

Tuesday, 27 November 2018

(10.00 am)

LADY SMITH: Good morning. As we return to oral hearings in the inquiry, we begin our evidence about the provision of care by Barnardo's Homes, I think, this week; is that right, Mr Peoples?

MR PEOPLES: That's correct. We're going to hear some oral evidence from applicants today and hopefully some read-ins, if we have time, which I think we should have.

Can I just begin by saying that the first witness this morning to give oral evidence wishes to remain anonymous and she has chosen the pseudonym "Susan".

LADY SMITH: Thank you.

"SUSAN" (sworn)

LADY SMITH: Please sit down and make yourself comfortable.

You will see that the red light is on the microphone, so if I could ask you to try and make sure you stay in the right position for us. I think Mr Peoples will explain what he wants you to do with the red file.

Mr Peoples.

Questions from MR PEOPLES

MR PEOPLES: Good morning, Susan.

A. Good morning.

Q. You have a red folder in front of you, which contains

1 a copy of the written statement that you have provided  
2 to the inquiry. There's also a screen in front of you  
3 which will show any document that we are looking at.  
4 You're free to use either the screen or the red folder,  
5 whichever is easier for you, if I ask you any questions  
6 about the document.

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. Can I begin, for the benefit of the transcript, by  
9 giving the reference that we have given to your  
10 statement, which is WIT.001.002.0267.

11 If I could ask you to have the red folder open and  
12 if you could turn to the final page, which I hope is  
13 page 0279.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Could you confirm for me that you have signed your  
16 statement on that page?

17 A. Yes, I have.

18 Q. Can you also confirm that you have no objection to your  
19 statement being published as part of the evidence to the  
20 inquiry and that you believe the facts stated in your  
21 witness statement are true?

22 A. Yes, I can confirm that.

23 Q. If I could take you to the first page of the statement  
24 now and ask you to confirm that you were born in the  
25 year 1959. I don't need the precise date.

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. If I could just ask you a little bit about life before  
3 going into care. You set that out in your written  
4 statement. You tell us at paragraph 2 that you were  
5 born in Edinburgh and that you have one brother, an  
6 older brother, and two older sisters?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. You tell us that the background to going into care was  
9 that your mother had mental health problems.

10 A. Yes, she did.

11 Q. For that reason, she found it difficult to look after  
12 her children?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And that resulted in you and at least some of your  
15 siblings going into care at Glasclune?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. You tell us your father was employed, but it was  
18 a struggle for him and the family generally had  
19 financial issues and it was quite a struggle to keep  
20 things going.

21 A. Yes, it was, to my mum's health, debts and different  
22 challenges in life.

23 Q. You tell us in paragraph 4 that you have no  
24 recollection, because you were quite young at the time,  
25 of having any contact with social work at the time you

1           were at home before you went to Glasclune; is that  
2           right?

3       A.   I have no memory of any contact with social work  
4           personally.

5       Q.   And you tell us that you remember going to Glasclune,  
6           this was an establishment, a children's home run by  
7           Barnardo's.

8       A.   Yes, I do remember.

9       Q.   And on page 0268, paragraph 5, you tell us that you have  
10          a memory of being left there with your two older  
11          sisters; is that correct?

12      A.   Yes, that is correct.

13      Q.   So far as your brother was concerned, what was the  
14          situation? Can you recall or do you know at least?

15      A.   What I know about that is that my brother would have  
16          been about 14, 15 at the time, and because of that he  
17          stayed at home because he was much more self-reliant.

18      Q.   I'll maybe just get some dates from you at this stage to  
19          give us a point of reference. We have seen some records  
20          provided by Barnardo's, which indicate that you and your  
21          older sisters would have been admitted to  
22          Glasclune House in North Berwick on [REDACTED] 1963 when  
23          you were aged 4.

24      A.   Yes.

25      Q.   I think one sister is three years older and your other

1 sister is five years older than you?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. So one would be 7 and the other one would be 9 when you  
4 all went to Glasclune?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. From the records that we've seen, it appears that you  
7 were discharged on [REDACTED] 1966 when I think you'd  
8 be around about 6 and a half years of age.

9 A. Yes, that's what I remember.

10 Q. I'll put a document in front of you just now. You may  
11 not have seen it, but it gives us a little bit of  
12 background to your admission to care and the extent to  
13 which the local authority was involved. If I could put  
14 up and ask you to look at BAR.001.004.9416.

15 A. I have a copy.

16 Q. Yes. So that bears to be a letter on  
17 Dr Barnardo's Homes headed notepaper from the regional  
18 executive officer in Scotland, a Ms or Mrs Garland, to  
19 a Miss Davies, who is in the London office of  
20 Dr Barnardo's Homes at that time. It does discuss you  
21 and your sisters and the admission to Glasclune in  
22 North Berwick.

23 We can see, I think, can we -- have you seen this  
24 letter before by the way?

25 A. I have my Barnardo's records and I may have -- I think

1 I've seen it in there, but I've not looked at it for  
2 a long time.

3 Q. Don't worry. The reason I'm referring you to it at this  
4 stage is this gives us a little bit of background  
5 information about the admission. We'll see that it does  
6 confirm that Barnardo's agreed to admit you and your  
7 sisters to their home at Glasclune and indeed confirms  
8 that you would be admitted on [REDACTED] which is the  
9 date we've just referred to.

10 There is reference to a report being sent by  
11 Miss Leslie, who I think is an officer of Barnardo's, to  
12 a Mr Mace. And I think we'll learn that Mr Mace was the  
13 superintendent at the time.

14 A. Yes, he was. He was in charge of Barnardo's.

15 Q. With his wife, Mrs Mace?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you'll see that at that stage the financial  
18 arrangements were that basically your father was going  
19 to send the family allowance to Dr Barnardo's by way of  
20 a contribution towards the cost of care.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And that, because of his financial situation, they were  
23 not insisting on any further contribution from his own  
24 earnings, but they did say that if he cleared any debts  
25 he had at the time, they'd be looking to him to make

1           some contribution to your care.

2           A. Yes.

3           Q. I think we see that in the first paragraph.

4                   The other matter that's maybe noteworthy is that it  
5           raises the involvement of the Children's Department of  
6           what was then Edinburgh Corporation and it says that:

7                   "Miss Leslie [who's one of the Barnardo's officials]  
8           did not ask the Children's Department about this  
9           admission because of what happened on a previous  
10          occasion."

11                  It goes on:

12                  "Then [and that's the previous occasion] the  
13          Children's Department did not have vacancies in their  
14          own homes and kept on putting off admitting the children  
15          ..."

16                  I think that's a reference to you and your sisters:

17                  "... and thus postponing the mother's much needed  
18          treatment."

19                  And I think she was requiring some inpatient  
20          treatment for her mental health difficulties at the  
21          time.

22          A. Yes.

23          Q. It says:

24                  "when they finally admitted the children, one was  
25          admitted to the children's shelter run by the RSSPCC and

1 the other one was boarded out, thus upsetting both the  
2 children and the parents."

3 So there was a separation. You may not have a  
4 memory of that or do you?

5 A. I can vaguely remember being in another care facility  
6 with my sister, [REDACTED]. I don't know if that's what  
7 this one's referring to, but I was definitely in  
8 a previous children's -- residential care.

9 Q. I think the point they're making is that there was  
10 a separation of the three sisters under those  
11 arrangements. It goes on to say:

12 "As Edinburgh Children's Department are not in the  
13 habit of approaching voluntary homes, Miss Leslie quite  
14 understandably felt that the same situation would arise  
15 again. As we know the position with regard to this  
16 particular department, we agree with Miss Leslie and  
17 we're most grateful to you for not pressing the point."

18 So I think they were basically saying: we're  
19 arranging this without any direct involvement of the  
20 local authority for the reasons explained in this  
21 letter; do you see that?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q. If I could go back to your statement on page 0268,  
24 paragraph 5, you describe your memory of the first day  
25 when you got there. Is that one that you can remember



1 or is it something you've learned?

2 A. No, I remember it very clearly.

3 Q. I think you describe how you felt at the time.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. You say you were hysterical and crying.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. But you were given some information about what was  
8 happening and you were told by your father then it was  
9 for a holiday; is that right?

10 A. He said it would be for the weekend and he would come  
11 back and get me on the Monday.

12 Q. Then, as you tell us, you were admitted and your father  
13 left at that time?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. At paragraph 6 you describe Glasclune House at the time  
16 and we're dealing with the early 1960s at this stage;  
17 is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And you tell us there, I think, it was a property on  
20 three floors.

21 A. To my memory, it was a big huge house, three floors, and  
22 to me it was like a big huge mansion, a beautiful house  
23 with big grounds.

24 Q. And I think we know it's on the east side of  
25 North Berwick as you go out towards Tantallon Castle and

1           beyond -- is that towards Dunbar? Do you have a memory  
2           of that?

3       A. I don't know that area. I just remember it was at the  
4           top of a hill that led down to the beach.

5       Q. I think you're right: it was on a hill and it would look  
6           down to the east beach of North Berwick. And there was  
7           a swimming pool and a pavilion?

8       A. Yes, that's what I remember: it being on the top of  
9           a hill.

10      Q. And I think in front of it at that time would have  
11          simply been undeveloped ground with large green spaces?

12      A. The only thing I remember about the other side of it is  
13          there was a swing park we used to go to. I can remember  
14          walking through a big park going to school, but I know  
15          there was a swing park because we used to go to the  
16          swing park.

17      Q. I think the park would be the lodge, grounds, is that  
18          right? You would go through there to the local school?

19      A. I remember there were little budgies and things.

20      Q. In the park?

21      A. Yes.

22      Q. I think they're still there, actually. So you have  
23          a memory of that?

24      A. Yes.

25      Q. And it was a grand house to you?

1       A.   Yes, it was.

2       Q.   And you tell us it was on three floors and so I think

3           that there'd be a ground floor, a first floor and

4           a second floor; is that right?  And you tell us that on

5           the upper floors, I think, there were dormitories;

6           is that right?

7       A.   Yes, because I used to go up the stairs to my dormitory

8           and I know my sisters were in a different dormitory from

9           me, and then you had another section of the house for

10          the boys.

11       Q.   So from that answer, you're telling us that you and your

12           sisters were separated in terms of where you were to

13           stay --

14       A.   Yes.

15       Q.   -- at that time?

16       A.   Yes.

17       Q.   Was that based on the difference of ages?

18       A.   Yes.

19       Q.   But there would be girls' dormitories on the upper

20           floors and there was also, at some place within the

21           building, a boys' section?

22       A.   Yes.

23       Q.   So when you arrived in the early 1960s, 1963, it was

24           a mixed home, albeit there was a separation of boys and

25           girls?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Can you recall roughly how many children there would  
3 have been at that time?

4 A. I think about -- in the dormitory I was in, I think  
5 there was maybe four, five girls in there. Something  
6 like that. So I would imagine that -- and this is just  
7 a guess -- somewhere between 20, 30, 25, 30, something  
8 like that.

9 Q. Boys and girls?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Were the children in your dormitory, girls, were they  
12 the same age as you?

13 A. Yes. We were all around about the same age group.

14 Q. And the older girls would be in a different dorm on the  
15 first or higher floor --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- the second floor?

18 And so far as the ground floor was concerned, since  
19 this is not a place we've heard any evidence about  
20 before, would that have been a place where there were  
21 public rooms or dining rooms?

22 A. I remember there being a really big wide, spacious hall  
23 and there was a dining room. There was an office  
24 because we used to go and see Mr Mace in his office. A  
25 kitchen. And I have a vague memory of a big -- you

1           could call it a hall, but we used to have like children  
2           playing, like film shows and things like that.

3       Q.   A sort of reception area --

4       A.   Yes.

5       Q.   -- on the ground floor?

6       A.   Yes.

7       Q.   Was that used as a play area for the children, did you  
8           say?

9       A.   I think -- I have not got a lot of memory about that,  
10           but I think it's where they had like their Christmas  
11           parties and sometimes they had used to have someone  
12           coming in and showing film shows for the children.

13      Q.   The dining room you have described, was that where  
14           everyone ate?

15      A.   Yes.

16      Q.   All the children?

17      A.   Yes.

18      Q.   And were the eating arrangements that they all sat at  
19           one big table or were there a number of tables?

20      A.   No, there were a number of tables.

21      Q.   Am I right in thinking that Glasclune had quite large  
22           grounds?

23      A.   Yes.

24      Q.   And was it walled at the time? Do you remember that?

25      A.   I'm sure it was enclosed and I know that there was

1           a tennis court and big grass area. In my mind it was  
2           enclosed.

3       Q. It had a tennis court. Did it have any other  
4           facilities? Did it have a putting green, can you  
5           remember that?

6       A. I can't remember a putting green. I used to go and play  
7           putting, but it used to be in the park, it wasn't within  
8           the grounds of the home, so I can't remember that.

9       Q. So far as the arrangements regarding your sisters were  
10           concerned, did you at any point in the time you were  
11           there, between 1963 and 1966, stay in the same dormitory  
12           as your sisters?

13      A. No.

14      Q. What degree of contact did you have with them during the  
15           time you were in Glasclune?

16      A. Really, we used to go to church on a Sunday, but my  
17           older sister went in a different group, but we used to  
18           still see each other. I'm sure we seen each other  
19           occasionally when we were playing, but it wasn't really  
20           encouraged to mix.

21      Q. Did you tend to play and mix with children your own age?

22      A. It was with the other girls who were in my room.

23      Q. Would you see your sisters at mealtimes?

24      A. Yes, but they'd be at a different table.

25      Q. So you wouldn't be having any discussions with them?

1 A. No.

2 Q. You were 4 when you went to Glasclune. You did go to  
3 school when you were there, did you not?

4 A. Yes, I went to North Berwick Primary School.

5 Q. And did you see your sisters there?

6 A. I have no memory of my sisters being anywhere near me at  
7 school, but I will say I haven't got a lot of memory  
8 about the school itself, just certain incidents that  
9 happened at school, but not a lot round about that.

