you can imagine having an open wound
15 and putting salt in it -- that kind of pain, but
16 multiply it a hundred times. That's what I was living
17 with round the clock with these injections.

18 Q. But were other children receiving these --

19 A. The girls who I mentioned who were having hair loss, and
20 some other boys were there, and they were receiving this
21 same injection what we were getting.

22 Because of our age or whatever, you know what
23 I mean, they never told us what they were doing, what
24 the purpose of the injection was or whatever, but they
25 were very interested in monitors, blood -- they always

1 taking blood.

2 You see today, maybe on a hospital programme or
3 whatever, the small syringe for extracting blood from
4 somebody's arm or whatever. The device they used, it
5 was like metal, there was glass in it, but it was very
6 large, it must have been about 6 or 8 inches long.

7 Q. Was that for taking blood?

8 A. This was, aye. It was a big thing. When they took the
9 blood, the blood didn't -- there was no pain in that,
10 you know what I mean. I didn't suffer any pain with the
11 extraction of the blood, but the injection to the
12 backside, that's on a different ballpark that one.

13 Q. Just to be clear, you have the injection, the painful
14 injection, if I can call it that, and you also have
15 a separate injection that's to extract blood?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. You don't know how often this happened, but it happened
18 more than once?

19 A. It certainly happened at least once a week, maybe two or
20 three days. It seemed to me the pain -- the pain
21 wouldn't subside. You were waiting -- your clothing,
22 bedding was stuck to your backside, you were continually
23 scratch, scratch, scratch, and then you were going in
24 for your next injection. It was just -- you were on
25 some sort of hamster's wheel. It was never ending. It

1 was just like that Groundhog Day. It was just
2 a continuation, continuation.

3 Q. Can I ask you this: have you since then, when you were
4 into adulthood, tried to work out or find out what this
5 was all about?

6 A. Well, I've looked about and I've tried to find --
7 I said, well, it's ... Honestly, in all fairness to the
8 church, I don't want to sit here and make an accusation
9 I believe it was this or that. I honestly do not know
10 what it was for.

11 Q. What I really meant was --

12 A. What I realised, and what I do know, right, I don't
13 think it was vitamin injections. I don't think it was
14 something to be beneficial to myself.

15 LADY SMITH: Why not?

16 A. Pardon?

17 LADY SMITH: Why do you think that?

18 A. Because later on, when I went to Lasswade
19 Nazareth House, I was becoming more focused on what was
20 happening and I was becoming aggressive. I was smashing
21 up -- anything I could do to avoid these injections.

22 There was one person who wasn't a nun, her name was

23 Mrs L J H ,

24 She said on a couple of

25 occasions to me, "Christ (inaudible)", when the nuns

1 were beating me up, and she used to say to me -- she
2 says, "[REDACTED], you're brave, you're helping people, just
3 take it, the pain will go away, the pain will go away".

4 I've always thought about that, you know what
5 I mean? Mrs [REDACTED] L J H never, ever done anything bad to me
6 and I think about it, why would she tell me that? Is
7 she come kind of Judas goat? Is she trying to calm the
8 waters so that they have a clear passage to continue to
9 do this to me?

10 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

11 MR MacAULAY: What I was really trying to focus on is

12 whether you've sought to recover any medical records
13 that might give you some idea as to what this
14 injection --

15 A. No, I haven't. I did request when I filled an
16 application form in to have access for a medical record,
17 more the ones about my mental health, you know what
18 I mean? That was --

19 Q. I'm concerned --

20 A. About the injections yeah, I see where you're coming
21 from, Colin. I handed them over to the inquiry, so I'm
22 quite sure if there were any factors there that pointed
23 what they may have been for, I'm sure they would be on
24 the table by now.

25 But in saying that, common sense tells us it

1 couldn't have been right what they were doing. And that
2 was -- how can I describe it -- sub rosa. They wouldn't
3 have wanted to make that public -- because there was
4 nothing wrong with me.

5 Q. I'll come to see what you say about that in connection
6 with Lasswade in a moment.

7 If I can put that to one side at the moment then,
8 just looking at other aspects of life at Cardonald
9 because --

10 A. There was another incident, Colin, another major
11 incident there but actually --

12 Q. Can you tell me about that then?

13 A. It was after that -- I fell down -- I actually -- when
14 you face the building, if you turn right, walk along,
15 turn left and turn left again, you're at the back of the
16 building. It's very close to the end, on the right-hand
17 side. There was a big large wall to the right and there
18 was a wee sort of area which was cleared and they had
19 poles -- it was for hanging up washing. I was outside
20 with this nun and she was hanging up this -- it was some
21 sort of white garment and she's hanging this stuff up.

22 The place, it was sort of scrubland, there was
23 brambles, there was nettles, weeds, et cetera, and this
24 patch was immaculate. At the top of this patch, there
25 was a statue of the Virgin Mary on a pedestal and this

1 nun's told me, "Get those nettles". And what she was
2 referring to was this square area, it was all flattened,
3 it had been wrecked.

4 I've gone like that and I'm getting my hands all
5 stung with these nettles and she's effing at me --
6 I think she's wrenched off a dock leaf or a newspaper or
7 whatever, I can't remember. She said, "Use that". So
8 I'm going along here, you know what I mean, and pulling
9 these weeds out.

10 She was telling me to concentrate on this piece of
11 land that had actually been tended because the rest of
12 it -- it wasn't as if they were growing vegetables or
13 flowers, you know what I mean? I've always found that
14 strange. And she's hanging up washing as I am doing
15 this and she's pointed at the statue of the Virgin Mary
16 and at the bottom of it, it must have been north facing
17 because there was moss, wet moss, growing on the bottom,
18 starting to work its way up.

19 She says, "Clear that stuff off it". I just went
20 over and I started to put my hands in this wet moss and
21 as I'm grabbing it, I'm actually staring at the statue.
22 I think the statue was blue and white, or something. It
23 seemed well kept, the statue. It didn't look damaged
24 with the weather. As I'm taking this off, I'm spreading
25 it, I'm making it bad from what it was, you know what

1 I mean, I'm spreading it up on to the statue, so she
2 went both a frenzy. She's used a bit of wood and
3 started beating me about the head with it.

4 And I've ended up -- she started screaming at me to
5 get off this piece of land as if it was hallowed ground
6 or whatever: "Get off that, you're an effing B", and all
7 this stuff, I can't remember what she said, "Or you'll
8 end up in there beside the rest of them", pointing
9 towards this piece of land.

10 What I took from that experience -- that's only
11 a few instances I can remember about Cardonald.

12 Q. Can you remember for example --

13 A. I can't remember leaving, I cannot remember my brothers.
14 All I got from there, right, was a sense of fear and
15 I suffered the rest of my life with nightmares and
16 sleepwalking. I've seen psychologists, psychiatrists
17 about it, you know what I mean, trying to get to the
18 root of it. But it all started there and I can clearly
19 tell you, you know what I mean, it's fresh in my mind as
20 if it happened last week, those instances, be it the
21 beating the little girl, be it the nun telling us to
22 clean that statue, be it the comb on my head, these nits
23 or lice or whatever they're looking for, you know what
24 I mean. You're no talking about once in a blue moon:
25 every night. I dread to go to sleep. I wake up

1 screaming, I've been -- over the years -- I had an
2 accident one time, I was in intensive care in the
3 hospital. There was about six of us in the hospital and
4 I went into my nightmare and when I woke up I'm lying
5 in the bed dying, by the way, with drips and hooked up
6 to these monitors and I started screaming. That's what
7 I've done.

8 There were another half a dozen people in it, they
9 all panicked. The person in the corner, he's got up,
10 he's flew over the bed of the person next to him,
11 pulling all the cables and they're all screaming. The
12 place was -- the nurses have come running in and sort of
13 tried to quieten us down.

14 They believed that the person in the corner, he
15 started the ball rolling. I couldn't bring myself to
16 (inaudible) I'm responsible. I was too embarrassed to
17 say it was my nightmares. They took him out and they
18 actually strapped him to a bed in a side room, you
19 know --

20 Q. I'll come on --

21 A. And that's --

22 Q. I'll come on to look at the impact life in care has had
23 on you, Bob. Before I do that, do I take it from what
24 you've said that things like mealtimes and other aspects
25 of the routine at Cardonald you have no recollection of?

1 A. I can't even remember the meals, I can't remember the
2 dining halls, I can't remember the dormitories. I just
3 remember those three events. And fear. Fear, which has
4 never left me the rest of my life.