10 Q. Can you remember getting any form of encouragement to  
11 mix with your sisters?

12 A. None at all. I think it was more discouraged.

13 Q. Do I take it you did know who your sisters were?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 Q. You were old enough to know that?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And recognise they were your sisters?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You tell us on page 0268 about the staff and you tell us  
20 that Mr Mace was in charge. I think there was a  
21 Mrs Mace as well.

22 A. Yes. I remember Mr Mace more as being the authority  
23 figure. I know there was a Mrs Mace, but it's more --  
24 if I was to think who ran the home, it's Mr Mace who  
25 would come into my mind.

1 Q. And you tell us that you also have a memory of [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED] BFJ --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- as one of the members of staff?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. You also have a memory of a Mrs Sutherland, who you  
7 describe as kind, a person who wore glasses. So is  
8 that --

9 A. Sometimes she used to cuddle me, but all I remember  
10 about her was her name and the fact that she wore  
11 glasses and she was a kind woman.

12 Q. Is the fact that you remember her as a kind woman, does  
13 that tell us anything about how you viewed the other  
14 staff?

15 A. I think it's because it was probably the only affection  
16 I got. Even if it was a small piece of affection, it  
17 was some caring.

18 Q. From this Mrs Sutherland, but you don't remember getting  
19 similar affection from other members of staff?

20 A. No, I never got anything.

21 Q. Did you have much contact with Mr Mace or his wife in  
22 the time you were there? You said he was very much in  
23 overall charge.

24 A. I can remember him being in the dining room. I can  
25 remember sometimes -- I'm sure he used to sit



1 occasionally at the table when he had meals with us. We  
2 used to go and get pocket money from him, he used to  
3 have a little book and he'd mark down your pocket money.  
4 That's really the only contact I can remember.

5 Q. Would you go to his office to collect your pocket money?

6 A. Yes. We just used to line up and you'd get your name  
7 called out and you would go in and get your pocket  
8 money.

9 Q. Would that really be one of the few times you'd have any  
10 direct dealings with him?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Was there a particular member of staff you had most  
13 dealings with?

14 A. It was Mrs BFIJ .

15 Q. And was she in direct charge of your group of children  
16 or not?

17 A. I'm presuming, because I can't say 100% she was in  
18 charge of the people in my age group, but she was the  
19 person I had contact with the most and the person  
20 I remember the most.

21 Q. Did she have a daughter?

22 A. She had a daughter, [REDACTED].

23 Q. Was she ages with one of your sisters?

24 A. [REDACTED] was -- sorry, [REDACTED] was around my older  
25 sister's age. A year older maybe, but around about the

1 same age.

2 Q. So the home was run by Mr and Mrs Mace.

BFJ

3 was a member of staff?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. And her daughter was also at the home?

6 A. Yes, she stayed there as well.

7 Q. Did all these individuals stay in Glasclune House?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And did the other members of staff stay within the house  
10 or not? I may be stretching your memory here.

11 A. I don't know if they did. The only reason I can

12 remember [REDACTED] stayed there is because she had the

13 most beautiful bedroom. If we were good, we used to be  
14 allowed to have a nap in her room and she had lots of  
15 beautiful things.

16 Q. So she had a bedroom to herself?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. I take it that the superintendent and his wife would  
19 have their own quarters?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What about eating? Did the Maces eat with the children  
22 in the home or not?

23 A. I think they may have done because I can vaguely  
24 remember we had separate tables but I'm sure that

25 Mr Mace used to join us at mealtimes. I can vaguely

1           remember that.

2       Q.   On page 0269 you tell us a bit about the routine at  
3           Glasclune so far as you can recall.

4       A.   Yes.

5       Q.   And you begin by telling us about the morning routine.  
6           Can you tell us about that?

7       A.   It was very regimental.  We used to get up and make your  
8           beds -- and it was in the days before downings, so it  
9           was blankets and sheets.  You had to have an absolute  
10          smooth bed with perfect what we called hospital corners.  
11          Your bed used to get checked to see if it was made  
12          correctly.  If it wasn't, it would get stripped and you  
13          would have to make it again.  So you became quite an  
14          expert at making perfect beds.

15               We had all our chores.  As one of the younger ones,  
16          my chore was to -- I had a hand brush and dustpan -- it  
17          was to sweep the staircase and obviously we got our  
18          chores checked as well and if that wasn't done right,  
19          you'd go back and do your chores again.

20       Q.   Was there any particular person that would be inspecting  
21           or checking the chores that you were doing?

22       A.   I can remember them being checked, but I can't remember  
23           who actually checked them.

24       Q.   It might just be the person on duty?

25       A.   Yes.

1 Q. But if they weren't done perfectly, as you put it, you  
2 had to redo the chore you'd been given?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. You were 4 when you went there and 6 and a half when you  
5 left? When did these chores for you start?

6 A. They would have been right away.

7 Q. And were all the children given some kind of chore to do  
8 in the morning?

9 A. Everybody had chores and everybody had to make their  
10 beds.

11 Q. And was there any rotation of chores?

12 A. I think -- all the time I was there, I think I was doing  
13 the stairs all the time.

14 Q. Then I think you tell us that, having made your bed and  
15 having carried out whatever chore you were assigned to,  
16 you would then get washed and go down for breakfast when  
17 the gong in the house would go off --

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. -- to signal breakfast?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Just before we go on, I perhaps should have asked you  
22 this: you were quite young, did you find the chore that  
23 you were given onerous or not?

24 A. I think it was just something I knew that I had to do.  
25 It just became part of your life.

- 1 Q. Was that a daily chore?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Did you have chores at the weekend?
- 4 A. I can't remember. I don't think so. I think it was
- 5 just ... I guess it was a big house, everybody had to
- 6 contribute. But I know that we all had chores and I had
- 7 to do it.
- 8 Q. Because you mentioned some of the staff you can recall
- 9 and you have mentioned Mrs BFJ the Maces and
- 10 Mrs Sutherland. Were they all care staff, if you like,
- 11 or superintendent and his wife, or did they have other
- 12 duties as well?
- 13 A. No, I think they were there to take care of the
- 14 children.
- 15 Q. Were there any cleaners or domestic assistants employed
- 16 at the time?
- 17 A. There was a cleaner -- well, there was someone that was
- 18 like a domestic assistant, you'd call them. I have a
- 19 vague memory of her. But I remember her. She was nice.
- 20 Before I went to school, I remember she used to come in
- 21 and play with me, but I can't remember her name.
- 22 Q. Even if they had people to do domestic duties, the
- 23 children were still expected to also carry out chores --
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. -- and to do so before going to school?

- 1       A.   Yes.
- 2       Q.   You then went for breakfast and then, having had  
3           breakfast, you'd go to school, which would involve  
4           a walk from Glasclune House to the local school?
- 5       A.   Yes.
- 6       Q.   You tell us that you wouldn't come back to the home for  
7           lunch, you would have lunch at school; is that right?
- 8       A.   I have no memory of coming back at lunchtime.
- 9       Q.   And then after school, in paragraph 12 on page 0269,  
10          your memory is that after school, the staff would  
11          organise games or film shows or what you call mini  
12          events.  Is that what stands out?
- 13      A.   I do remember organised events in the home.
- 14      Q.   So was that something that was regularly done?
- 15      A.   I think it was quite regular.
- 16      Q.   You tell us a little bit about washing.  You tell us  
17          that so far as the girls were concerned, there was  
18          a communal girls' bathroom --
- 19      A.   Yes.
- 20      Q.   -- with a number of baths in it; is that right?
- 21      A.   There used to be, to my memory, it was like three or  
22          four baths, probably four baths, just lined up in a room  
23          and the girls would just basically stand naked in lines  
24          waiting for their turn to get in the water.
- 25      Q.   Would this bathing be done in age groups though?  Would

1           you be with the children of your age group?

2           A. I think there were other girls who were a bit older than  
3           me because the number of us, we wouldn't be lining up  
4           for that number of baths, so there had to be older girls  
5           there.

6           Q. You have a memory of standing in line waiting for your  
7           turn to use the bath?

8           A. Yes.

9           Q. Can you tell us about the bath time routine then? What  
10          happened? You were in a line. What happened?

11          A. You used to get undressed, you'd line up naked, you'd  
12          put your clothes in the dirty washing, and then they  
13          used to do what they called a pants inspection and they  
14          would go through everybody's pants to see if they had  
15          any marks on them.

16          Q. And if they did?

17          A. Then you got punished.

18          Q. Can you describe what form the punishment took?

19          A. It was more ridicule, laughing at, being called dirty,  
20          filthy. It depends. I used to get sent to my bed a lot  
21          with bread and butter and milk. I'm sure it was  
22          mentioned later on. I used to have to stand and hold my  
23          pants up for everybody to look at.

24          Q. So all of this ridicule that you've talked about, was  
25          this happening in the presence of other children?

1       A.   Yes.

2       Q.   And it was because there was some marks on pants that  
3            you'd been wearing?

4       A.   Yes.

5       Q.   I think you tell us that so far as the bathing itself  
6            was concerned, you'd all use the same bath water; is  
7            that right?

8       A.   Yes.

9       Q.   So it wasn't refreshed?

10      A.   No.

11      Q.   Was it hot or cold?

12      A.   I don't think it was cold or hot; it was like lukewarm.

13      Q.   On page 0270, you tell us a bit about mealtimes.  
14            I think this is one of your happier memories, in the  
15            sense that the food was very good?

16      A.   Yes, it was.

17      Q.   Who did the cooking?

18      A.   Well, there was a kitchen.  I have a faint memory, I'm  
19            guessing, half guessing, that there was like a cook.  
20            They were cooking for a lot of children.  There was  
21            always lovely meals.  There was always a full breakfast.  
22            You got your toast and your marmalade.  Perhaps it felt  
23            so special because my own background had been that there  
24            wasn't food.

25      Q.   Right.  Do I take it from what you tell us that you



1           enjoyed the food personally?

2       A.   Yes, I did.

3       Q.   Was there ever anything you didn't like?

4       A.   No, I can't remember having any food that I didn't like.

5           I still like food!

6       Q.   Well, can you recall whether there were other children

7           who might not like all the food that was served up?

8       A.   I can't remember that.

9       Q.   So basically mealtimes were happy occasions, were they?

10      A.   I have no unhappy memories of actually sitting at the

11           table and having food or being forced to eat or not

12           liking food. I did miss out on a lot of food because of

13           my pants because I used to get sent to bed with bread

14           and milk. But one of the girls who shared the room with

15           me, who was my friend, she used to bring me up biscuits

16           and things like that.

17      Q.   You're telling us while the food was good, you were not

18           given the usual meal as a punishment for certain

19           misdemeanours?

20      A.   Yes.

21      Q.   So you weren't sent to bed without food and you were

22           given bread and butter and a glass of milk?

23      A.   Yes.

24      Q.   You say one of your friends was good to you and would

25           bring you other things to snack on?

1       A.   Yes.

2       Q.   But that was a form of punishment used for -- well --

3       A.   If you wet yourself or whatever it was, yes.

4       Q.   You tell us that clothing was fine, you were well

5           clothed?

6       A.   My memory is that I was well clothed.  I do think there

7           were donations.  I have a vague memory of a table being

8           up and going through the clothes that had been donated.

9           Again, I was very young.  I never had any concern about

10          the clothes that I was wearing.

11       Q.   You've said already that you went to the local primary

12          school, but don't have any strong memories of your time

13          at school there.

14       A.   Mm-hm.

15       Q.   But you do have one memory of an occasion when something

16          happened, I think, and you tell us about it in

17          paragraph 17.  What was that?

18       A.   I definitely had a problem with wetting and soiling my

19          pants and I think I had been at primary school and

20          something -- I'd had an accident and I can remember

21          taking my pants off and washing them in the toilets.

22          I was too young to realise that going back to the home

23          with wet pants, even though they were washed they were

24          still wet pants, but I thought nobody would notice if

25          I had washed them and they would be clean.

1 Q. Why did you feel you had to wash them before you went  
2 back to the home?

3 A. Because I knew that I would get punished.

4 Q. You have told us already that your recollection was  
5 there was plenty of activities --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- after school at Glasclune. You also, I think, say  
8 that there were plenty of trips and activities outwith  
9 the home itself; is that right?

10 A. I have a very distant memory of going to the Tattoo in  
11 Edinburgh. I also know that we went to a school camp.

12 Q. And you tell us at weekends you'd go to the beach at  
13 North Berwick or the open-air swimming pool?

14 A. We used to spend a lot of time on the weekends at the  
15 beach or the swimming pool.

16 Q. You were still quite young then. Would that be in the  
17 company of staff?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Would the older children be allowed just to go down to  
20 North Berwick on their own? Maybe you don't remember.

21 A. I don't know.

22 Q. You also say that from time to time, you have a memory  
23 of climbing the Berwick Law.

24 A. I'm sure it was every Sunday we used to climb  
25 Berwick Law.

1 Q. You also have a memory, I think, of attending, at that  
2 time, Sunday school at the Blackadder church in  
3 North Berwick.

4 A. We used to Blackadder Church every Sunday and it was  
5 after church we would go up Berwick Law.

6 Q. Right. I think that would be a church, but maybe you  
7 won't know this, that was at the corner of Forth Street  
8 and Victoria Road. I think it merged with another  
9 church in North Berwick later to become St Andrew  
10 Blackadder on the high street. But I think for present  
11 purposes, what you're talking about is a church that  
12 wasn't that far from the beach?