5 Q. Well then, as I took from you earlier, Bob, you left
6 Cardonald on [REDACTED] 1965 --

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. -- and you went to Lasswade.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. You were in Lasswade from then until [REDACTED] 1967 to
11 the age of about 9, so you were there for about
12 two years, so you're getting a bit older during that
13 period of time. Do you know why you were moved from
14 Cardonald to Lasswade?

15 A. No. That information was never shared with myself and
16 my brother. Apparently my brothers got moved at the
17 same time. I don't remember moving from A to B -- I
18 have just no memory of it. It could have been my age
19 at the time or whatever or the passage of time from
20 that, but I have never been able to remember getting
21 moved.

22 Q. Let's look at Lasswade. Let's move on to Lasswade.

23 At Lasswade, at least, for example, do you have
24 a memory of the set-up in relation to dormitories, for
25 example, or the sleeping arrangements?

1 A. On yes, it's more clear. As I'm getting older,
2 obviously, my memory's a bit better and it's not as far
3 back to cast my mind.

4 Our dormitory -- when you went upstairs, there was
5 a corridor and if you turned right and you went to the
6 end, our dormitory was on the left-hand side.

7 Q. When you say "our", who was --

8 A. There was a good number. I don't know, there was 12,
9 20 boys in it. It was all boys in our dormitory.

10 Q. Were any of your brothers in that dormitory?

11 A. I'm not too sure. They could have been, aye. Due to
12 the psychological experience we've gone under, you know
13 what I mean, it was -- you had trouble focusing on
14 things like that. Obviously, I'll come on to that and
15 that will become clear to you, Colin.

16 Q. Can I ask you this: do you have any sense now of what
17 the age range then was of the boys in the dormitory?

18 A. Some were a lot older than myself. Some of them the
19 same age, some slightly younger than myself.

20 Q. So there was a range of ages?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did you become aware of someone who was in charge?

23 A. Yes, the one and only nun I can remember from my
24 experience in Nazareth House from Sister **LQI** and when
25 you went into the dormitory, the dormitory in question

1 what we were in, on the right-hand side, when you went
2 in the door, there was a cubicle and it went so far up
3 to the ceiling, it wasn't connected to the ceiling.
4 There was a side window with a curtain on it and
5 obviously the door. That was the domain of Sister [LQI]

6 Q. Was Sister [LQI] in charge of that dormitory?

7 A. Yes, [REDACTED] yes.

8 Q. So she'd be in charge of you and the other children in
9 the dormitory?

10 A. In the dormitory, aye, that was her purpose.

11 Q. Was she in charge of any other children apart from those
12 so far as you can remember?

13 A. I used to see her day to day and stuff, and it was
14 there, you know what I mean, it was ... I don't want to
15 trivialise it by saying hide and seek, but you seen the
16 nuns coming, you know what I mean, you knew they were on
17 the warpath, you had to find shelter, you had to find
18 somewhere to go. You hoped they got somebody else
19 before they got you, whatever they were doing. It was
20 as if you were running the gauntlet.

21 Q. What I was asking you then, Bob -- you have mentioned
22 Sister [LQI] being in charge of your dormitory, but do
23 you know if she had any other responsibilities for any
24 other dormitories, for example?

25 A. No, I don't believe so. One of the frightening things

1 what we noticed about Sister LQI was -- every night,
2 you weren't allowed to talk or whatever, and you had to
3 go to your bed and tuck your arms in and pull the sheet
4 right up as if you were lying praying(?) in your bed.
5 She used to leave the dormitory and go to the next
6 dormitory, which the young girls were in, and she used
7 to bring in young girl in and take her into the cubicle
8 with her at night.

9 There was a very thin board, this cubicle, it was
10 made -- you could hear the crying going on at one point
11 and noises --

12 Q. And who was crying?

13 A. I believe it was the young girl, you know what I mean?
14 You could hear her. We were terrified. We didn't know,
15 we had no idea what was going on behind that closed
16 door. But this was a regular basis and we used to hear
17 that and ...

18 Q. Was it the same girl or --

19 A. I believe it was the same girl, yeah -- looking back,
20 casting my mind back, and stuff like that, the other
21 dormitory -- every dormitory had a cubicle for a nun
22 and, for the life of me, I cannot understand why the nun
23 in the other dormitory, right, sat back and allowed
24 Sister LQI to do what she was doing with that girl.
25 She must have known what was happening. She turned

1 a blind eye. Did she act in concert or whatever, you
2 know what I mean? I'm not trying to trivialise it.
3 Sister [LQI] wasn't taking that girl in there to tell her
4 a bedtime story; Sister [LQI] was taking that girl in
5 there, I believe, to sexually abuse her.

6 Q. Can I ask you this: you, of course, didn't see what was
7 going on?

8 A. No, no, I can't --

9 Q. You've told us --

10 A. If you disregard the probabilities -- it wasn't bedtime
11 storytelling. It wasn't because she was frightened at
12 night or stuff like that. You're limiting the
13 possibilities what she was in there for.

14 Q. I think you did tell us that the young girl would be
15 upset when she was in --

16 A. Yes. From what we were hearing, the crying and what
17 have you, you know what I mean, it couldn't have been
18 a very good experience for what was happening behind
19 that closed door to her.

20 Q. Can you tell us for how long the girl might have been in
21 the cubicle?

22 A. What usually happened, Colin, you'd eventually fall
23 asleep. I don't know if she took her out of there first
24 thing in the morning.

25 I used to wake up screaming and up sleepwalking and

1 Sister LQI would come rushing out the cubicle like
2 a bat out of hell. It was crazy. It must have been
3 a nightdress, she looked very frightening, she had
4 her skull cap on, like something out of a Hammer House
5 of Horrors movie.

6 She dragged me out of into the corridor -- in the
7 stairwell, there was a sliding door. She would fling me
8 down -- there was a landing -- and shut the door over.
9 So we went down the stairs, there was a landing and you
10 turned right, and the stairs took you to the ground
11 floor.

12 So I'd be locked in there, I'd be screaming, I'd be
13 crying, it'd be pitch black. Every now and then I'd see
14 a nun dressed in black walking down this corridor
15 towards the Chapel House or wherever, you'd know. I'd
16 be shouting, begging, "Please help me, turn the light
17 on", they'd just stop and look at me and never say
18 anything.

19 Q. But when this happened to you -- this is, I think
20 you are telling us, when you'd have a nightmare and
21 you'd be sleepwalking in the dormitory; is that right?

22 A. She would take it out on me because I was disturbing the
23 status quo and whatever and whatever, you know what
24 I mean? She thought by taking that course of action she
25 was going to kick it out of me, beat it out of me, or

- 1 whatever. You know what I mean? Her twisted mind
2 thought she was doing, you know what I mean -- to
3 justify it but obviously --
- 4 Q. Did she do anything to you apart from remove you from
5 the dormitory?
- 6 A. You know, the beating, slapping, kicking, dragging us,
7 whatever, to get me on to that stairwell.
- 8 Q. Would she say anything to you when this was happening?
- 9 A. She'd just shout abuse at me, you know, and what have
10 you -- I can't say exactly what she said, you know what
11 I mean, but it wasn't very pleasant. It was
12 frightening, you know what I mean. It added more to the
13 fear.
- 14 Q. How long would you be on the landing that you were put
15 on?
- 16 A. It could have been 10 minutes, it could have been
17 2 hours, I do not know. It seemed like it was a whole
18 night. Obviously it wasn't I'd wake up and I'd be back
19 in my bed.
- 20 Q. How regular a occurrence was this then, this --
- 21 A. Every two or three nights I would have these nightmares,
22 nightmares going back to Cardonald. That's where it all
23 started, you know what I mean? I can trace it back to
24 its origin, where the nightmares and sleepwalking
25 started.

1 Then you had the nightmare when you woke up in the
2 morning -- as soon as you woke up in the morning, the
3 first thing we done, we were like that with the hands
4 (indicating), on the bed, putting the sheet back: have
5 I wet the bed, have I wet the bed?