13 A. I don't know. I just know it was definitely called  
14 Blackadder Church.

15 Q. If you take it from me that's probably correct, so we'll  
16 proceed on that basis, at least for the moment.

17 You tell us about Christmas and Easter and whether  
18 these occasions were celebrated and I think the answer  
19 is yes, they were.

20 A. Yes, they were.

21 Q. And in fact, you have good memories of Christmas?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. It was a good time?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And Easter, you'd be rolling hard-boiled eggs down the

1           hill?

2       A.   Yes.

3       Q.   What about birthdays? Can you recall birthdays being  
4           celebrated or not?

5       A.   I can't remember birthdays being celebrated but that  
6           doesn't mean it wasn't; I just don't have any memory of  
7           it.

8       Q.   You tell us about visits and you say that your mother  
9           and father did come to visit as often as they could  
10          manage. But they lived in Edinburgh and it was in those  
11          days a long journey for them and, no doubt, was  
12          expensive?

13      A.   Yes, and my mother's health wasn't good either.

14      Q.   You tell us you recall seeing them once every couple of  
15          months, is that right, at weekends?

16      A.   To me it seems like every couple of months, it might be  
17          longer, but in my memory it seems that.

18      Q.   So far as you can now remember, were these visits well  
19          received by staff? Was there any difficulty about  
20          visiting so far as you can recall?

21      A.   I remember something my mum said, but I can't put my  
22          hand on my heart and say this is true. She said to me  
23          she was discouraged from coming more often because it  
24          was upsetting for children who didn't have any visitors.  
25          I know she said that to me but I don't know if it was

1 true.

2 Q. So far as official visits are concerned at paragraph 23  
3 on page 0271, I think you have no memory of any official  
4 visitors like social workers or inspectors or any  
5 individuals of that description?

6 A. I have no memory of anyone ever speaking to me anyway.

7 Q. So far as healthcare is concerned, you have a memory of  
8 receiving dental check-ups --

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. -- or treatment; is that right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you were also referred, you say, to a doctor about  
13 your bed-wetting and toilet habits?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And I think your belief is you got some kind of  
16 medication to assist with that problem?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. So whatever may have been happening when you wet the bed  
19 and being punished, you have a memory at some point that  
20 someone had seen fit to refer you to the doctor for the  
21 problem; is that right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you know who that was?

24 A. No. I do ... I think it may have been Mrs BFJ who  
25 referred me to a doctor, but I'm not sure if it was like

1 a medical doctor or a psychiatrist.

2 Q. Right.

3 A. It may have been either.

4 Q. So far as sibling contact is concerned, as you've told  
5 us earlier, you didn't see a lot of your sisters --

6 A. No.

7 Q. -- at the time you were there?

8 A. No.

9 Q. This is at paragraph 25 I think we see that's what you  
10 said.

11 Moving on to page 0272, if I may, at the top of that  
12 page, paragraph 26, you tell us what I think you told us  
13 earlier, that you did receive pocket money from Mr Mace.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And also that your mother, when she visited, would bring  
16 you sweets and things and comics?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. You tell us that, in your dormitory at least, there were  
19 dolls you could play with. They weren't yours  
20 necessarily --

21 A. There were dolls in the dormitory that I played with,  
22 but they weren't meant to be played with, but I do play  
23 with them.

24 Q. But you didn't get punished, did you?

25 A. I think actually they got taken off the girl they

1 belonged to. Her dad was in the RAF or the army or  
2 something like that and it was these dolls you can get  
3 from all different countries that wear national dress.  
4 I think I played with them. So I think because she got  
5 upset because I'd played with them, I think they got  
6 taken from her for a while.

7 Q. Were there toys within the home that you could play with  
8 that were for general use? Can you remember?

9 A. I think there was because when I'm thinking back I can  
10 remember a toy telephone and a spinning top, so there  
11 must have been something there.

12 Q. If I can return again to the subject of bed-wetting  
13 towards the foot of page 0272 at paragraph 29, you tell  
14 us you really regularly wet the bed; is that right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Can I just confirm, but I think it's correct to say from  
17 records that we've seen, that was a problem you had  
18 before you arrived at Glasclune. You may not remember  
19 that --

20 A. No.

21 Q. -- but have you seen records to that effect?

22 A. I think I had been classed as an emotionally disturbed  
23 child because of the going back and forward and away  
24 from family.

25 Q. I'm not going to take you to it, but I think there is



1           a record that that was recorded as a problem.

2       A. I do believe that as well.

3       Q. But once you were in Glasclune House, and you are  
4       wetting the bed, as you say on a regular basis, you  
5       describe how you felt. Can you just tell us in your own  
6       words what the situation was at the time so far as you  
7       were concerned, how you felt and what you did?

8       A. I used to try really hard not to wet myself or soil  
9       myself. I used to lie awake at night -- I didn't want  
10      to sleep at night because I wanted to be in control so  
11      this wouldn't happen. But it did because I'd inevitably  
12      fall asleep and it would happen.

13           I didn't seem to have the ability, for whatever  
14      reason, to control myself properly. I felt ashamed,  
15      embarrassed, humiliated, and even talking about it now,  
16      I feel so ashamed. I still feel like that.

17      Q. But children have these problems and it is not an  
18      uncommon problem for children, whatever their  
19      background.

20           But you tell us you did certain things and at times  
21      you would wash your own sheets?

22      A. Yes.

23      Q. Why did you feel you had to do that?

24      A. I think that was -- I think it was a punishment that had  
25      been used as a deterrent. I can remember being stood on

1           a stool next to a big tub and told to wash my sheets, so  
2           I think I was being asked to do that, more than likely  
3           perhaps in the hope that that would stop me doing it.

4       Q.   So it wasn't just, as you had done at school, you did it  
5           off your own bat, you think someone told you to do that?

6       A.   No, no, I was told to do that.

7       Q.   You also tell us that other things were said to you when  
8           you wet the bed, and you deal with that in paragraph 29.  
9           Can you just tell us about that?

10      A.   I think I must have been about 4 or 5 and I used to just  
11          get called a baby, that I was dirty, and putting nappies  
12          on and rubber pants. Can you imagine? Any 5-year-old  
13          doesn't want to go back into nappies and rubber pants.  
14          I'm sure on a couple much occasions I had to do that.  
15          I just felt tormented, absolutely tortured emotionally.  
16          And it became a huge drama for me.

17      Q.   Who was telling you that you'd have to wear nappies  
18          and --

19      A.   This was Mrs [REDACTED] BFJ .

20      Q.   It was Mrs [REDACTED] BFJ you recall saying these things to you?

21      A.   Yes.

22      Q.   And you do recall occasions when you were put in  
23          nappies?

24      A.   I'm sure -- there are certainly two occasions I can  
25          remember.

1 Q. And you describe your feelings. Were these the feelings  
2 you had at the time: humiliation, hurt and --

3 A. Yes, it was.

4 Q. If we go on to page 0273, you also have a memory of  
5 something happening which involved a tennis court.  
6 Can you tell us about that?

7 A. I can vaguely remember, again it was to do with wetting,  
8 and it was a public punishment to go and sit in your  
9 pants with your back against the tennis courts, just  
10 away from the other kids.

11 Q. Is it your recollection that, having wet yourself, you  
12 were told to sit at the tennis court outside?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. In wet pants?

15 A. No, it was clean pants and vest. My pants had been  
16 changed but the punishment was to go and sit outside  
17 in the tennis courts.

18 Q. You recall it was Mrs [REDACTED] BFJ, you say, that sent you  
19 there?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Is this something that happened once or more than once?

22 A. I can only remember one specific thing, but it's hard to  
23 explain, I don't think it was just the once.

24 Q. The inquiry has asked Mrs [REDACTED] BFJ to respond to some of  
25 the things that you said about your time at Glasclune,

1 and on this matter I can tell you that while she says  
2 she has trouble at this stage in her life -- she's now  
3 87 -- identifying you personally from this particular  
4 matter that you've dealt with, she says she does  
5 remember something happening in relation to a tennis  
6 court and what her recollection is, which is different  
7 to yours, is she remembers another girl, she says,  
8 coming to her and saying that you, [REDACTED] had run  
9 outside to the tennis court, whereupon Mrs [REDACTED] BFJ ,  
10 according to her statement, immediately fetched  
11 a blanket, wrapped it round you, put her arm round you  
12 to comfort you and you thanked her.

13 So what do you make of that?

14 A. I have no memory of anyone ever comforting me in any  
15 way, apart from Mrs Sutherland with the glasses.

16 Q. So are you sticking to your recollection of what  
17 happened?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You tell us, and you've already said, that a time came  
20 when you recall being seen by a doctor for your problem  
21 with bed-wetting, is that right --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- and indeed, some soiling at times? I think you tell  
24 us about that.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. You have no memory, you say at paragraph 31 on  
2 page 0273, of what the doctor said, but you have  
3 a memory of what Mrs BFJ said?

4 A. Yes, I do.

5 Q. What's that memory?

6 A. She told me that the doctor had been speaking to her and  
7 said that there was nothing wrong with me, that I was  
8 just dirty and lazy.

9 Q. Is that something that does stand out in your memory?

10 A. Absolutely.

11 Q. Because again, if I can just put to you that  
12 Mrs BFJ's position is that she's got no recollection  
13 of taking any child to the doctor for bed-wetting or  
14 indeed what the doctor's advice would have been. She  
15 says she's also got no recollection of making the  
16 comments that you've just mentioned.

17 A. I can only tell you what I remember and that's very --  
18 been on my mind since I was a little girl.

19 Q. You do tell us, I think, that so far as punishment for  
20 bed-wetting was concerned, you have no memory of any  
21 physical punishment for wetting the bed; is that right?

22 A. There was no physical punishment.

23 Q. Then on page 0273, as you've told us earlier, at bath  
24 time there was the pants inspection, which I think you  
25 mentioned that earlier; is that right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And you say that Mrs BFJ would be involved in these  
3 inspections; is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. You say it wouldn't be difficult for her or any other  
6 member of staff to know whose pants they were because  
7 each had the child's name on them.

8 A. Yes, they did, they had tags.

9 Q. Tell us what you remember about what would happen if she  
10 found something on them.

11 A. She'd hold them up, shout your name out, let everybody  
12 see the pants. You've no idea how much shame you used  
13 to feel and embarrassment and people used to laugh at  
14 you. It was just horrible.

15 Q. Was this something that happened only to you or do you  
16 recall it happening to --

17 A. No, I think it happened to other people as well.  
18 Certainly everybody got their pants inspected.

19 Q. These were pants that were being taken off, which had  
20 already been worn and were presumably going to get  
21 laundered, but she'd still carry out this inspection and  
22 punish in the way you've described?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did she ever seek to explain why she was doing this?

25 A. No.

1 Q. You have a memory of one occasion where you had soiled  
2 your pants at paragraph 34. Can you tell us about that  
3 memory?

4 A. I had to stand at the top of the staircase, holding my  
5 pants up so that every boy and girl who went past could  
6 see what a filthy girl I was and what I'd done.

7 Q. Can you remember who made you stand?

8 A. I know it was Mrs BFJ . I can only remember that  
9 occasion, but I have been told by my sister that there  
10 were other occasions that she can remember I had to do  
11 that as well.

12 Q. You have a memory of another occasion when you were  
13 queueing up for bath time on paragraph 35, and you felt  
14 the need to go to the toilet. Can you tell us about  
15 that occasion?

16 A. It was just coming up when it was getting close to it  
17 being my turn to go in the bath and I needed to go to  
18 the toilet. I asked if I could go and I was told that  
19 it was nearly my time to go in the bath so I couldn't go  
20 to the toilet, so I wet the floor. Everybody was  
21 encouraged to laugh and point at me. Mrs BFJ gave me  
22 a cloth and I had to go on my hands and knees and clean  
23 it up.

24 Q. Mrs BFJ s position, if I could put it to you, is that  
25 she has no recollection of the incidents in the bathroom

1           that you've described and her additional comment is:

2           "This was not how we ran things at the home. Staff  
3           did sort through the girls' clothes [she says], but I do  
4           not recall speaking to the girls about their underwear.  
5           The girls generally enjoyed bath time. It was  
6           an important part of their routine."

7           What do you say to that?

8           A. That's not my memory.

9           Q. Have you got a clear memory of --

10          A. Yes, I have a very clear memory of it.

11          Q. You have a section that's headed "Lack of care or  
12          emotional support". You describe how you felt during  
13          your spell at Glasclune. Just tell us, how did you feel  
14          at that time?

15          A. A number. That's the only -- you were fed and clothed.  
16          You were physically taken care of, but you've still got  
17          your mental health, your emotional health, and there was  
18          no support to help with that. You just ... I went in  
19          an emotionally damaged child but I left even more  
20          damaged.

21          Q. You have mentioned Mrs Sutherland. Was that an  
22          exception then?

23          A. Yes.

24          Q. And you mentioned at least she cuddled you. Was that on  
25          one occasion or more than once?



- 1       A.   I think more than once.
- 2       Q.   With that exception, are you saying you didn't get that  
3       warmth?
- 4       A.   There was no warmth, there was no care of you  
5       emotionally or mentally.
- 6       Q.   And I think indeed you say that the only person you  
7       really relied on for support was one of your friends  
8       at the home, the one that brought you the biscuits?
- 9       A.   That was my friend, yes.
- 10      Q.   At paragraph 37 on page 0274, you have already said  
11      this, you describe the regime as very regimental in your  
12      day.
- 13      A.   Yes.
- 14      Q.   And it was a sort of strict routine that had to be  
15      followed and you've described the pattern in the morning  
16      and what was required of each child. You add at the end  
17      of paragraph 37:
- 18                "There was no happiness."
- 19                What do you mean by that? Were there not happy  
20      times?
- 21      A.   Not for me, no.
- 22      Q.   You did say there were activities and there were trips  
23      and outings and you got pocket money and sweets and  
24      comics. I just wonder, against that background --
- 25      A.   For what I needed as a child, physical things like

1 money, it wasn't what I needed.

2 Q. You've mentioned a bit about discipline already and you  
3 deal with that in paragraph 38 on page 0274. You have  
4 already told us that there was a form of punishment in  
5 the form of humiliation for bed-wetting. You've  
6 described that and you've described what would happen if  
7 you were naughty, that you might be sent to bed with  
8 simply bread and butter and milk rather than the usual  
9 meal.

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. But you have a memory of a different form of discipline  
12 on one occasion; can you tell us about that?

13 A. I can remember being in the bath with another girl.  
14 I don't even know to this day -- I called her a get.  
15 I must have heard somebody at school saying, "You're  
16 a get". I must have thought, oh, that's a clever thing  
17 to say, I'll say that. Whoever it was who was in charge  
18 of the bathroom was day was really annoyed because it  
19 was foul language, and washed my mouth out with carbolic  
20 soap.

21 Q. Is that the only time that ever happened to you?

22 A. It's the only memory I have. I never said it again!

23 Q. Well, you say "a get", but there's another term called  
24 a git as well. It could be either --

25 A. It's an insult, but I didn't even know what I was

1 saying, I don't think.

2 Q. But you used the term and you were punished in the way  
3 you've described?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. By a member of staff?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. But you are not able to recall now who that member of  
8 staff was?

9 A. No.

10 Q. In terms of corporal punishment or physical punishment,  
11 you deal with that at paragraph 39 of your statement.  
12 You tell us you've got no memory of getting the cane,  
13 for example.

14 A. None.

15 Q. But you have a memory of something else being used from  
16 time to time; is that right?

17 A. When we used to go to -- there was -- I don't know what  
18 time it was, there was like a curfew and all the kids in  
19 my dormitory had to go to sleep. We all used to talk  
20 when we shouldn't have been talking. At that time if  
21 you were heard, you used to get the slipper for talking,  
22 but I understand in that era, that's just what was done.

23 Q. Well, certainly corporal punishment was permitted,  
24 including in children's homes, in the early 1960s.

25 I just want to know a little bit about -- how often

1           would you get the slipper?

2       A.   We would only get the slipper if we were carrying on

3           after lights out.  I can't say how often that would be,

4           it was just if you were heard making a noise.  It was

5           something that would happen.

6       Q.   When you say "get the slipper", was that something that

7           didn't just happen to you --

8       A.   No, it'd be everybody.

9       Q.   And you mentioned one individual who would do this to

10          you; who was that?

11      A.   That was Mrs **BFJ**.

12      Q.   Was she the one that you remember doing this?

13      A.   Yes.  She is the person that seems to be in just about

14          all my memories.

15      Q.   Just help us: what sort of slipper are we talking about?

16      A.   It would be like, from what I can remember -- it wasn't

17          a shoe, it was a slipper, like a soft slipper.

18      Q.   You tell us, though, it was sore and made you cry.

19      A.   Yes.

20      Q.   Is that what you can remember?

21      A.   Yes.

22      Q.   How many times was it used on you --

23      A.   I don't know.

24      Q.   -- on a single occasion?  Can you recall?  Would it be

25          one smack?

1 A. It wasn't ... It was just like once or twice. It  
2 wasn't a continual beating with a slipper. It was once  
3 or twice.

4 Q. Did it leave any form of mark?

5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. You can't recall?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Where would you be struck with the slipper?

9 A. On your bottom.

10 Q. Was that your bare bottom?

11 A. I think it was on top of your pyjamas or nightdress.

12 Q. Okay. I think you tell us that, so far as you're  
13 concerned, looking back now and thinking of what  
14 happened, for you the emotional abuse -- and you've  
15 mentioned the examples you had in mind -- was far worse  
16 than any physical discipline you received at the time.

17 A. Absolutely.

18 Q. Just on the issue of children being hit with a slipper,  
19 can I just tell you that Mrs BFJ 's position on  
20 that is that she rejects the allegations made that she  
21 ever hit a child with a slipper. So what do you say to  
22 that?

23 A. I'm just telling you what I remember.

24 Q. Okay.

25 I can maybe just add at this point, that on a more

1           general comment she makes, which may apply to you and  
2           perhaps to others, she expresses sadness to think that  
3           any girls thought that she was not kind to them.

4           How would you describe Mrs **BFJ** so far as her  
5           dealings with you were concerned?

6       A. I never seen any kindness from her.

7       Q. And you say you can contrast that at least with one  
8           other member of staff, Mrs Sutherland; is that right?

9       A. Yes.

10      Q. What about the Maces, what were they like?

11      A. I don't really -- I can remember them as figures.

12           I can't remember them having really a lot to do with  
13           them. No lasting impression, really. They were just  
14           there.

15      Q. From what you've described, whether it was Mrs **BFJ** or  
16           some other member of staff that was responsible for some  
17           of the things you've told us about, it wouldn't  
18           generally be Mr and Mrs Mace; is that right?

19      A. No, it wouldn't be, no.

20      Q. Would they have been aware, do you think, of some of the  
21           things that you've told us about?

22      A. I have no idea.

23      Q. Were they visible in the sense of would you see them  
24           about, out and about?

25      A. I can only remember them -- I can only remember Mr Mace

1           being in the office or at mealtimes. I don't remember  
2           him at any other time.

3       Q. I think your recollection is that, really, how you came  
4           to leave Glasclune House was -- you deal with that at  
5           paragraph 41 of your statement at page 0274. Tell us  
6           about that. At that point you told your mother certain  
7           things. Is that right?

8       A. My mother had been out to see me and she had taken me to  
9           the toilet because I was needing the toilet, and there  
10          was a mark on my pants, and I just freaked out.  
11          I basically told her that I was scared and frightened  
12          and crying and she asked me -- said there was nothing  
13          wrong with that and I wasn't to worry, that's okay, that  
14          sometimes happens. I told her I would get a punishment,  
15          and just about the dirty pants, I told her. I don't  
16          know why I'd never told her previously, but this time  
17          I did tell her. That's when she said, "Right, I'm not  
18          leaving you. You girls are coming home".

19       Q. I might just ask you to look briefly at part of  
20          a letter, I think, that was written, as I understand it,  
21          by your mother around this time that you left. It's  
22          BAR.001.004.9419. You may have seen this letter before,  
23          I don't know.

24       A. I have, yes.

25       Q. I think you can confirm it is a letter that your mother

1           wrote --

2           A. Yes, it is.

3           Q. -- at that time. I'm not going to read the whole letter  
4           out.

5           I think it deals with a number of things. But it  
6           starts really with saying:

7           "[She's] decided to bring the children home for  
8           Easter for good. You can see I have promised the girls  
9           I would and [REDACTED] was upset at having to stay there.  
10          She wants home. When she was home on holiday, she would  
11          only sleep with me, cling to me all the time, and  
12          of course I was the same with her."

13          So she's describing you as being very clingy when  
14          she did see you.

15          A. Yes.

16          Q. Are you telling me that you did tell her at that stage  
17          about some of the things that were going on and  
18          happening to you?

19          A. Not at the time of this letter; this is on another  
20          occasion.

21          Q. I see. So this pre-dated this discussion you had with  
22          your mother?

23          A. Yes. My mum always wanted to bring us home. The  
24          problem was that when she had us, she couldn't cope with  
25          us. But on the occasion with the pants when I told her



1           what had happened, that's when she took us home. We  
2           stayed home. We stayed home.

3       Q. You did leave, as we've discussed, in [REDACTED] 1966.

4           In your statement, you tell us a bit about life  
5           after being in care at Glasclune House. I don't think  
6           it was a particularly easy childhood for you in some  
7           ways because life was still difficult at home, is that  
8           right --

9       A. Yes, it was.

10      Q. -- for the same reasons, I think, as had caused you to  
11      end up in care.

12      A. Yes.

13      Q. Indeed, you tell us that you left home just after you  
14      turned 16; is that right?

15      A. Yes, I did.

16      Q. And you had quite a difficult period after that for  
17      a time sleeping rough and sleeping in a squat?

18      A. Yes, that's right.

19      Q. I don't want to go into the detail, we can get the  
20      picture and we can read it for ourselves. Then you  
21      indeed tell us in paragraph 47 that you got married at  
22      a young age.

23      A. Yes, I did.

24      Q. And you say you got married because you wanted someone  
25      to love you?

1       A. I think that ... The aftermath ... Certainly with my  
2       experience in Barnardo's, but again, as you quite  
3       rightly pointed out, I didn't have an easy childhood  
4       either.

5               I didn't really have any confidence. I certainly  
6       didn't have any sense of self-worth or I didn't value  
7       myself. I didn't even like myself. And I think the  
8       person that I married -- and hindsight is a wonderful  
9       thing -- was because he told me that he loved me and  
10      I just wanted somebody to love me.

11      Q. I suppose what you're telling us is whatever  
12      contribution other parts of your childhood had to this  
13      state of affairs, it doesn't seem from your recollection  
14      that any of these thoughts about yourself were addressed  
15      when you were in Barnardo's.

16      A. I would say that for all the problems that my mother and  
17      father had, I always knew that they loved me, no matter  
18      how hard things were. But for the time I was in  
19      Barnardo's, I had nothing emotionally. I had it taken  
20      from me.

21      Q. I think it has a happy ending, at least I can say to  
22      some extent, because you say that the relationship  
23      didn't last with your husband, but it did produce three  
24      children.

25      A. Yes, it did.

1 Q. And I think you say in paragraph 48 that when you were  
2 reaching the age of 39, you basically made a pact with  
3 yourself that you can't change your past but you can  
4 change your future.

5 A. Yes, I absolutely did.

6 Q. And I think you addressed that in quite a dramatic way;  
7 is that right?

8 A. I did.

9 Q. I don't want you to disclose all the details of that,  
10 but just tell us what the change was.

11 A. I just decided that, really, my past is my past, I can't  
12 do anything about that, and that I was going to accept  
13 that's what it was. But there was also an element  
14 inside me that was going to be responsible for myself.  
15 I was no longer going to blame things that had happened  
16 in the past and that I was going to look forward to the  
17 future and I was going to change my future and I was  
18 going to make it different and I was going to build  
19 a good life.

20 What I will say, in a way -- and it might sound  
21 really strange -- is I have no bad feelings, really.  
22 I don't like talking about what we've been discussing  
23 today, but I don't carry any bitterness or anything like  
24 that at all. And I'm actually quite uncomfortable, and  
25 I feel a lot of compassion now for Mrs BfJ and I'm

1 very sorry that I have to sit here and say these things  
2 about a lady that age. I genuinely do and I find it  
3 really difficult to think that I'm putting her through  
4 a difficult time.

5 Because one thing that it has given me is -- sorry,  
6 I'm getting emotional -- I now help people who have had  
7 difficult childhoods and my experiences have meant that  
8 I can make a change to other people's lives. So good  
9 has come out of it all.

10 Q. I think in fact, in relation to Mrs BFJ I haven't  
11 asked you this yet, but did you ever get any sense that  
12 she struggled with the demands of looking after children  
13 in a care setting? Maybe you were too young to assess  
14 that at the time, but looking back, have you any  
15 thoughts on that?

16 A. At the time I didn't have that, but since I knew that  
17 I was coming here, I've been reflecting back quite a lot  
18 in my own mind and I was thinking that [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED] and then there was  
20 Mrs BFJ -- and this is just with my view as an adult  
21 now -- and there was no memory of a Mr [REDACTED] just  
22 Mrs BFJ and [REDACTED]. So I'm taking it that life must  
23 have been pretty tough for her as well.

24 For whatever reason, I'm not making excuses for  
25 anything that went on, but I do have a belief that

1 sometimes you can only do the best with what you have at  
2 that time and that's what I'd like to think. Perhaps  
3 she had a hard time and life was just throwing things at  
4 her.

5 Q. I think she also tells us -- and maybe this is something  
6 we have to keep in mind as well -- that she didn't ever  
7 have any formal training for the job that she did.  
8 I think that's in her own statement.

9 A. Right.

10 Q. She talks about some on the job training where  
11 necessary, but there were no external training courses  
12 she went on, she didn't have formal qualifications for  
13 the role as these were not, she says, required at the  
14 time. She didn't recall there being a staff handbook or  
15 being shown any policies, although she thinks they could  
16 have been available at head office. So she is telling  
17 us that much about the situation that she was in.

18 A. If I think about what you're telling me now and on top  
19 of that having to deal with a house that's full of  
20 30 kids, and I'm sure I probably wasn't the only one  
21 that had emotional problems, that is not an easy job to  
22 deal with either.

23 And I genuinely do look back on -- I am going to say  
24 compassion because although I do get upset, there is no  
25 bitterness about this now. I've let all that go.

1 Q. I take it you're not retreating from the fact that some  
2 of the things your described were completely  
3 inappropriate?

4 A. They are inappropriate, but the point I am trying to  
5 make is that I make a point of not letting them really  
6 impact on who I am now, and that's important to me.

7 Q. Just going back to your story, as you say, you had  
8 a change and you found work that you've enjoyed and in  
9 fact have pursued, I think, since that time.

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. And indeed, you say that part of your occupation is  
12 looking after people who have mental health issues --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. -- and have to deal with stressful working environments  
15 and their own stresses --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- while continuing to work; is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. So you have an understanding --

20 A. About 15 years ago, I started being involved in mental  
21 health in the workplace, then I moved to -- I sat  
22 financial exams and I started studying more because  
23 I hadn't really been at school. It's only in the last  
24 six years that I've started working more with people who  
25 have their own challenges in life.