6 Q. I think you now want to tell us about bed-wetting.

7 Bed-wetting was a problem?

8 A. It was a problem for a lot of the children --

9 Q. Was it a problem for you? Was it a problem for you?

10 A. I don't recall wetting the bed myself. I may have grown
11 out of it or whatever. I didn't have that problem.

12 I can't recall having that problem, no, Colin.

13 Q. Can you describe then what would happen for those who
14 did wet the bed?

15 A. Sister **LQI** would come out and she would work her way up
16 from one end to the next of the dormitory and down the
17 other side. She would go over it with a fine-toothed
18 comb and if you'd wet it -- this is every morning, this
19 is what you're waking up to: swearing, cursing at you,
20 calling you, you're no use, et cetera, et cetera,
21 grabbing the sheets, hitting you, flinging them at you,
22 telling you to wear them, you know what I mean,
23 everybody looking at you.

24 We're all panicking. Everybody had done the exact
25 same thing in the morning. As soon as you woke, you

1 jumped out and you were feeling all about the bed,
2 praying, oh don't let me have wet the bed, don't let me
3 have wet the bed, and this happened day in day out every
4 single day with Sister LQI

5 I can't speak for other dormitories because I wasn't
6 there but that's what happened to us.

7 Q. The children who wet the bed, did they have to do
8 something with the sheets?

9 A. They had to wear them, wrap them round their shoulders
10 put them over their head. She was getting some
11 gratification in doing it. There was no purpose. It
12 didn't make sense, you know what I mean? If somebody's
13 wetting their bed for whatever reason or a weak bladder,
14 through nerves or immaturity or whatever, you know what
15 I mean, you don't smash them in the face. That doesn't
16 help them to cure that.

17 Q. Well, did that happen?

18 A. It did happen, yes.

19 Q. Do you know what happened to the sheets?

20 A. I take it that after we got dressed and went down to get
21 our breakfast, they were removed and washed, you know.
22 I couldn't imagine them putting wet sheets back on the
23 bed -- that's counterproductive and that ...

24 Q. You've mentioned Sister LQI in your evidence, Bob.
25 Were there any other nuns that were involved with

- 1 yourself and your group that you can remember?
- 2 A. No, I can't remember, no. Not as individuals, certainly
- 3 not with names. As I said, to cope with it, I had to
- 4 give myself a safety net, a coping mechanism to blank
- 5 them out, and in my mind's eye, they were there, it was
- 6 a nightmare, they'd go away. You know what I mean?
- 7 I didn't want to have that kind of contact with them.
- 8 Q. What about people who weren't nuns, lay staff?
- 9 Do you have any recollection of there being lay staff
- 10 who were there to help?
- 11 A. Two: Mrs **LJH**, who was all right with me, I don't
- 12 have a bad thing to say about that woman. When I was
- 13 there -- I was going to say my name, but I'd actually
- 14 had my name altered because I was confirmed. When
- 15 I went to Nazareth Houses, I wasn't actually baptised --
- 16 my older brother was baptised as a Catholic, so to get
- 17 confirmed they had to baptise me and confirm me and what
- 18 have you --
- 19 Q. I'll come to look at that with you in a moment.
- 20 A. -- so Mrs **LJH** **[REDACTED]**.
- 21 Q. For the baptism?
- 22 A. And the confirmation. She actually gave us a present.
- 23 It was a small toy. It was, in the old money,
- 24 thruppence, sixpence at the most, something you would
- 25 find in a Christmas cracker or a goody bag. It was

1 a wee small imitation toy torch, and I thought I was --
2 I thought this was the bee's knees. It didn't work but
3 I though it was it was great, this.

4 The nuns had seen it, they zeroed in like a pack of
5 wolves, they were beating me up and I was trying to hold
6 on to it and they were jumping on my fist and they have
7 eventually got this toy off me and I'm screaming because
8 I can't make head nor tail of it. They just got it off
9 me.

10 I went down to Mrs [REDACTED] L J H and I said, "Mrs [REDACTED] L J H ,
11 they've taken that toy off me and they've beaten me up
12 and I'm all covered in blood and that", and she said,
13 "Leave with it me". So I don't know what Mrs [REDACTED] L J H
14 said, what kind of horse trading she done or whatever
15 with the nuns, but she did get me the toy back. So that
16 reinforced my belief that I could trust her.

17 Q. Obviously, you've mentioned Mrs [REDACTED] L J H ; was there
18 anybody else that you can remember?

19 A. There was a man -- I was going to say a gentleman.

20 There was a man there who we know solely as [REDACTED] L T M

21 [REDACTED] L T M

22 Q. I'll ask you about that. He worked in the -- because

23 I think [REDACTED] L T M

24 [REDACTED] L T M .

25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. So I'll come and ask you about him in a moment.
- 2 You mentioned there, Bob, the fact that you weren't
- 3 baptised when you were admitted to Lasswade.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. There came a point in time when your baptism and
- 6 confirmation was being considered; is that right?
- 7 A. Yes, that's right. We were -- they actually done some
- 8 dry runs or mock trials, you know, they took us -- when
- 9 you went downstairs, you turned to the right, you went
- 10 along and you turned to your left and there was the
- 11 chapel, which was in-house for that. You weren't taken
- 12 out of the grounds; that chapel was there.
- 13 Q. So the chapel was within the main building?
- 14 A. It was in the main building. They had their own chapel.
- 15 We were in there and we were put through our paces,
- 16 who was going to confirm us, what we had to do, when we
- 17 had to kneel, when we had to make the sign of the cross,
- 18 when we had to go forward and kneel, sit down,
- 19 et cetera.
- 20 Q. So are you telling us that you were to be baptised and
- 21 confirmed, but in advance of that happening you were
- 22 having these practice runs in the chapel; is that
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. Yes, these practice runs.
- 25 Q. Before I come to that, because this may have a bearing

- 1 on what you have to say, were you told things by the
2 older children in connection with Sister [LQI], for
3 example, and other people?
- 4 A. Yes. We did, aye. Thanks for bringing that up, Colin.
- 5 Q. When were you told these things?
- 6 A. When myself and my brothers actually arrived -- I can't
7 remember arriving, but we were told, it was drummed into
8 us. I made some good friends there: never go anywhere
9 with the priests, never go anywhere by yourself with the
10 nuns, and never go anywhere with that [LTM] I says,
11 why? They say, because they strip you and they climb on
12 top of you. They were talking about sexual abuse:
13 they'll climb on top of you, ejaculate, et cetera. To
14 my feeble mind at the time, that didn't make sense to
15 me. I thought they were talking about they strip you
16 and they climb on top of you and pee on you. In my
17 mind's eye they want to get hold of me and they want to
18 pee on me, you know what I mean? But they were talking
19 about sexual abuse and it wasn't just one person telling
20 us; it was a lot of people.
- 21 Q. Are you talking about boys telling you this or --
- 22 A. Boys, aye, it was mostly boys. See, you had the problem
23 of Nazareth House -- see, they had an issue with us
24 forming friendships with each other or bonding or
25 creating some kind of relationship. They detested it,

1 they hated it.

2 If they caught youse maybe in a room laughing and
3 joking and sort of horseplaying about, you were wrenched
4 apart and you were beaten, they would turn one against
5 the other, they would turn round and say to someone, "By
6 the way [REDACTED] told us you done this, you're to blame for
7 that, and this is why you're getting this beating", and
8 vice versa, "By the way, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told us you done
9 this", and stuff like that. Anything they could do to
10 create that hatred to a fellow child in there, to break
11 that friendship, bondship or whatever. You know what
12 I mean? So not only were you frightened of the nuns,
13 you were coming frightened and terrorised from the other
14 children -- but they hadn't done anything to you.

15 Q. You have said you managed to make some friendships.

16 A. I did make some friendships, aye. One time I actually
17 found an escape route, a bolthole up in the loft space
18 where we went. We couldn't tell anybody where we were.
19 We were up there and the terrible things we used to
20 see --

21 Q. I'll come and look at some of that; can I take you back
22 to the baptism and the confirmation.

23 The day came when you were to be baptised and
24 confirmed; is that right?

25 A. Yes. I remember that very well --

1 Q. Before you go on and tell us about it, do I take it that
2 this order of events would be you'd be baptised first
3 and then you'd be confirmed?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And did that happen on the same day?

6 A. I believe it all happened on the same day, yes.

7 Q. I just want to identify where that happened. You've
8 been telling us about the practice runs you had in the
9 chapel. But did it happen in the chapel?

10 A. No, it didn't happen in the chapel. When you go into
11 the grounds of Nazareth House Lasswade, there's
12 a building to your right -- it was a new-looking
13 building.