1 Q. You also deal with the issue of contact with your  
2 siblings. I think it's fair to say that -- you deal  
3 with it at paragraph 52 on page 0277 -- you don't have  
4 a lot of contact with your siblings; is that the  
5 situation?

6 A. I have seen one of my sisters a handful of times in  
7 30 years. My brother did spend a lot of the time  
8 overseas. I probably see him now once or twice a year.  
9 And I have another sister that -- I guess you'd say  
10 I see more of her, probably ten times a year, it's  
11 getting more.

12 Q. It's a difficult one to no doubt answer, but you've told  
13 us that there wasn't much contact between your sisters  
14 and yourself in Glasclune over the period from  
15 [REDACTED] 1963 to [REDACTED] 1966. Do you in any way think  
16 that had any contribution to this state of affairs?

17 A. I think -- I wouldn't say it was responsible for it, but  
18 it would have contributed to it. But I think in general  
19 the whole background of our family didn't help.

20 Q. It's too simple to say it's all down to your time in  
21 Barnardo's?

22 A. Yes. It's not. It's a mix of many things.

23 Q. Again, on the domestic front, you tell us at  
24 paragraph 54 that you have, as you describe, three  
25 wonderful grown-up children and eight grandchildren.

1           So, for you, you have sorted your life in a way that  
2           you're now maybe more at peace with yourself and you  
3           value yourself a lot more than you did in your younger  
4           years?

5       A.   Absolutely, yes.

6       Q.   You say really that, at paragraph 54, you maybe capture  
7           it in this way, that really that's all down to having  
8           a loving and caring family?

9       A.   Yes.

10      Q.   Did you get that love and care when you were in  
11          Glasclune?

12      A.   No.

13      Q.   And I think you do say in relation to impact -- and  
14          you've already said it's not a simple issue of "it's all  
15          down to your time in care", but in relation to impact at  
16          paragraph 55 I think you tell us that, so far as you're  
17          concerned, the experiences you've described today,  
18          although you say you're not bitter about them, you say  
19          that you feel they have damaged you.

20      A.   Yes, they have.   The way I would describe it is that the  
21          adult you see sitting right in front of you copes very  
22          well with life, but I still have a damaged child inside  
23          me.

24      Q.   If I turn to the final page of your statement at 0279,  
25          I think it's a point you've already made, at



1 paragraph 59, you make a point that it's more than  
2 simply looking after the material needs of a child.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Is that very much something that you feel strongly  
5 about?

6 A. Yes, it is. I think a child needs -- yes, it's nice to  
7 have a clean bed to sleep in and clothes on your back  
8 and food in your stomach, but they've got far greater  
9 needs than just that.

10 Q. Do you think your needs, the ones you had at the time  
11 given your background, were met by Dr Barnardo's at  
12 Glasclune House in the early 1960s?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Can I just ask you this as well. You say at  
15 paragraph 60 that:

16 "There will always be children in need. I hope the  
17 inquiry will make them feel safe and secure."

18 Did you feel safe and secure at Glasclune?

19 A. I felt safe in a sense that I never thought anyone would  
20 physically threaten me or put me in physical danger, but  
21 I was the most unhappy child ever.

22 Q. And you clearly had moments when you were fearful if you  
23 wet the bed?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. So --

1       A. I think I lived in a -- well, I think I lived in an  
2       alert state of danger as far as wetting my pants and  
3       soiling my pants anyway. I don't think it was  
4       occasionally, I think that was just a daily occurrence  
5       for me to live like that.

6       Q. But that sense of fear that you had, which may have  
7       pre-dated your admission to some extent, wasn't in any  
8       way removed --

9       A. No.

10      Q. -- by what happened in Glasclune in the way you were  
11      treated by staff?

12      A. I would say it escalated.

13      MR PEOPLES: Well, thank you very much. Those are all the  
14      questions I have for you, and I just thank you very much  
15      for coming today.

16      LADY SMITH: Can I check whether there are any outstanding  
17      applications for questions?

18      MR JACKSON: There are not from me, my Lady.

19      LADY SMITH: Thank you. Those are all the questions we have  
20      for you today. It simply remains for me to thank you  
21      very much for engaging with the inquiry, both by  
22      providing your written statement and coming along today.

23             Can I congratulate you on the remarkable response  
24      you have received in relation to the memories you have  
25      described today and I wish you well. I'm able to let

1           you go.

2       A.   Thank you.

3                               (The witness withdrew)

4       LADY SMITH:   We could take the morning break just now,  
5           Mr Peoples, and start the next witness after the break.

6       MR PEOPLES:   Yes, because there are a few arrangements to  
7           put in place.

8       (11.20 am)

9                               (A short break)

10       (11.40 am)

11       LADY SMITH:   Mr Peoples.

12       MR PEOPLES:   The next witness wishes to remain anonymous and  
13           she has chosen the pseudonym "Susan".

14                               "SUSAN" (affirmed)

15       LADY SMITH:   Susan, do we need to get that microphone  
16           switched on for you? I'm not seeing the red light from  
17           here so it might still need to go on.

18           I hope that the microphone is in a good position for  
19           you. Let me know if it's not comfortable and we can  
20           move you or move the microphone further.

21           I also know that you're hoping that you can rely on  
22           our hearing loop. We haven't had any problems with it  
23           so far, but please let us know if it's causing you any  
24           difficulty, will you?

25       A.   It's fine.

1 LADY SMITH: Thank you. I'm going to pass over to  
2 Mr Peoples now.

3 Questions from MR PEOPLES

4 MR PEOPLES: Good morning, Susan.

5 A. Good morning.

6 Q. As you may know already, there is in front of you a red  
7 folder and that contains a copy of the statement that  
8 you've provided to the inquiry prior to giving evidence  
9 today. In a short time I'll be asking you some  
10 questions about the statement. Before I do so, for the  
11 benefit of the transcript, I'll give the identification  
12 number that we have attached to your statement and that  
13 is WIT.001.002.0109.

14 Susan, you'll see that your statement also comes up  
15 on the screen in front of you, so you can either use the  
16 folder or the screen, whichever works best for you. But  
17 can I just ask you initially to look at the red folder  
18 and turn to the final page, which is page 0127.

19 Paragraph 115 is the final paragraph. Can you  
20 confirm for me that you have signed the statement on the  
21 final page?

22 A. Yes, I have, that's my signature.

23 Q. Can you also confirm that you have no objection to your  
24 witness statement being published as part of the  
25 evidence to the inquiry?

1 A. No objections at all.

2 Q. And that you believe the facts stated in your witness  
3 statement are true.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Susan, can I ask you now to turn to the first page of  
6 your statement at page 0109 and ask you to confirm --  
7 and I only need the year -- can you confirm you were  
8 born in the year 1961? I don't need your birthday.

9 A. (Witness nods).

10 Q. I'm going to ask you today about the period of time that  
11 you were in care at Glasclune House in the care of  
12 Barnardo's Homes.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You tell us about some other matters, and if I just  
15 touch on those, it's only because we're dealing with  
16 Barnardo's today.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. But we have read your whole statement and we are aware  
19 of what you have said and it'll all be carefully  
20 considered as part of the evidence to the inquiry, so  
21 just to reassure you, it's not because it's unimportant  
22 or it's not being considered.

23 You tell us on the first page a bit about your  
24 family background and that you were the second oldest of  
25 five children.

1 A. Yes. That's right.

2 Q. You have one older sister?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. You have two younger sisters?

5 A. That's right.

6 Q. And a younger brother?

7 A. Yes. One of my sisters has passed away.

8 Q. Right. Is that one of the younger ones?

9 A. [REDACTED] yes.

10 Q. Okay. You tell us that at quite an early age, you did

11 have spells in foster care --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- with families in East Lothian and Edinburgh, and

14 we've got that information in your statement that we can

15 read for ourselves. You say, however, that when you

16 were quite young, after being in hospital, because you

17 had had some sort of fall when you were in one of the

18 foster homes, you say you were taken to Ravelrig

19 children's home in Balerno.

20 A. That's right. I had a broken leg.

21 Q. Right. I think it's correct to say that Ravelrig at the

22 time was also run by Barnardo's, but you may not know

23 that.

24 A. I don't know.

25 Q. Okay. What you do tell us on page 0110, that's at

1 paragraph 9, is that you recall that the ages of the  
2 children at Ravelrig were from almost birth to about  
3 6 years old.

4 A. Yes. When we became 6 we went to Glasclune.

5 Q. I think I can tell you from some records that have been  
6 seen by the inquiry that you were admitted to Ravelrig  
7 on [REDACTED] 1965, when you'd be almost 4 years of  
8 age. I think I can also tell you that, when you were  
9 aged 6, as you've just told us, you were then admitted  
10 to Glasclune House in North Berwick.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And the date we've been shown from the records provided  
13 by Barnardo's is [REDACTED] 1967.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Just so that we've got some timescale to your evidence,  
16 I'll maybe just take it from you just now that I think  
17 you, as you tell us later on in your statement, were  
18 discharged from Barnardo's for a short period when you  
19 went back to the family home.

20 A. That's right.

21 Q. The date we have for that discharge is [REDACTED] 1969.

22 A. Right.

23 Q. And you'd be just about 8 years of age then?

24 A. Mm-hm.

25 Q. We've also been told from the records that you were

1 readmitted to Glasclune House on [REDACTED] 1970 --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- when you were aged 9, so you were at home for around  
4 about 17 months. You may not remember the precise time,  
5 but that's what the records are telling us.

6 Then, as we understand it, you remained at Glasclune  
7 until you were 16 years of age.

8 A. No, 17.

9 Q. 17, I see. Maybe I've picked that up wrongly from the  
10 records. I had a date of [REDACTED] 1978 when you left,  
11 but you think you were 17?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay, that's fine.

14 A. Well, 16 was 1977 and I was 17 when I left.

15 Q. Okay. I don't think we need to --

16 LADY SMITH: The arithmetic would seem to show it would be  
17 17 years old or thereabouts. 1961 to 1978.

18 MR PEOPLES: Yes, it would, sorry. That's my fault. You're  
19 perfectly right. Yes, 17. So maybe [REDACTED] 1978 is the  
20 correct date and I've just done the arithmetic wrongly.  
21 So you were there for quite a long time, from age 4 to  
22 17 with a short break at home?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. I'm not going to ask you a lot about Ravelrig because  
25 you deal with that in your statement, Susan, but I think



1           it's fair to say that you don't really have any bad  
2           memories of Ravelrig.

3       A.   No.

4       Q.   Indeed, before you left Ravelrig, you started school at  
5           the local primary in Balerno.

6       A.   Yes, I remember that well.

7       Q.   I'll maybe take one thing that you do remember in your  
8           statement with Ravelrig. It's on page 0113,  
9           paragraph 31. You deal with bed-wetting and you have  
10          a memory that you did wet the bed once when you were  
11          there.

12      A.   Yes.

13      Q.   You tell us that that was okay, it didn't cause any  
14          problems?

15      A.   No, I actually thought I was dreaming. I was actually  
16          dreaming I was sitting on the toilet, but I was actually  
17          sitting on the bed, so no. The night nurses were very  
18          good at Ravelrig.

19      Q.   And they just sorted the problem?

20      A.   Yes.

21      Q.   So there was no issue about that at all?

22      A.   No.

23      Q.   And indeed, on page 0114, at paragraph 32, your memory  
24          is that there were no punishments that you can recall at  
25          Ravelrig.

1 A. No.

2 Q. Then at the age of 6, you moved to Glasclune House in  
3 North Berwick.

4 A. That's correct, yes.

5 Q. On page 0114, at paragraph 36, do we see that you tell  
6 us that when you first arrived, you absolutely loved the  
7 place?

8 A. I did, yes. To me it was home.

9 Q. And it effectively was your home for most of your  
10 childhood; is that right?

11 A. Yes. We had the beach, we had an outdoor swimming pool,  
12 we had it made, so yes.

13 Q. You liked the location, you liked the house itself?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. There was lots of activities?

16 A. Oh yes.

17 Q. Things to do?

18 A. Yes. There were other children as well. There were  
19 about 30 of us, so it was like 30 brothers and sisters.

20 Q. Was that the way they tried to run the place that you  
21 were all to feel as if you were almost like --

22 A. No.

23 Q. No?

24 A. No. They had families separated. Like the [REDACTED]  
25 would be in one room, others would be in another one.

1 Q. I see. You have a memory of your first day in  
2 paragraph 38, page 0114. You say you were shown round  
3 the place by two of the younger girls.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And it was at that time I think you met [REDACTED]  
6 Mrs [REDACTED] BFJ [REDACTED] ?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. You tell us you had to call her Mrs [REDACTED] BFJ [REDACTED] ; is that  
9 something that stands out for you?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Why does that stand out?

12 A. Because I'd been taught that she was Mrs [REDACTED] BFJ [REDACTED] so it  
13 was only recently that I found out it was [REDACTED] BFJ [REDACTED] .  
14 To me it was always Mrs [REDACTED] BFJ [REDACTED] .

15 Q. Don't tell me this, just say yes or no, but did she use  
16 your first name to address you, did she call you [REDACTED]

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Is that how you were referred to by other staff at  
19 Glasclune, by your first name?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You tell us that a Mr and Mrs Mace were in charge of the  
22 home. I think that's --

23 A. Yes, that's right.

24 Q. They were the superintendents, as I think they were  
25 called in those days?

1 A. Yes, [REDACTED].

2 Q. Did you know they were [REDACTED]?

3 A. Oh yes.

4 Q. And you have a memory of some other members of staff and

5 you tell us about them in paragraph 39. The staff that

6 you mention there, I don't need their names, but are

7 they staff that you remember with some fondness --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- and kindness, that they were good to you?

10 A. Yes. He would tell us stories of the war. He looked

11 after the clothing --

12 Q. That's a Mr Leeper? I can maybe mention his name.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And did you enjoy these stories?

15 A. Oh yes.

16 Q. You tell us a bit about the routine at Glasclune in your

17 time, and you say you'd be -- at paragraph 40 on

18 page 0115, that you'd be -- the staff would get you up

19 round 7.30 in the morning.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You'd wash and get ready for school?

22 A. Yes. That's right.

23 Q. And indeed, you tell us that, so far as bedtime was

24 concerned, during the week you'd be in bed between 9 and

25 10 --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- in the evening.

3 A. That's when we were at high school. At primary school

4 it was earlier than that.

5 Q. So there were variable bedtimes depending on the age of

6 the children?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Did you have any tasks or chores to do before you went

9 to school in your time when you were there? Can you

10 recall?

11 A. No.

12 Q. You don't have a memory of doing anything before you had

13 to go to school?

14 A. No. We just had our breakfast, we said the

15 Lord's Prayer, and then we just went off to school.

16 Q. You tell us a little bit about mealtimes in your

17 statement, Susan. At paragraph 42 on page 0115 --

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. -- you have a description of them. You describe it as

20 military in a sense.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Tell us a bit about mealtimes. What do you remember?

23 A. Well, we'd all -- a family would have a table each. And

24 we'd have to stand there until the head came in and sat

25 down. If we put our elbows on the table, Mrs

BFJ

1           would just (indicating) -- she would cut you under, so  
2           your face was at the table. So we learned never put our  
3           arms on the table.

4       Q. So if you put your elbows on the table, would she remove  
5       them?

6       A. Yes, with her hand. She'd just go (indicating).

7       Q. She would sweep her hand to try and take your elbows off  
8       the table?

9       A. Well, if they were like that (indicating), she'd just go  
10       (indicating).

11      Q. I see. You say you had to sit quietly at mealtimes.

12      A. Yes.

13      Q. Was talking allowed?

14      A. Not really, no.

15      Q. What would happen if you started chatting and talking?

16      A. Then it would be early to bed that night. Sometimes  
17      without any supper.

18      Q. So if you were talking and you were punished, your  
19      recollection is it would be early to bed --

20      A. Yes.

21      Q. -- without supper?

22      A. Yes.

23      Q. Were you given anything to eat other than -- was  
24      anything else provided for you?

25      A. We'd have our tea and then it would be straight up to

1           bed.

2       Q.   If you were punished and had to do without supper, did

3           you get any kind of food to take to bed?

4       A.   No.

5       Q.   No bread, no butter, no milk?

6       A.   No.

7       Q.   You don't recall having anything?

8       A.   No, we didn't.

9       Q.   You went without?

10      A.   Yes.

11      Q.   But the one thing you do tell us is that the meals were

12           very good that were provided?

13      A.   Oh yes, they were.   We had a great cook there.

14           Mr Leeper made the best porridge.

15      Q.   You tell us a little bit about -- you were given some

16           money, I think, for school, and I think you tell us

17           perhaps that you didn't necessarily spend it wisely as

18           you got older.   Is that correct?   You'd sometimes use it

19           for buying cigarettes?

20      A.   Yes.

21      Q.   But would that be as you got into your teens, early

22           teens?   Was that before then?

23      A.   I was 10 when I had my first cigarette and that was

24           because my big sister was -- I wanted to be like her.

25      Q.   So you copied her?

1       A. Yes, right up until four years ago.

2       Q. So you'd been a smoker for a very long time.

3       A. Mm-hm.

4       Q. Apart from getting money for your school lunch, was

5       there any system where you were regularly given money?

6       A. We were given pocket money. We were given half to spend

7       and they put the other half in a post office account for

8       us, which we'd get when we left the children's home.

9       Q. You tell us a little bit about bath time and washing in

10       your statement at page 0115. You're describing,

11       I think, a layout where in the washroom or bathroom

12       for -- is this for the girls?

13       A. Yes.

14       Q. There were several baths.

15       A. There were three baths and two of them were in cubicles,

16       sort of thing, and the third one didn't have any

17       covering.

18       Q. I think you said in your statement there were two that

19       were together and one in a cubicle or was it the other

20       way around?

21       A. It was two that were in the cubicles. There was a bath

22       there (indicating), and then there was a wall of wood,

23       and another bath, wall, and then another bath.

24       Q. Which was open?

25       A. Yes.



1 Q. In an open area?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So far as your baths were concerned, you were just given  
4 your own bathwater, is it, when you took a bath?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. But you were supervised by the staff; is that right?

7 A. No.

8 Q. You weren't?

9 A. No. They were outside gabbing away at each other.

10 Q. But there were staff in the vicinity of the bath?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Indeed, you tell us as you got a bit older, you were  
13 allowed to run your own bath and have a bath on your  
14 own; is that right?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. On page 0116, you tell us a little bit about school and  
17 that, initially, you attended North Berwick Primary  
18 School; is that right?

19 A. That's correct, yes.

20 Q. And then when you reached the secondary school age, you  
21 went to North Berwick High School, which was next door?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You say that your memory of school days is that you  
24 don't feel there was any difference of treatment at  
25 school because you came from Glasclune children's home.

1       A.  No.  We were just as naughty as everybody else was.

2       Q.  But did the staff and other children treat you just the

3       same as everybody else?

4       A.  Yes.

5       Q.  Although you tell us -- and maybe this is again one of

6       the bad habits you had as a teenager or youngster --

7       that you started skipping or skiving school as you got

8       older.  Was that a regular occurrence?

9       A.  That's correct.  Well, like I said, I wanted to be like

10      my big sister, so I was copying her.  Yes, it became

11      a regular thing, but it was fun.

12      Q.  Okay.  What age were you when you started to skip

13      school?

14      A.  About 13.

15      Q.  13, okay.

16      A.  Yes.

17      Q.  So it'd be at high school?

18      A.  Yes.  I ran away from primary school once and got all

19      the way up to [REDACTED] --

20      Q.  Right.

21      A.  -- me and another girl.  We got up to see my father and

22      he just looked at me and said, "Oh, you're here, I'd

23      better phone the police" --

24      Q.  And you were taken back?

25      A.  Yes.  Made me feel that size (indicating).

1 Q. So he didn't really want to do anything other than get  
2 you sent back?

3 A. Yes, and he had his new girlfriend with him.

4 Q. I see. Did anything happen because you ran away when  
5 you got back? Were you punished or what happened?

6 A. Well, I got punished at the school and -- yeah.  
7 I got ... I had my pants taken down and my bare bottom  
8 slapped.

9 Q. And who did that?

10 A. Mr BFK

11 Q. And I think Mr BFK was  
12 ; is that right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. So that we've got some idea of timescales here, what  
15 you're describing was something that happened when you  
16 think you were around about age 13?

17 A. Yes. That's right.

18 Q. Which would be 1974?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And I think Mr BFK and BFL arrived at  
21 Glasclune, according to the records we've seen, some  
22 time in 1968, shortly after you were admitted to  
23 Glasclune?

24 A. That's right.

25 Q. Does that accord with your recollection?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. The [REDACTED] were there for a short time and then the  
3 [REDACTED] BFK/BFL came in?

4 A. Yes. Apparently, it was supposed to be [REDACTED] BFJ  
5 that became [REDACTED] but they just had the [REDACTED] BFK/BFL in  
6 instead.

7 Q. The [REDACTED] BFK/BFL were known as [REDACTED] BFK and [REDACTED] BFL is that  
8 right?

9 A. Yes. That's right.

10 Q. And I think they continued to be [REDACTED]  
11 in the time you were there until you left in 1978;  
12 is that right?

13 A. Yes, that's correct.

14 Q. But Mrs [REDACTED] BFJ, just so I'm clear, I think she left  
15 before you left?

16 A. Yes, she did.

17 Q. My understanding is she maybe left in 1974 to go  
18 elsewhere.

19 A. [REDACTED] Another Institution

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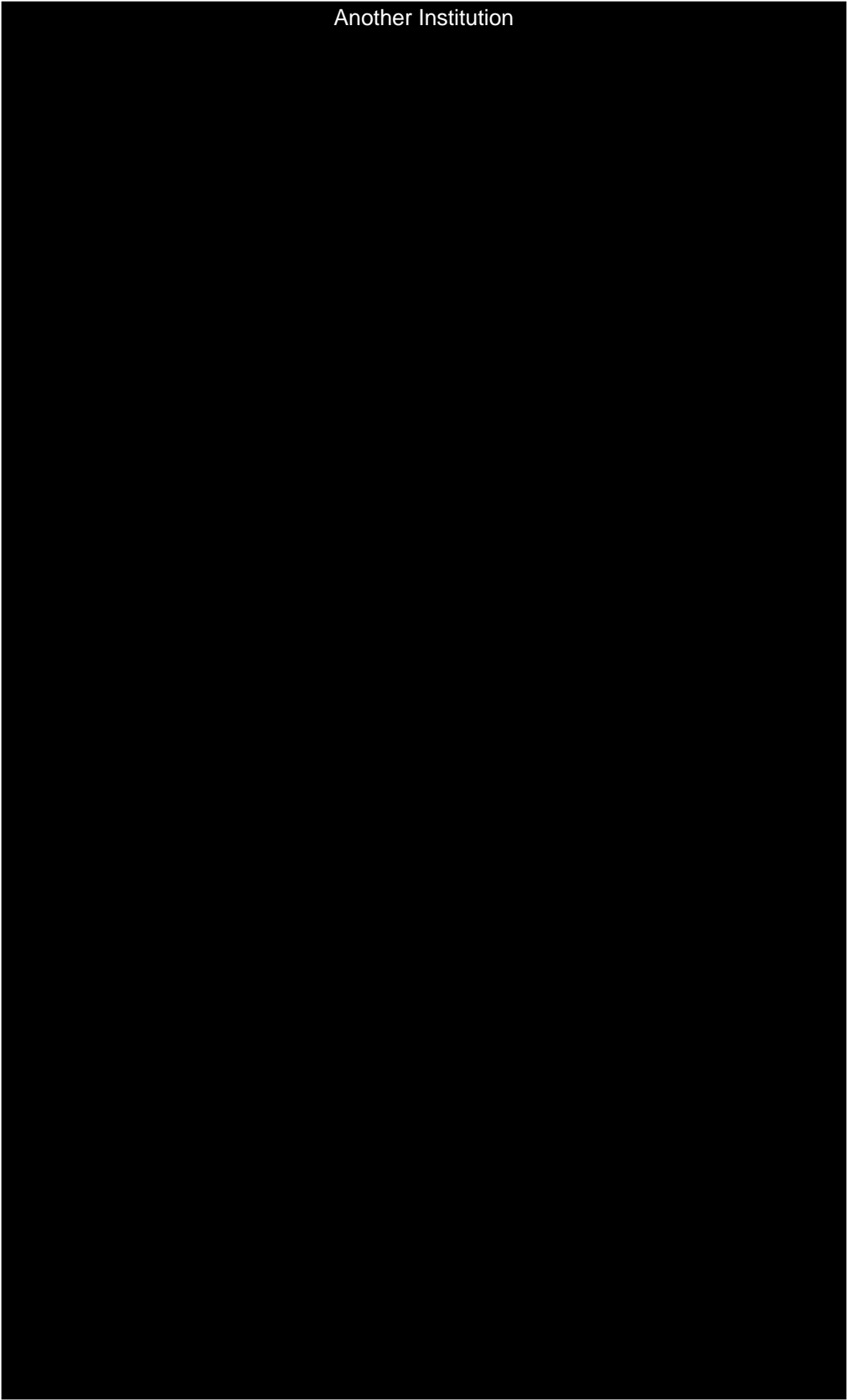
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23 Q.

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1 A.  
2 Q.  
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1 A.

2 Q.

3 A.

4 Q. Right. If I go back to your time at Glasclune, Susan,  
5 at paragraph 48 you tell us that you had some hearing  
6 difficulties when you were younger.

7 A. Yes, that's right.

8 Q. I think you feel that the home was aware of these  
9 problems?

10 A. Oh yes, they were.

11 Q. But you don't feel they did enough?

12 A. They were aware.

13 Q. Can I just maybe put before you a document, you may or  
14 may not have seen it before, and I'll talk you through  
15 it, so don't worry if it's difficult to read. The first  
16 document I want you to just look at briefly is  
17 BAR.001.004.9382.

18 It's quite small print. This is a document which --

19 A. I haven't seen this before.

20 Q. You may not have done. I'll just talk you through it.  
21 I think you were probably in Ravelrig at this time  
22 because it's dated April 1968.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. No, that's not true, you'd be in Glasclune if it's  
25 April 1968.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And I think this has an entry about you as well as some  
3 other people, and do you see there that the bit that's  
4 blanked out relates to you, I have to tell you. The  
5 name is blanked out but it's "Susan" that is behind the  
6 black box. It says:

7 " ? Hearing test."

8 So there is obviously an awareness that there is  
9 some hearing difficulty at that time. Do you see that?

10 A. That's correct. I have a paper at home that's from  
11 a doctor and it's mentioned I had a hearing test at  
12 school and there was slight, you know, difference. So  
13 that was primary school. So they knew.

14 Q. I'll show you another document if I may --

15 LADY SMITH: Just before we leave that one, that was from  
16 Glasclune records, was it?

17 MR PEOPLES: Yes, I believe so, yes.

18 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

19 MR PEOPLES: I'll show you another one, which I think again  
20 is from the records, which may in fact be slightly  
21 earlier. Perhaps I should have dealt with this one  
22 first. It's BAR.001.004.9383.

23 This one is maybe a little harder to read. What  
24 I can say is it bears to be -- it's a handwritten note  
25 headed "Annual review 1968". It seems to be someone has

1 written an entry dated 19 February 1968, which again  
2 you'd be at Glasclune at that time. I think it's  
3 a discussion of both you and indeed one of your sisters.  
4 Don't worry about the other entry.