14 Q. Can I perhaps make this a bit easier by putting
15 a photograph on the screen.

16 A. Yeah, that's fine, aye.

17 Q. This is at NAZ.001.001.0260. We understand we have here
18 four photographs of Nazareth House Lasswade. If you
19 look at the bottom left, are we looking there at the
20 front part of the main building? The bottom left.

21 A. The clear recollection I have is the one on the top left
22 and right, Colin -- because I'm only seeing that one on
23 the left, to be fair to you, just as an partial part of
24 the building.

25 Q. Let's focus on the photograph on the top right then.

- 1 We're getting an aerial view of Nazareth House. Below
2 that, in fact, we have a view of the chapel; is that
3 correct?
- 4 A. The building to ...
- 5 Q. No, no, if you look --
- 6 A. Sorry, I'm trying to see it on the top right. No, that
7 is the chapel. If that is indeed the chapel, it's been
8 renovated.
- 9 Q. Okay. The chapel you told us, in any event, was inside
10 the main building, the chapel?
- 11 A. Aye, the chapel proper, but I wasn't baptised or
12 confirmed in that chapel.
- 13 Q. You're now about to tell us where -- if you look at the
14 top photograph, what building was it that was used for
15 the baptism and the confirmation?
- 16 A. If you look at the photograph in the top right, the
17 building just slightly below the main building on the
18 right-hand side.
- 19 Q. If you stand up and turn round, you'll see the pictures
20 on the screen behind you. Just point to where you've
21 been describing.
- 22 A. I believe it was that building there (indicating).
- 23 Q. You're pointing to the main building we see towards the
24 bottom right-hand corner of the photograph?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. You think that was quite a new building?
- 2 A. It seemed new because the main building was the old
3 granite-style building, and this was a new building.
4 I don't know the function of the building, I'd never
5 been in before or since from the day when I got my
6 confirmation in there.
- 7 Q. Do I take it then it was a big space where you could set
8 out chairs and so on?
- 9 A. Yes. On the ground floor of that building -- it was as
10 if they'd made a makeshift chapel. You had an altar of
11 sorts, you had a crucifix on it, you had a covering on
12 the altar, you had rows of chairs each side of it, like
13 the chapel there -- I know that's benches, but it was
14 like chairs, loose chairs what you together, and they
15 were sort of laid about for a congregation of sorts.
- 16 Q. And you have said that was on the ground floor; was
17 there an upper floor as well?
- 18 A. There was an upper floor with rooms in it, yes.
- 19 Q. Were you then told who would be coming to do the
20 service?
- 21 A. Yes, the nuns must have thought they'd won the lottery
22 or whatever, they were going like that ... My memory
23 at the time, it was a Cardinal [LRM] I believe he might
24 have been an archbishop, but in my mind's eye it was
25 Cardinal [LRM] The way they were talking was if the

1 Pope himself was coming to confirm us: you've got to be
2 on your best behaviour, don't do this, don't do that,
3 slap, beat, whatever. Right? I don't know
4 Cardinal LRM from Adam. Other than that service, I've
5 never seen him since or before --

6 Q. I think as you said a moment ago, at that time, if this
7 is the person, he may have been an archbishop rather
8 than a --

9 A. He could have very well been an archbishop, you know
10 what I mean? I've been blessed that I've got -- an
11 excellent memory of stuff. Unfortunately, due to lack
12 of education, I wasn't able to pursue that course in my
13 life. But in my mind's eye, Archbishop/Cardinal LRM

14 Q. So this was the person who was coming to do the service?

15 A. This was the man who was coming to do the service, yes.

16 Q. Was the service done by --

17 A. Yes, the service was done. He was there, he had his big
18 crazy hat on, his gowns and robes, they had the thing,
19 the incense -- you know that stuff with the smell --
20 I don't think I got communion that day ... but we had
21 that and then after the --

22 Q. Before you go into after, can I just say, apart from
23 yourself, were there other children from Nazareth House
24 who were being confirmed as well?

25 A. Yes, there were girls and there was boys. There was

1 also civilians in the room.

2 Q. That was the other question then. Were there children

3 from outside Nazareth House?

4 A. Yes, they were there.

5 Q. Were they also there to be confirmed?

6 A. Confirmed, blessed or whatever. Whatever service or

7 whatever happened to them, that was done before we went

8 in or after. But they were sitting at the front -- and

9 I believe it was their parents, women and men. They

10 were all smartly dressed and what have you and we were

11 warned: don't look at them, don't speak to them, don't

12 have any contact with them and stuff, you know what

13 I mean?

14 Q. Do I take it from what you're saying, Bob, that this

15 service was not just for those who were in

16 Nazareth House but was also for people perhaps from the

17 surrounding area of Lasswade?

18 A. Yes, Colin, it could have been. It may have been the

19 fact that a high-ranking member of the Catholic Church

20 was coming to town and doing this and somebody seen it

21 as an opportunity. It's not very often you bump into

22 cardinals or archbishops or even bishops. They may have

23 come up for the blessing to be in his company or the

24 opportunity to be confirmed or baptised or whatever,

25 I don't know. I don't have access to that knowledge but

1 I would imagine so. It would make sense for them to
2 come up and ...

3 Q. Then the service has taken place. Where did you go
4 after the service?

5 A. After the service, we were removed and we were taken up
6 the stairs. We were taken up the stairs --

7 Q. Who took you upstairs?

8 A. A nun. We were taken along to the end of this corridor
9 and put in this room to the right, which would have
10 faced on to the main building, and there was a load of
11 chairs -- it was the old-fashioned metal chairs, metal
12 and a sort of wooden back and a wooden seat on it, and
13 there was a gap between the seat and the back. We were
14 sat in there and we were told to be quiet, don't make a
15 sound, you could hear people downstairs in this
16 building, these civilians -- for us to interfere with
17 whatever they were putting on.

18 So some time went by, whatever, and some nuns came
19 in and they come up to us and said, "Come on, you,
20 you're coming with us". What kicked in was the fear of
21 going with them, what I was told, "Don't go anywhere
22 near them". So I wrapped myself round the chair,
23 interlocked my arms through the back of this metal chair
24 and my legs, and they tried to prise my arms, my hands
25 off the chair and the legs. I wouldn't let go, so they

1 were dragging it and it was making some screeching
2 racket on the concrete floor.

3 Obviously they realised that I was creating
4 a distraction, maybe someone would hear it, so they lost
5 interest in me and they've turned their attention to two
6 others. They've got this other guy, he's got up,
7 I don't know why, but he's got up and he's went with
8 them, and this young girl got up and went with them.

9 Q. Were they about the same age as yourself at that point?

10 A. Round about the same age as myself, yes.

11 Q. You'd be about 9 or thereabouts or younger than that?

12 A. When I was confirmed, aye. So they've taken them out
13 and closed the door and a short time has passed --

14 Q. When you say "they", who are the "they"?

15 A. The nuns took the girl and the boy out.

16 Q. How many nuns are you talking about?

17 A. Two, maybe three. There were a lot of nuns mingling
18 about. They were, you know what I mean, pampering --
19 they were putting on the thingummy for this cardinal and
20 priests and the Mother Superior and that. It was
21 a great big field day for them.

22 Anyway, they took those young children out, closed
23 the door, and a short time later, the door's open, come
24 on youse, we're going back over to the main building, do
25 not make a noise, don't be ...

1 So we came out of there near the front of the --
2 there could have been half a dozen, maybe more of us,
3 boys and girls. We walked out and we were passing this
4 room, the door was ajar, it was open, and I looked in.
5 The person who I believe to be the Cardinal **LRM** he's
6 standing facing the boy who they took out in place of
7 myself. Cardinal **LRM** is naked to the waist. He's got
8 trousers on and he had a big pair of the old-fashioned
9 braces over him.

10 The boy's partly dressed. When I say partly
11 dressed, I believe his shirt and maybe his T-shirt was
12 off him. The girl, on the other hand, she was
13 completely naked. She's facing this other gentleman who
14 I'd seen downstairs with the civilians, who were there
15 watching us getting confirmed. He's fully dressed but
16 the girl's completely undressed. It happened that quick
17 I couldn't hear what was said or whatever, but
18 Cardinal **LRM** maybe caught us from the corner of his eye
19 and he's opened that door and let out a big roar, "Shut
20 that door!" or whatever. So the nuns, as they were
21 passing us, they were pushing us and we were all banging
22 in and we were all congealing on top of each other. I'm
23 still looking and seeing what's happening and she's ran
24 over and she's wrenched the door and she's shut the
25 door.