5 The black box again is a reference to you, Susan.  
6 It's quite hard to make out all of the entry, but you  
7 see halfway down, two thirds of the way down on the  
8 screen, there is an entry:

9 "Deafness. Is it psychological?"

10 So someone is querying whether it's a psychological  
11 problem or an organic problem, a problem with some part  
12 of the ear, structure of the ear.

13 A. Yes. I'd have to talk to the ENT department down in  
14 England because I've had operations.

15 Q. And I think you tell us that in your statement. I'm  
16 just trying to show that I think there is an awareness  
17 that there's some difficulty and this is what they're  
18 writing at that time. I know you don't feel happy about  
19 what was done, but I'm just putting to you that they  
20 seem to have --

21 A. Sorry.

22 Q. No, no, it's not a criticism. I'm just saying this is  
23 what they were writing at the time and I'm putting it to  
24 you. You may not have seen this document before.

25 A. No, I haven't.



1 Q. I'll just put one further document on this matter to  
2 you, it's BAR.001.004.9384. This, I think, does  
3 pre-date your admission to Glasclune. I think you would  
4 be in Ravelrig at this time.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. If we move halfway down, there is a typed entry dated  
7 28 February 1967. It's headed "Case conference". So  
8 there seems to have been a case conference, I think,  
9 about you and indeed your family. I don't need to read  
10 the whole of this entry, but if we scroll down towards  
11 the foot of that page, the second last paragraph, this  
12 is -- again, the blanked out part of this paragraph is  
13 a reference to you. It reads:

14 "Susan had had full investigation with regard to  
15 deafness and nothing abnormal has been found."

16 So you might disagree with this and you might have  
17 got --

18 A. I do because I still remember when the doctor came to  
19 Glasclune to do tests, she had a watch and she put it  
20 there (indicating) and I was to tell her when I stopped  
21 hearing it, so no.

22 Q. The record is telling us that, at least at that time  
23 when you were in Ravelrig, they were saying there was  
24 some form of full investigation, they don't tell us  
25 exactly what it was, with regard to a problem with

1 deafness. So there are certainly entries to show they  
2 were aware and they seemed to be making investigations.  
3 But I think your point in your statement is you're not  
4 very happy with the outcome of those investigations.

5 A. No, I don't feel that they did investigate. I feel that  
6 they just left it and, as you said, they were saying it  
7 was psychological, that I just didn't want to know.

8 Q. I think they were saying they carried out other  
9 investigations as well, so they were looking for an  
10 explanation, so I think that entry I have just read was  
11 before the query of whether it was psychological. I'm  
12 just putting that to you, Susan, I'm not trying to ask  
13 you to change your opinion. I'm just saying there seems  
14 to have been some discussion of the problem, some  
15 attempt to look at what was causing it. That's all I'm  
16 raising with you.

17 A. Sorry.

18 Q. No, no, don't be apologetic. It's just so you  
19 understand. I'm not questioning your opinion or what  
20 you've been told in adult life about your problem with  
21 your ear. It's just to show that they do appear to have  
22 been seeking to do something. You maybe think it didn't  
23 work very well, but there is a record of them looking  
24 at the problem.

25 If I could move on. You deal with the matter of

1           leisure on page 0116. You start at paragraph 50. By  
2           this time, I think you're now a teenager.

3       A. Mm-hm.

4       Q. And this will be about 1974. I think by this time,  
5           you're attending discos in North Berwick; is that right?

6       A. Yes.

7       Q. And I think --

8       A. They had youth discos on Thursday nights; that was for  
9           the under 16s.

10      Q. Where were these held?

11      A. They were held in the pavilion next to the swimming  
12          pool.

13      Q. Were these open to all teenagers?

14      A. Yes, they were for anybody that was under the age of 16,  
15          from 13 to 16, those ages.

16      Q. I think on that occasion, you actually met a man who was  
17          a bit older than 16; is that right?

18      A. Oh yes.

19      Q. And I think that did cause some discussions within the  
20          home, did it --

21      A. Oh yes.

22      Q. -- this meeting with this older male?

23      A. Yes. He came up to visit me and my house mother asked  
24          me if he knew my age. Aye, he said, yes, she's 15. And  
25          my house mother said, no, she's 13. So he knew how old

1 I was before we went any further in the relationship.

2 Q. But you liked him at the time?

3 A. Oh, I was in love with him.

4 Q. Was that not to some extent a source of continued

5 discussion with the people in the home, including,

6 I think, particularly BFL? Were there not

7 a lot of discussions between you and BFL

8 about things like relationships with boys and other

9 things like drinking, smoking, staying out late, doing

10 all the things that a rebellious teenager might do?

11 A. Yes, I rebelled.

12 Q. I think you very fairly say that. I think that's the

13 way I read your statement. You did rebel in quite a big

14 way?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And that did, I think, cause some concern to those

17 looking after you at Glasclune, did it not?

18 A. Yes, I got punished for being drunk, but that's because

19 this 18-year-old I was with was buying alcohol and

20 we would drink the bottle and then would have sex in the

21 back of his car.

22 Q. Well, I don't need to know too much of the detail, but

23 all I'm going to say, Susan, is that there's quite a lot

24 of records which show that between about 1973 through to

25 about 1978, when you left, there was quite a lot of

1 discussion between you and BFL about matters  
2 such as that and you didn't always see eye to eye,  
3 I don't suppose, and she didn't always approve of things  
4 you were doing; is that right?

5 A. No, we didn't see eye to eye at all.

6 Q. And that led to some disagreements about what you were  
7 doing and whether it was a good thing or a bad thing;  
8 is that right?

9 A. Yes, but she also said -- she would take a set of  
10 underpants and she'd take it off the place and they'd be  
11 able to see DNA to who I was having sex with.

12 Q. I think what you're describing there is you remember one  
13 occasion, at least, when she said to you, when she was  
14 aware that you may have been involved in some sort of  
15 activity with a boy, that your undergarments would be  
16 sent for some sort of analysis to determine whether  
17 something had happened; is that right?

18 A. Yes that's right, yes.

19 Q. And you feel that was rather humiliating, is that your  
20 position --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- for her to say that to you?

23 A. Yes, definitely.

24 Q. What age would you have been when she said that to you?  
25 Can you recall?

1 A. About 13.

2 Q. You were upset by the way she responded?

3 A. And the fact is that I hadn't had sex that day.

4 Q. You were what some might colloquially call a wild child

5 at the time, were you?

6 A. A what?

7 Q. A wild child is sometimes an expression that's used.

8 A. Yes. I was a rebel.

9 Q. But this was the reaction of Mrs BFL and you take

10 exception to it and indeed you mention that in your

11 statement; is that right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. We'll come to some other things that you didn't like

14 about the way Mrs BFL responded to your behaviour,

15 but I'm just trying to get a picture that there was this

16 tension between Mrs BFL not liking everything you

17 were doing, you were wanting to do certain things that

18 you felt you should be entitled to, and that inevitably

19 was going to cause a bit of a clash --

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. -- over time, and it did.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. If I go back to your statement then, Susan, on page 0117

24 you tell us that you did have to clean your bedroom at

25 weekends, but I don't think you saw that as anything

1           other than a --

2       A.   Yes.

3       Q.   -- a normal thing for a teenager to do; is that right?

4       A.   Yes.

5       Q.   And I don't think you saw this particular task at

6           onerous.  Is that right?  You didn't like it, but --

7       A.   I didn't like it, but as you say, I did it because at

8           the weekends we didn't have the cleaners in.

9       Q.   You tell us on that page -- and this is something we've

10           heard a little bit of evidence about already -- that

11           Barnardo's would organise trips and holidays and outings

12           to various places.  Is that something you enjoyed?

13       A.   Oh yes.  I loved the trips and the holidays.

14       Q.   Then on page 0118, you tell us a little bit about

15           special occasions, birthdays and Christmases.

16       A.   Yes.

17       Q.   I think you tell us that Christmases were always

18           a celebration.

19       A.   Yes, we had lots of parties.  We were invited to lots of

20           parties and we got a big sackful of presents.

21       Q.   When it comes to birthdays, the way you put it at

22           paragraph 59 is that it was only special birthdays --

23           and you refer, for example, to the 16th birthday, were

24           really celebrated.

25       A.   Yes.

1 Q. Are you saying that other birthdays weren't celebrated  
2 or just weren't celebrated to the same extent?

3 A. No, we were allowed to bring one friend home from school  
4 to have tea with us. That was it.

5 Q. You didn't have a birthday party or other form of  
6 celebration with the other children or residents?

7 A. No, I had a joint birthday party for 16 because it was  
8 the same month as another girl, so we shared that  
9 birthday.

10 Q. You deal in your statement with visits by official  
11 visitors and family on page 0118, starting at  
12 paragraph 61, which is on the screen.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. I think you did get visits from your mother and her new  
15 husband, who I think was your stepfather. Is that  
16 right? You don't look too pleased about those visits.

17 A. I hated them.

18 Q. Was that because you had a particular problem with your  
19 stepfather?

20 A. Yes, that was my stepfather --

21 Q. Right.

22 A. -- and I hated him.

23 Q. You didn't like him ever?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And I think you'll tell us something about that and



1           we'll maybe come to that if I can.

2           Just on the subject of visits, apart from family  
3           visits of that kind, you say you can recall regular  
4           visits from social workers, but you felt that your  
5           memory was it was a different person every time.

6           Is that --

7           A. Yes, that's correct.

8           Q. So you were never dealing with one person continuously?

9           A. No.

10          Q. And was that a problem? Would you have been more likely  
11          to talk to someone if you'd had --

12          A. It was a problem because I'd build a bond with the  
13          social worker and then I'd have to do it all over again.  
14          So it started me putting a wall up.

15          Q. So you never established a bond with these external  
16          social workers --

17          A. No.

18          Q. -- because they weren't there long enough to establish  
19          this bond that you needed?

20          A. Yes.

21          Q. You also seem to have had a concern that even if you had  
22          said anything to them about anything that was going on  
23          at Glasclune, you don't think they'd have believed you.  
24          Why do you say that?

25          A. Well, when my mother married my stepfather, we were

1 invited up to the wedding -- we weren't going to the  
2 wedding, I was babysitting, my big sister was the only  
3 one there. And the following night, my big sister had  
4 gone back to Glasclune with my brother, but I wanted to  
5 spend some time with my mother and I was told that I'd  
6 have to sleep in the same bed as them. So it'd be me  
7 at the edge of the bed, him, my mother and my sister.

8 He had wandering hands.

9 Q. So something happened on that occasion?

10 A. Yes. He tried very hard to insert his hands.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. And that wasn't the first time he'd done it.

13 Q. Are you telling us that you tried to tell someone about  
14 this?

15 A. Yes. I went back to the children's home and Mrs **BFJ**  
16 asked me if I'd had a good time, so I said, "Do you  
17 really want to know?" and I told her.

18 Q. And what was her reaction?

19 A. Nothing -- she called me a liar.

20 Q. Right.

21 A. Then she saw me writing a letter to let my mum know that  
22 I knew she knew, and she tried to -- what am I trying to  
23 do, split up the marriage?

24 Q. Right. So you're saying that your recollection of her  
25 reaction was she just didn't believe what you were

1           telling her?

2       A.   Yes.

3       Q.   Leaving that particular episode aside, would it be fair  
4           to say that as the rebellious teenager, there were times  
5           when, in discussion with Mrs BFL you wouldn't  
6           always tell her what had happened when you were outside  
7           of Glasclune House?

8       A.   Yes.

9       Q.   And therefore you weren't always telling her the whole  
10          truth?

11      A.   She was actually aiming for a particular boy and she  
12          wanted me to say that it was him that I was having sex  
13          with when I wasn't.

14      Q.   No, I appreciate that you say that there were times when  
15          you told her things and you don't think she believed  
16          you.

17      A.   Yes.

18      Q.   I'm putting a more general point: there would be times  
19          as a teenager when you didn't want her to know exactly  
20          what you'd been doing and you didn't always tell what  
21          had happened when you were outside the home? Would  
22          there be occasions like that?

23      A.   Yes.

24      Q.   Not the one you're talking about but --

25      A.   I knew it was wrong by this time because I was obviously

1 getting in trouble when I got back, so I kept quiet  
2 about it.

3 Q. Okay.

4 You tell us in your statement about the short period  
5 at home. It wasn't a success when you actually left  
6 Glasclune and went back to the family home for about  
7 17 months. Indeed, you tell us that it ended up that --  
8 this is paragraph 66 if we could bring it up on  
9 page 0119 -- you went back to Glasclune when the  
10 Salvation Army had found you and your siblings in a van  
11 near London --

12 A. Yes. That's correct.

13 Q. -- because your dad had taken you down there, but had  
14 been arrested for car theft, and had left you alone in  
15 the van.

16 A. That's right.

17 Q. And the upshot of that was you were taken back to  
18 Glasclune when you were about 9 years of age?

19 A. No, we were taken to my auntie's at first in [REDACTED]  
20 but she already had five children of her own.

21 Q. So she couldn't --

22 A. She couldn't ... So we went back to Glasclune.

23 Q. Right. You tell us the staff were pretty much the same  
24 people as were there before. You were 13 by now?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Although I think Mrs BFL would have been on the point  
2 of leaving then; would that be right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. You mention another lady at paragraph 68, who you refer  
5 to as Auntie BFL?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Was she a sort of befriender --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- that you'd spend time with at weekends?