1 Whatever's happening in there, that nun knew, must
2 have known what was happening. Those nuns what came to
3 try and get me must have known what was happening.

4 Q. What you are describing is an event --

5 A. It's been a sexual encounter of some nature. They've
6 not taken -- a civilian person to take a young girl in,
7 about the same age, 8 or 9, as myself, strip her naked,
8 he's sitting on a seat, she's standing naked in front of
9 him. The boy is partly dressed, the cardinal is partly
10 dressed. You know what I mean? That can only have
11 sexual undertones. It must have, Colin.

12 Q. I'm not --

13 A. It happened. I never seen it happening. I don't
14 know -- I'm putting two and two together. I would like
15 to get an explanation why those children were taken in
16 there and stripped in the manner that they were or why
17 they wanted to take me in there. Was I going to suffer
18 the same fate? I don't know.

19 Q. In any event, what you've told us is that you've had
20 this view for what must have been a very short period of
21 time and you were then taken across to the main house by
22 the nuns?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And when you say "you", was that you and the other
25 members of the group?

1 A. The other members of the group.

2 If I may interject here: the injections I was
3 getting at Cardonald, they were continuing in Lasswade,
4 but they more sleekit the way they went about it there,
5 you know. They would take us out and sort of keep it
6 away from the eyes of the other children because the
7 population of the children there was far greater than
8 what it was in Cardonald.

9 It was the corridor what you'd go along towards the
10 corridor. There were some offices there. We had to
11 stand there and strip to the waist and they would take
12 you in -- it was the same procedure as they done in
13 Cardonald: take a blood sample, check your heart, look
14 in your eyes, your mouth, your ears, write stuff down,
15 inject you in the backside. It was back on this ...

16 Q. Did that have the same effect on you?

17 A. Oh yes, the pain, the scratching, the blood, et cetera.
18 They was coming and I was panicking, I was trying to
19 lash out to try and get it to stop. I was screaming, i
20 was lying on my back on the ground. I can remember as
21 if it was yesterday this time. I'm stripped to the
22 waist, I say, "I'm not going in", they're kicking,
23 they're pulling me by the legs and hair and I just
24 wouldn't get up on my feet. It was a losing battle.

25 They've got their heads together and they've got me

1 and they said, "You've to go in here, the priest wants
2 to see you". I went in, "The priest's going to give you
3 the belt". I've never had the belt in my life there.
4 I know you get the belt in an ordinary school if you do
5 something bad but there they used wood or whatever -- it
6 wasn't the traditional school belt.

7 To talk you through it, I had a pair of shorts on.
8 Drop your trousers -- I am still stripped to the waist
9 by the way. Lean over that desk. There was a desk in
10 the centre of the room. I'm there, "Don't move". I've
11 heard the door opening and closing, and opening and
12 closing again. They're trying to turn round and a male
13 voice says, "Don't turn round, don't turn round". I'm
14 panicking, waiting for this belt to hit me, "Don't turn
15 round".

16 I don't know what it was, I panicked, I turned
17 round. And the priest, he's standing there behind me,
18 his back to the door, he's got his cassock raised above
19 his waist, his trousers on, his penis in his hand,
20 masturbating. So when I seen that, I started screaming,
21 and I've ran round the other side of the desk.

22 I thought he was trying to pee on me. I didn't know
23 about sexual encounters or what it meant. It was
24 described to me but it went in one ear and out the
25 other. The whole building must have heard me screaming.

1 As I started to scream, the priest, he's dropped his
2 thingummy and he'd bolted, he's legged it, he's off,
3 he's out of the door.

4 The nuns came diving in, closed in on me, one side
5 of the table to the next and they've battered me off the
6 four walls, black and blue. I can still remember it:
7 blood everywhere. They've dragged me out, took me into
8 the room with the doctors, I still got the injection,
9 I'm screaming and shouting at these doctors. They
10 couldn't care less about the injuries they seen on me,
11 the blood or whatever. All they were interested in was
12 to get that injection in me that night.

13 So with me trying to resist it, it didn't help me at
14 the end of the day: they were adamant I was getting that
15 injection that night.

16 Q. I think there you have moved on to something different
17 to your confirmation experience. Is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You have told us about another incident that happened
20 about you were at Lasswade involving this particular
21 priest.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. It's a different incident, it's not connected in any way
24 to the --

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Is that correct?

2 Can I just stop you there for a moment, Bob, because
3 we're now at 3 o'clock and we usually have a short break
4 at 3 o'clock. So we'll have a break now and resume in
5 about five or ten minutes.

6 LADY SMITH: I'll rise now for a short break.

7 (3.00 pm)

8 (A short break)

9 (3.15 pm)

10 LADY SMITH: Mr MacAulay.

11 MR MacAULAY: You mentioned earlier, Bob, that you and some
12 of your friends had access to the loft space at
13 Lasswade; is that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. I think you talk in particular about two incidents where
16 you saw things once you'd got into the loft space. Can
17 I ask you about these.

18 First of all, the loft space itself: are you talking
19 about an area within the main building at Lasswade?

20 A. Yes. The photograph of the main building -- it's at the
21 back of the building. You gain access from it -- it was
22 a window. You climbed on to the window ledge and you
23 hooked yourself up and that took you on top of the
24 corridor, and there was a window which, if you went
25 through it, you could gain access into this -- what

1 I believed to be a loft space. It was full of brass
2 musical instruments, the sort of stuff you see in
3 a brass band or the Salvation Army, when they have the
4 big trumpet type stuff and there's cases and all that,
5 all covered in dust. It was up there and it must have
6 been a storage area for those instruments.

7 Q. And leaving aside what you might have seen, on how many
8 occasions did you get access into that loft space?

9 A. We used to go up all the time. I wished I'd known about
10 it before. We used to go up there to hide from the
11 nuns. You know what I mean? That was the only safe
12 place we could find at that time: out of sight, out of
13 mind.

14 Q. When you say "we", yourself --

15 A. And some other boys, some older boys.

16 Q. A number of boys?

17 A. Aye, we were sworn to secrecy -- we had this bolthole.

18 Q. From that area then, could you have a view of other
19 parts of the building?

20 A. Yes. When you went into the loft space, if you crossed
21 over, there was a strange looking type window. I think
22 it was sort of half-moon shape or whatever. If you
23 looked down inside it, you could actually see into the
24 dormitories and the girls' dormitory, you could actually
25 see into that. If you went right over and put your face

1 close to the glass, you could actually see into the
2 nuns' cubicle. The nuns' cubicle didn't have a roof on
3 it.

4 Q. I think you said earlier the cubicle had four sides to
5 it but it didn't go right up to the roof --

6 A. Four sides and it went up maybe 8, 9 feet or whatever,
7 for a bit of privacy to the nun, but it didn't attach
8 itself to the roof proper, no. So that's all you were
9 able to -- from that loft space you could observe inside
10 it and what you seen was a bed, a locker, maybe a chest
11 of drawers, knick-knacks lying about. But you could
12 clearly see the bed and what have you.

13 Q. Let me ask you about the two incidents then that you
14 mention in your statement. Let's look at the first of
15 these. Having got to that vantage point on an occasion,
16 what could you see down below and where was it?

17 A. This time somebody's brought it to our attention,
18 "Quick, [REDACTED] come over, do you want to see this". We
19 went over and we looked into the dormitory and we were
20 looking above the nun's head, her cubicle. And the
21 priest was lying naked on top of the bed and one of the
22 young boys was lying beside him. That was the first
23 incident we seen -- again, you were panicking. I think
24 it was paranoia. You believed that they may see you at
25 any time if they turned round and looked at you. It's

1 just in your mind's eye --

2 Q. You said this was a priest --

3 A. A priest, aye, his garments were lying about and --

4 Q. So you knew he was a priest --

5 A. I recognised his face from day to day in the building.

6 I don't know if he was the home's priest or whatever,

7 but that was a priest.

8 Q. Can you remember his name?

9 A. I don't know. As I say, I don't want to know their

10 names. I never do want to know their names.

11 Q. That was the first incident you witnessed. I think you

12 also tell us about another incident you witnessed.

13 A. Yes, the second incident -- again it was the same

14 dormitory. We heard something going on, we went over to

15 the window and we looked down -- I could see two young

16 girls, they were facing away from the door into the

17 dormitory. We could only see the back of the two girls,

18 but they were facing two men. One of the men was the

19 same man I'd seen after my confirmation in the company

20 of Cardinal **LRM** who the naked girl was standing in

21 front of. That was the same man. There was another

22 man, I didn't know him from Adam, I don't know who

23 he was -- I don't know if that happened before my

24 confirmation or after but that was the second incident.

25 Again, we panicked, we pulled back. We couldn't

1 hear what they were saying, what they were talking
2 about. We didn't see any hanky-panky, removing of
3 clothing or whatever, but I found it strange and odd
4 that civilian people had access to a dormitory for girls
5 and they were in there in the presence of two young
6 girls and there was no supervision, there was none of it
7 and you could clearly see inside this dormitory.

8 What I'd seen from the priest, what I'd seen from
9 [REDACTED] LTM [REDACTED], what I had seen or been told by other
10 people, you know what I mean --

11 Q. Can I ask you about [REDACTED] LTM [REDACTED] then, Bob, because you've
12 already mentioned him and I think you've told us that
13 you were advised, as it were, warned to keep away from
14 him.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did you see something involving him at a point in time
17 when you were at Lasswade?

18 A. Yes, one time I went out and when you went out the back
19 door of the main building, there was a field. If you
20 looked up to the right, there was [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED] whatever you call it, there was a sort of closed
22 building and there was an open part of the building, the
23 [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] You could see that and some outbuildings
25 but if I turned right and I walked across the park,

1 I came to some bushes and some scrubland, trees --

2 Q. Were you on your own?

3 A. I was on my own this day. I went into the trees and
4 just being a small boy, just curiosity and minding my
5 own business, I heard something in front of us and I
6 parted of the bushes and, lo and behold, [REDACTED] LTM 's
7 there, he's on top of this young boy. He's seen me,
8 he's jumped up and started pulling his trousers up. The
9 boy -- it was a fleeting glance, I started screaming and
10 I ran out and I ran back to the building. But
11 obviously --

12 Q. When you say it was a young boy, was he a boy of your
13 own age?

14 A. Maybe younger or same age or whatever, Colin.
15 I recognised the face. It was one of us, you know what
16 I mean, it was one of the children from the
17 children's home. What he was doing there with his
18 trousers down, obviously, you can draw the proper
19 conclusion.

20 Q. Was the boy upset?

21 A. It happened that quick, I don't know if he subdued him
22 or threatened him -- because he was known for
23 threatening people, [REDACTED] LTM

24 Because it was just shortly after that, I was in the
25 main building -- the nuns tended to give [REDACTED] LTM the

1 run of the house. I don't know if he was [REDACTED]
2 or whatever but this day I was on the corridor and he's
3 come out of this room and he's spied me, seen me in
4 front of him and he had a hammer in his hand. He
5 gestured towards me, muttered something and my
6 interpretation was I was going to get whacked by this
7 hammer in the face or the head or whatever -- and this
8 was just shortly after I had caught him in this wooded
9 area with the young boy.

10 Q. But you say this -- let's call him [REDACTED] LTM -- may
11 also have had --

12 A. Everybody called him [REDACTED] LTM.

13 Q. You're saying that, apart from [REDACTED]
14 as his name would suggest, he also had other jobs to do
15 within the house itself?

16 A. Yes. We used to see him about -- I've thought about how
17 to describe this. In the presence of that man and the
18 nuns, it's -- a few years ago, sorry to take this a wee
19 bit ... There was a cracking nature programme, a TV
20 documentary, it was called "One Man and His Dog", and it
21 would show you a field, a shepherd, his dog, and sheep,
22 and they had to get the sheep from A to B, from one side
23 of the field into the pen.

24 To describe the atmosphere in that house with [REDACTED] LTM

25 [REDACTED] LTM and the nuns, the children were the sheep, [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] LTM the nuns -- they weren't the dog, they were the
2 wolves. So if you could visualise a field of sheep, how
3 frightened they are and intimidated with a shepherd's
4 dog, what would they be like with a predator, a wolf?
5 That's how we reacted to them. We would run, right,
6 left, centre, whatever, and it was constant. We were
7 frightened, terrorised by the brutality. Those nuns, at
8 any moment in time, could rain upon you -- or [REDACTED] LTM

9 [REDACTED] LTM, what he would do to you.

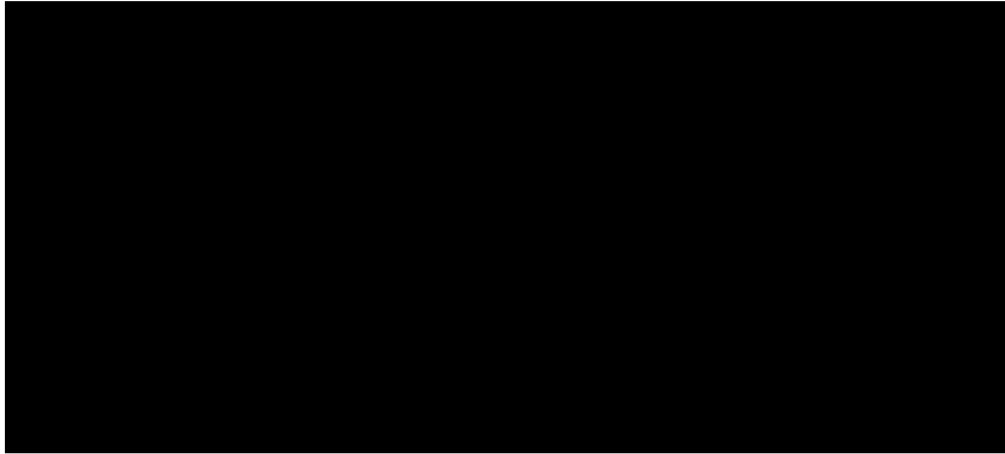
10 Q. I think you do give us an example in your own statement,
11 Bob, where you had an encounter with [REDACTED] LTM.

12 A. Yes. I don't know if it was before the event where
13 I seen him abusing that boy in the woods or after it,
14 but I took great precaution never to let him near me.
15 But for whatever reason, he's got a hold of me this
16 day -- he didn't physically get a hold of me and he's
17 manhandled, forced me up to [REDACTED] As I say, part
18 of it was open [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]
21 But he's grabbed me and flung me forcibly over the
22 wall and I've landed on [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] and it was all manure and I'm all wet and I'm
24 screaming and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I'm
screaming, begging, "Let me out, let me out". LTM

LTM 's, he's got a yard brush, a big heavy brush, and every time I try to get my hands on the wall, he would hit me over the hands, on my arms, the head, hit me in the face, poke me back in.

I've turned round to try and -- it was like a semi-circle, [REDACTED] So I've run over there (indicating) to try and get out there. There's two nuns standing looking at us, roaring with laughter. They thought it was hilarious, falling off their feet with laughter, watching me screaming, begging, crying, begging for mercy to get out [REDACTED].

Q. Did you manage to get out?

A. Eventually, they opened the gate -- LTM opened the gate and let me out. I was a nervous wreck. But what that tells you about the kind of regime and what they were prepared to do to the children.

1 They seen the abuse what [REDACTED] LTM [REDACTED] was doing to the
2 children, how he was abusing them, and they turned
3 a blind eye, they aided and abetted it. In turn, [REDACTED] LTM [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] LTM [REDACTED] has seen the response of the nuns, what they were
5 prepared -- or the lack of what they would do, as if
6 he had a licence to do what he wants.

7 Normally in a situation like that you would report
8 that employee, he would get sacked, you'd phone the
9 police. Not at all. They carried on regardless.
10 He had a licence to do what he done and they had
11 a licence to cover it up.

12 Q. Can I take you then, Bob, to the day when something
13 happened and you came to leave Lasswade. Can you tell
14 me what happened on that occasion?

15 A. The beatings and the doings were getting that bad, and
16 as I highlighted before, the nuns went out of their way
17 to break any relationship, bonding, friendship with
18 other children. Like up in the loft space we did get
19 opportunities now and then to talk and go over things
20 and try and work out in our minds at that time --
21 we weren't educated but we tried to work out what was
22 happening. We decided, we were on to them. If we
23 clubbed together, if we have unity, we can do something
24 about this.

25 So when you go out the back door, there's the big

1 field I mentioned. But if you go up directly to the
2 right, adjacent to the next property, there was a very
3 large wall, sort of about 6 or 8 or whatever -- we've
4 all climbed up on the wall and we're not coming down.
5 So the nuns have come out and they have tried to coax us
6 down. First the threats and then, "Oh come down,
7 nothing will happen", stuff like that. "No, we're not
8 coming down. No, we're not coming down." Other people
9 came. It was going on for a while, a number of hours.

10 Eventually they coaxed some of them down, "Oh, come
11 down, it's all right, nothing will happen to you", and
12 they dragged them away into the building. So the
13 die-hards, myself included, I'm staying up there, I'm
14 not coming down. The police were there, the social work
15 actually came because we could see the cars -- from this
16 wall, if you looked over to the right, where [REDACTED] LTM
17 was, there was a track where [REDACTED] LTM had his tractor
18 and lawnmower whatever. There were cars -- normally you
19 don't see cars there, but there were cars there, and
20 at the side of the building they were actually on the
21 grass verge. So there was a lot of cars there. That
22 was unusual for that place. Occasionally, you might see
23 the odd car once a week, but there were a lot of cars.
24 So it was attracting somebody's attention.

25 So I'm screaming down, "Don't go down, don't go

1 down, they're just going to beat us back up, they'll
2 keep giving us injections, stick needles into me",
3 "Don't be silly, [REDACTED] we don't do that, you're talking
4 rubbish".

5 So eventually, through the persistence, they
6 eventually got everybody down bar myself, and by hook or
7 by crook I was not coming down because I knew what was
8 waiting in store for me if I came down. I knew, like
9 night follows day, I was in for one hell of a doing --

10 Q. But they got you down I think?

11 A. What actually happened, they went away and got two
12 ladders and if you could imagine me sort of standing or
13 sitting on the centre of this big wall, which must have
14 been about 8, 10, 12 feet high -- they've got two
15 ladders and they used a pincer movement. I'm in the
16 centre, one right, one left, and they're moving it
17 along. I started to move maybe to the right and they
18 were starting to move up the ladder. So that was
19 priming me to go right, but I turned left, but as I'm
20 turning left, that ladder's came a bit closer.

21 This is going on a few minutes. Whatever's
22 happened, I've lost my footing and I've fell off the
23 wall and fortunately I fell into a large bush of some
24 kind and it sort of cushioned my fall. So I didn't
25 receive any injury from falling.

1 Q. Do I take it then, having come off the wall, essentially
2 they were in control of you?

3 A. That was them, they had me (inaudible).

4 Q. Was that then the last day you had at Lasswade?

5 A. Apparently that was the last day, yeah, because I was
6 frogmarched to one of the cars -- the social workers,
7 I think there was two, maybe three of them, bundled
8 in the back of a car and taken out.

9 The other children who were on the wall with us,
10 they were flung to the four winds, they were all taken
11 out and moved to different children's homes: St Ninian's
12 in Fife -- my brothers were moved out to god knows where
13 but we were all scattered --

14 Q. Were your brothers on the wall as well?

15 A. I believe my brothers were on the wall with us, aye.

16 Q. I think I took from you earlier that you left Lasswade
17 on [REDACTED] 1967, when you were about 9. So that's
18 the point in time we're at now, when you're leaving
19 Lasswade. I think what you tell us in your statement is
20 you're taken to a place called Ochil Towers House in
21 Auchterarder; is that right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. I'm not going to look at the detail of what happened
24 there but I think you're able to say that you had a good
25 experience there.

1 A. Oh great. I could sit and talk to you for a week, two
2 weeks, Colin --

3 Q. Unfortunately, I can't give you that opportunity!

4 A. It was heaven on earth, it was utopia. The experience
5 I had in the care of nuns, it was hell on earth. There,
6 there was no brutality, they sat you down, they spoke to
7 you, they called you by your first name. You were well
8 fed, you were well dressed, you were educated, which was
9 not done in Nazareth House. You were a nervous wreck in
10 Nazareth House. I remember going to school, sitting
11 there, the teacher talking, I couldn't digest,
12 I couldn't understand a word she was saying. All that
13 was going through my mind is: who's going to smash my
14 face in, who's going to inject me when I get back to
15 Nazareth House? That was the education I got in
16 Nazareth House.

17 Q. What you do in your statement -- I don't want to cut you
18 off -- but what you do is you compare and you contrast
19 the way you were treated and managed at this particular
20 place compared to Nazareth House?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. I think what happened thereafter is that in fact the
23 social work department decided that you should go back
24 to your family; is that correct?

25 A. I was there for a considerable time. I was getting

1 educated -- Mr Lewis -- hill walking, identifying stars,
2 reading books, learning the classics. We had cows.
3 I used to milk the cows by hand. That was my
4 responsibility. I loved every minute, I used to get up
5 a six in the morning. We had a car, we had photographs
6 with the cows, driving the tractor. Everything --
7 there's not one negativity I can say about that place.
8 Not once. He never raised his voice, he never hit you,
9 he never threatened you. The atmosphere was completely
10 different. The children acted different. It hit me
11 like a brick wall when I went there. I'm thinking
12 about, oh, I'm going to get battered here, I'm going to
13 get these big needles stuck in me. It never happened.
14 They were gentle.

15 Q. But what did happen is you were taken away by the
16 social work department and sent back home?

17 A. Yes. What happened is, after a period of time, just out
18 of blue, social workers came, "Oh, you'll be back to
19 your parents". I was crying, screaming, I didn't want
20 to go. They had to forcefully manhandle me into the
21 car.

22 Q. What age were you at that time?

23 A. I was just turning into my teens, I think I was about
24 11, 12.

25 Q. So had you been there a couple of years?

1 A. Just over a couple of years. I didn't want to go, I was
2 screaming. Mr Lewis is going like that, "It'll be all
3 right, ██████ I'll write to you, everything will be
4 fine". I can't describe a name for the person, the
5 faceless person, who made that decision. Everything for
6 once was going great in my life. I was getting
7 educated, I was relating to people, I could understand
8 them. I had empathy, I had love for people; stuff that
9 you never got in Nazareth House. I was learning to
10 educate myself. I could bond with people. I could
11 solve problems with people. Everything positive. And
12 I was leaving that behind to go back home to two
13 alcoholics who couldn't care less about us. All they
14 were interested in was where their next drink was coming
15 from.

16 Q. As you tell us, the effect of that unhappy family set-up
17 was that you got into trouble and you ended back into
18 care; is that right?

19 A. Yes. What actually happened, the parents never sent us
20 to school. It was just myself and my older brother, by
21 the way, that were at home. My two younger brothers
22 were still in care. I think they were testing the
23 waters, so to speak, to see how it would turn out. It
24 turned out a disaster. We had to go out, beg, thief, steal
25 stuff, try to get something to eat. We weren't

1 going to school. Obviously, it came to the attention of
2 the social work, the school itself. They took me back
3 into care.

4 Q. And I think you tell us --

5 A. It was a complete and utter failure. The shock to my
6 system from the hell in Nazareth House, going to heaven
7 in Ochil Towers, going back to somewhat of hell to my
8 parents. The authorities had a good, justified, proper
9 reason for removing us in the first place. If they'd
10 sat down and took the time, they knew that they should
11 have kept us in care. If they'd kept us in care, my
12 life would have taken a different course.

13 Q. What happened after that, though, is you were taken into
14 care.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you were in a number of different establishments.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. You tell us about in your statement, beginning at
19 paragraph 64, I think, through to paragraph 80, where
20 you ended up in St Mary's Kenmure; is that right? Was
21 that the last --

22 A. That was the last one I was in. Well, I actually got
23 returned back to the McDonald -- I'll briefly go through
24 it.

25 Q. You tell us about that, and the reason I'm not asking

1 you about these places is we're not focusing on these
2 places today, we're looking at the Sisters of Nazareth.
3 We looked at Ochil Towers to compare and contrast, as
4 you've done. But the last place you were in, as you
5 tell us in paragraph 80, was, I think, Kenmure Approved
6 School in Bishopbriggs.

7 A. That was the last one, aye. That was a great place, the
8 staff -- I was on first name terms with the headmaster,
9 Mr [REDACTED] They went out of their way to help you.

10 I felt sorry for them, the staff there, because we were
11 all seasoned criminals at that age by the time we got
12 there. Every day we were fighting and that. The only
13 violence you seen there was what we created there
14 amongst ourselves.

15 Q. Are you talking about St Mary's Kenmure?

16 A. Aye.

17 Q. Again, we're not looking at that.

18 A. Just a brief insight, Colin, aye.

19 Q. Don't worry about it. I know it's quite difficult to
20 understand how our focus is on a particular organisation
21 at this moment in time.

22 LADY SMITH: And Bob, your written statement will not be
23 forgotten about, it's part of the material available to
24 us, so don't worry that you don't speak about every
25 single thing that's in the written statement. It's

1 still there as part of the evidence before the inquiry.

2 A. I appreciate that, thanks very much for that.

3 MR MacAULAY: What I want to touch on briefly now with you,
4 Bob, is your life after care. You tell us about that in
5 paragraphs 82 and 83. Putting it very shortly, you kept
6 getting into trouble and you had problems in your
7 personal life. Can I summarise the position in that
8 way?

9 A. Well, when I actually left care, due to the experience
10 I've had, they played a major part in moulding me as
11 a person. I was brought up -- violence was the name of
12 the game. Dog eat dog. Monkey see, monkey do. Emulate
13 what you see in the children's homes. That was my
14 mindset. I got out and ... I don't apologise, the
15 lifestyle I took on, but I turned 100 per cent to crime.
16 A career criminal, so to speak. Thieving, assault, you
17 name it. I was in it up to my neck. They say your
18 childhood moulds you, shapes you into what you could be
19 in later life. Nobody's born bad. I don't believe that
20 nature plays a part in moulding you; it's nurture.

21 If people understand the nurture what we got in they
22 homes, they'll certainly understand why a lot of us --
23 and I mean a lot of us -- ended up in the approved
24 schools, the borstals, the prisons, and stuff like that.
25 That wasn't by chance. But in saying that, nobody

1 twisted -- at no time -- and I'm not suggesting that --
2 did anybody ever twist my arm and make me commit
3 a crime. Every crime I've committed, that has been my
4 sole responsibility, my decision. But what they did do,
5 when I was young, is they limited my options, how to
6 function as a person. I had a great time at
7 Ochil Towers, but that was smashed when I went back to
8 the old ways. I had to leave that behind to survive.
9 It sounds hard and what have you, Colin, but I had to do
10 that. I don't apologise.

11 Q. Well, I understand that, Bob. Against the background of
12 what you've just said, can I look at that part of your
13 statement where you talk about the lessons that can be
14 learned from your own experience.

15 A. Oh yeah.

16 Q. And this is at paragraph 88 of the statement. What you
17 say there is:

18 "There needs to be a proper place for children to go
19 to when something like this evil has happened to them."

20 A. Yes. What actually happened, I became a persistent
21 abscondee in St Joseph's Approved School. You can't
22 fail to miss it, it's never out of the news, the
23 brutality that was going on there, run by the
24 Catholic Church. So I was frightened of getting
25 sexually abused, assaulted. I was getting assaulted so

1 I used to ran away. They used to strip me naked and
2 just leave me in my underpants. I ran away, I would
3 commit crimes. I would tell the police, the staff, they
4 would write reports about you. They would demonise you,
5 they would write down, "Oh, don't listen to a word, he's
6 a habitual liar, he's a troublemaker, he's very
7 aggressive, he's very destructive". Everything negative
8 you could say about a person, they put that on a report
9 and they used that as a shield to carry on with the
10 abuse, what they did do, you know what I mean?

11 That is a failure and that should be highlighted for
12 the inquiry. The abusers, to get away with it for so
13 long, they had to create a shield, they had to create
14 a diversion, so that somebody outside looking in --
15 don't listen to him, he's a troublemaker, he's leading
16 you down the garden path, he's trying to create trouble.

17 These authors of these reports are the ones who were
18 abusing people. And that is the Achilles heel. If you
19 can resolve that -- I know, I understand you've got to
20 keep records of the upbringing of people and their
21 history and stuff like that, and it's for the good and
22 what have you. But they abused that system. So there
23 should be a mechanism in place that they don't hide
24 behind their reports, because they did tell me to my
25 face, "You can run wherever you want, Bob, you can tell

1 the police whatever you want. I can rest assure you
2 they're not going to believe one single word that comes
3 out of your mouth" as they carried on abusing people.

4 Q. Well, thank you --

5 A. And that is the danger of following and relying on their
6 reports, and that's frightening to know that, and
7 I would like to believe now there's a mechanism in
8 place, or there should be, to prevent that happening.

9 Q. Well, thank you for that message. The last thing I want
10 to raise with you, because you raise it in your
11 statement in the second last paragraph -- and here
12 you're really harking back to the incident that involved
13 the persons that you saw on the day of your
14 confirmation?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Because you do provide some identification --

17 A. Yes, I do. I've thought long and hard about this,
18 Colin. The person I've seen in the same room with the
19 naked girl in front of him, I didn't know him from Adam,
20 I'd never met the man before. It wasn't until I got to
21 St Joseph's Approved School, which was about three, four
22 years later, a name was put to the face, and that name
23 was [REDACTED] LVR [REDACTED] [REDACTED] That
24 used to be his company in Scotland.

25 I seen [REDACTED] LVR [REDACTED] over that time period come to the

1 approved schools and young offenders' borstal to see [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED] This is on a short period after I seen him

3 in the room with the naked girl. In my mind's eye,

4 I can say categorically that that was [REDACTED] LVR [REDACTED] I seen

5 in that room.

6 Q. You say that, but of course we have to feed into that

7 equation the fact that --

8 A. People will tell me, third parties tell me, I understand

9 that. That has its own perils, its own dangers. I'm

10 100 per cent behind that. I don't want to be

11 responsible or point the finger at an innocent person on

12 the belief that I'm getting it right because somebody

13 else tells somebody else, who in turn told me. I don't

14 like that. I feel very uncomfortable with that.

15 Q. What I was going to say to you is not that, it's this,

16 and I think you accepted this before: you got but a very

17 short look at the scene --

18 A. I did, yes.

19 Q. -- that was before you when you were a little boy --

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. -- at Lasswade. That's fair to say?

22 A. Both the cardinal and in the dormitory with the girls,

23 yes. It was very short, I agree 100 per cent. That

24 should be treated with caution. I'd be the first one to

25 turn round and say that. I don't want to have to

1 shoulder the responsibility of pointing that finger at
2 that man. But in saying that, Colin, information was
3 put in the public domain years later what adds weight
4 and credibility to what the people told us about LVR
5 LVR the sexual abuse he was giving people. He's
6 associated with prostitutes, what he was doing to get
7 access to young girls, his perverted -- how can you
8 describe it? -- dressing up, ██████████ -- the media
9 actually called him that name. That's where that
10 started. He had the nickname ██████████ He used to get
11 little girls, ██████████ and vice versa, and sexually
12 abuse them and stuff like that. That all came to light
13 after. I do not believe that he was ever convicted,
14 there's not enough evidence or whatever. But when you
15 start to put the pieces together, you know what I mean,
16 and who I seen that day, and I believe 100 per cent that
17 man I've seen is LVR If I've got it wrong
18 I apologise to LVR and to his family because I
19 don't want him to suffer. I know what it's like to be
20 on the receiving end of a miscarriage of justice and I
21 don't want to shoulder that responsibility.

22 MR MacAULAY: Bob, thank you for saying that and indeed
23 thank you for coming along today to give your evidence.

24 My Lady, I don't know if there are to be any
25 applications for questions for Bob.

1 LADY SMITH: I'll check. Are there any outstanding
2 applications for questions of this witness? No.

3 Bob, there are no more questions for you. It
4 remains for me to thank you very much for engaging with
5 the inquiry, both by providing your written statement
6 and by coming along to talk to us today in response to
7 the questions that have been asked.

8 A. Thank you very much, Lady Smith, and I appreciate what
9 you told us earlier on, that my statement will be kept.

10 LADY SMITH: Yes.

11 A. And gone over with a fine-toothed comb. Thank you for
12 that, and I thank the inquiry for what they've done in
13 giving us an opportunity to put this basically on the
14 table and get it out of my system.

15 LADY SMITH: Good. Thank you. I'm able to let you go now.
16 Thank you very much.

17 (The witness withdrew)

18 LADY SMITH: Could I just mention, I'm sure those of you who
19 have been here before -- and I think I'm seeing a lot of
20 familiar faces -- will remember this. There is
21 a general restriction order in place and it protects
22 a whole series of people, including the names you've
23 heard mentioned this afternoon, some of whom haven't
24 been mentioned before, which is why I specifically draw
25 attention to it again. If you have any queries about

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