10 A. Yes, that's right.

11 Q. And would you go to her house from time to time?

12 A. Yes. I was still in contact with her up until  
13 four years ago, when she passed away.

14 Q. I see. In relation to Auntie BFL, at paragraph 71,  
15 Susan, of your statement, you tell us about something  
16 that, as I understand it, she told you.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. That BFL -- and that's a reference to

19 BFL -- had been calling you a whore and  
20 a slag at a review meeting.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Is that what she told you then?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. I take it, though, you wouldn't be able to tell us  
25 because you weren't at the review itself. You have to

1 base it on what Auntie [REDACTED] understood had been said.

2 A. Auntie [REDACTED] told me this after I had left the  
3 children's home. We were sitting talking about it and  
4 then she told me that was what happened at one of my  
5 reviews.

6 Q. I might be wrong on this, but I think in some of the  
7 records that we've had a chance to look at in the  
8 discussions you had with [REDACTED] BFL maybe from  
9 about 1973 through to 1978, you probably confided in her  
10 from time to time that you got called names like that by  
11 certain people. Did you tell her things like that?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. So could that have come up in these review meetings and  
14 perhaps [REDACTED] didn't quite understand why these things  
15 were being talked about in this way if she was there?

16 A. In fact, no, I don't think I would have said that to  
17 [REDACTED] BFL because I didn't like her, so she's the  
18 one person I wouldn't have told.

19 Q. Maybe she got to learn of it though, that sometimes  
20 people were calling you names, and I think you do say  
21 that did happen to you, that there were people that you  
22 felt gave you a reputation, if you like, because of your  
23 rebellious activities, if I could put it that way.

24 A. I'd given myself a reputation. But back then, I didn't  
25 think about it that way.

1 Q. I'm not trying to be judgemental here. I'm saying, yes,  
2 like it or not, looking back, you were labelled in  
3 a certain way by certain people --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- because of the way you were behaving?

6 A. That's right, yes.

7 Q. While you say at paragraph 72 that you tried to talk to  
8 staff about what you call your problems, you think they  
9 found you hard work. I think you may be right on that  
10 in one sense from what we have been describing.

11 Would it be correct to say that -- BFL did seem to  
12 have a lot of discussions, according to the records,  
13 with you, regular private sessions with you on  
14 a one-to-one basis. Do you agree that happened?

15 A. Yes, that did happen.

16 Q. But maybe she found it difficult to make a breakthrough?

17 A. Yes, probably. It could have something to do with the  
18 fact that she slapped me once --

19 Q. I'll come to that, if I may. I'm trying to get the  
20 broad picture, if I could.

21 And just taking it in the order in which you deal  
22 with it in your statement, if we could go on to  
23 page 0120, at paragraph 76, Susan, you have a memory of  
24 an occasion when you were standing next to the waltzers  
25 at one of the North Berwick Shows; is that right?

1 A. Yes, we were leaning against the barrier.

2 Q. Right. You say that on that occasion, you were hit on

3 the head by something?

4 A. One of the girls and boys were larking about and they

5 nudged me and I fell backwards.

6 Q. And you hit your head?

7 A. And I hit my head on the ground. Apparently I'd been

8 unconscious.

9 Q. You say when you got back to Glasclune, you told

10 BFJ what happened?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What was her reaction on that occasion?

13 A. "Go to bed."

14 Q. But before you were sent to bed, you say you thought she

15 formed the view that you were just making this up?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Why would she think you were making it up?

18 A. It was just the way she turned and said to me, "Oh, get

19 to bed". It wasn't even my bedtime yet.

20 Q. So it was an early bed?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. So you took that to be a form of punishment?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. So you assumed that she must have thought you were just

25 making stories up?



1 A. Yes.

2 Q. You tell us that you did run away from Glasclune from  
3 time to time for various reasons, and you deal with this  
4 starting at paragraph 77, Susan.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. You mention in paragraph 77 the occasion when you ran  
7 away to [REDACTED] and your dad phoned the police and you  
8 were taken back.

9 A. That's right.

10 Q. At paragraph 78, you give us an insight into why you  
11 would run away. You say:

12 "If I did anything wrong, I would run way, but other  
13 times I would run way just for something to do."

14 A. Yes. For fun.

15 Q. It could be different reasons?

16 A. Yes. It got attention.

17 Q. To get attention. Do you not feel you got enough  
18 attention at Glasclune during your time there?

19 A. It wasn't just me. There was a load of us were running  
20 away, just for the fun of it. We'd run down to the  
21 beach, Robinson Crusoe, or we were going off somewhere  
22 else. We were just running away for fun.

23 Q. So it was a bit of fun at times?

24 A. Yes, apart from the one at school where I went up to  
25 [REDACTED]. There was a genuine -- and there was another

1           one where a friend and I got as far as Gullane and the  
2           couple came back with us. I'd painted [REDACTED] BFL [REDACTED] as  
3           Oliver Twist sort of ... and I painted us, you know, as  
4           poor children, we were beaten and everything. This  
5           couple, when they got there, they jumped on [REDACTED] BFL [REDACTED] about  
6           beating us and everything. So when we went in, [REDACTED] BFL [REDACTED]  
7           said to us, "Oh, I beat you, do I?" and swiped us across  
8           the jaw.

9       Q.   So this happened on an occasion --

10      A.   Yes, and then I was taken into the office and that's  
11           when my pants were pulled down and I was smacked. What  
12           made it even more embarrassing was the fact that I was  
13           on my monthlies.

14      Q.   Okay. But that was an occasion where, having run away  
15           and you met up with this couple in Gullane, you maybe  
16           exaggerated [REDACTED] BFL [REDACTED] to them, did you?

17      A.   Oh yes, that's what I'm saying. We painted her as like  
18           Oliver Twist times.

19      Q.   Right.

20      A.   She was the caretaker of this big ... What do you call  
21           it?

22      Q.   One place --

23      A.   Orphanage.

24      Q.   -- might be Dickens' Dotheboys Hall. It might be that  
25           sort of establishment, I don't know if that's what you

1           had in mind, but you were certainly portraying a picture  
2           which wasn't a wholly accurate picture, was it?

3       A.   No.

4       Q.   Okay.  You tell us more generally at paragraph 80 of  
5           your statement, Susan, at 0121, that on the occasion  
6           when you got back home from running away, for whatever  
7           reason, you'd be hit around the head by [REDACTED] BFL [REDACTED]?

8       A.   Yes.

9       Q.   And she would then drag you upstairs by the arm and put  
10          you to bed.

11      A.   Yes.

12      Q.   Sorry, just before I ask you the next question, [REDACTED]  
13          should be, I think, [REDACTED].  We didn't bring  
14          that out.

15      LADY SMITH:  There are two spellings of that surname.

16      MR PEOPLES:  Just in case that comes up again.  That's not  
17          the way I think [REDACTED] BFL [REDACTED] spelt her name.

18          How often would [REDACTED] BFL [REDACTED] hit you around the  
19          head after you were returned to Glasclune having run  
20          away?

21      A.   I think three times.

22      Q.   Three times?

23      A.   Yes.  One of them was for something I hadn't done.

24      Q.   Which was?  Well, I don't want you to go into any detail  
25          if --

1 A. I'd been up at Edinburgh to visit my Auntie [REDACTED].  
2 When I came back, I went into the office to let her know  
3 I was back and she belted me across the face and said,  
4 "Where are the rest of them?" I hadn't a clue what she  
5 was talking about. Just then Auntie [REDACTED] phoned to  
6 see if I'd got home safely and [REDACTED] BFL never even  
7 apologised for anything.

8 Q. On that occasion you say you were belted across the  
9 face?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Can you describe how she belted you?

12 A. Like that (indicating).

13 Q. Her open hand and slapped you on the face?

14 A. Yes. Around the ears.

15 Q. How painful was it?

16 A. Very.

17 Q. How forceful was it?

18 A. It knocked me, you know.

19 Q. But did she do it only once?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And did it leave any form of mark or injury?

22 A. A handprint.

23 Q. Did that last for very long or did it disappear?

24 A. I don't know, I can't remember.

25 Q. But there was some sort of impression left for a time?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. But you say maybe, generally speaking, in the time you  
3 were at Glasclune, between the age of 6 and 17, that  
4 maybe happened three times?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Was this when you were a teenager?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. The rebellious teenager?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. At paragraph 83 on the same page, 0121, this is again in  
11 your early teens when you were 13, you talk about being  
12 punished by BFK . Was this at the same time  
13 when you ran away?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Had you been slapped by BFL ?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. But BFK administered punishment as well?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And your memory of this was he took your pants down and  
20 struck you on the backside with his bare hand?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And what you found --
- 23 A. There was a witness to this going on. There was a  
24 witness to it.
- 25 Q. Who was that?

1 A. Because there were two of us that ran away that time.  
2 This girl was crying her eyes out thinking that she was  
3 going to have to go through that. And she never.

4 Q. So this punishment involving taking your pants down and  
5 hitting you on the bare backside with his hand was done  
6 in the presence of another child?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Or another teenager?

9 A. Yes, another child. Three weeks older than me.

10 Q. Was anyone else there apart from BFK ?

11 A. BFL

12 Q. BFL was there also?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Just again describe for me, what were your feelings when  
15 this was done to you?

16 A. I was embarrassed. I wanted to get away. I wanted it  
17 to stop. I was squirming about.

18 Q. Had he ever done that before?

19 A. BFK ?

20 Q. Yes. Anything like that?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did he ever do anything like that again?

23 A. No, not to me.

24 Q. When he hit you on the bare backside with his hand, was  
25 that only once?

1 A. No, that was three times.

2 Q. About three times?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. On this occasion?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. This is related to you running away and coming back and

7 having said rather exaggerated things about

8 Mrs [REDACTED] BFL [REDACTED]?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Is this the occasion we're talking about?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. In paragraph 84, and I want to be clear if this is

13 a different occasion, you talk about coming back from

14 your foster aunt, [REDACTED], I take it?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And that Mrs [REDACTED] BFL [REDACTED] confronted you and was asking you

17 about something. Can you tell me about this occasion?

18 A. Well, that's when I came back from Auntie [REDACTED]'s.

19 She demanded to know where the stuff was. I hadn't

20 a clue what she was talking about. She slapped me and

21 then the phone rang, and it was my foster aunt making

22 sure I got back safe. So she never -- [REDACTED] BFL [REDACTED] never even

23 apologised. She just went, "Oh get away". And what it

24 was was some of the children had gone down to the town

25 and broken into a shop, a camera shop, and they buried

1           some cameras and that's what BFL was on about. My  
2           little sister was involved in it, but BFL thought it  
3           was me.

4       Q. On this occasion when you got back, you were being  
5       blamed for being involved in the removal or theft of  
6       a camera, which you were not involved in, that was your  
7       position and were you trying to tell her this?

8       A. Yes.

9       Q. But she wasn't accepting it?

10      A. I didn't know what she was talking about. I'd come  
11      home. What we did -- when we went out for weekends,  
12      we were to go to the office and let them know we were  
13      back and that's what I'd done. Then BFL swung round  
14      at me and asked me, "Where's the rest of them?" And  
15      I didn't have a clue what she was talking about. And  
16      she slapped me, "You do", "I don't", and then the phone  
17      rang.

18      Q. And when she slapped you, just describe how she did  
19      that?

20      A. Hard.

21      Q. With her hand, open hand?

22      A. Yes.

23      Q. On your face?

24      A. Yes.

25      Q. And it was hard, forcible?



1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did it cause any marks or --

3 A. It caused my ears to ring.

4 Q. To?

5 A. It caused my ears to ring.

6 Q. And was it painful?

7 A. Oh yes. Very painful.

8 Q. You tell us that it was later discovered that you played

9 no part in this theft.

10 A. Yes. That was one thing I never did when I was in

11 Glasclune: I never stole.

12 Q. You say you didn't get an apology from BFL

13 A. Nos.

14 Q. But she did accept that subsequently, is it, you were

15 not involved?

16 A. She had no choice. I know that she was furious.

17 Auntie [REDACTED] had phoned up, because this gave me an

18 alibi as well. I could see in her eyes she was furious

19 about it.

20 Q. You sound as if you are describing a situation where she

21 sort of had it in for you by this stage --

22 A. Yes, she did.

23 Q. Why do you think that was? Do you think it was because

24 you were being difficult and quite wayward and

25 rebellious, looking back now with the benefit of --

1       A.   BFL had her favourites and she had the ones that she  
2       didn't like, and I was one of the ones that she didn't  
3       like.

4       Q.   Do you recall an occasion when you'd been out at a disco  
5       one evening and you were being accused of disgraceful  
6       behaviour? Do you remember any occasion like that?

7       A.   Yes.

8       Q.   What can you remember about that occasion?

9       A.   That's when I met the 18-year-old.

10      Q.   I see.

11               What age would you be then?

12      A.   I was 13.

13      Q.   And did anything happen on that occasion?

14      A.   Yes.

15      Q.   What happened?

16      A.   Well, we went to the beach.

17      Q.   Sorry, I don't mean with the 18-year-old.

18      A.   Oh sorry.

19      Q.   I meant what happened when BFL heard about your  
20      behaviour at the disco.

21      A.   My house mother heard of it first and I just felt  
22      that -- BFL even felt it had been dealt with. He  
23      didn't take the hint until one of the staff threatened  
24      them with the police.

25      Q.   I can see that the boy was put off seeing you again

1           because of the difference of age --

2           A.   Uh-huh.

3 Q. Was that not right?

4                      A.    No.

5 Q. Sorry, I've got that wrong. Forgive me.

6           A. We had a sexual relationship for six weeks. From the  
7           beginning, he knew my age.

8 Q. Okay. I don't want to get into too much of that. I'm  
9 more interested in BFL reaction to this matter if it  
10 came to light. Did she do anything other than maybe  
11 trying to stop this relationship continuing? Did she do  
12 anything to you?

13           A.  No.  It wasn't her that tried to stop the relationship.

14 Q. Okay. Can I put to you a document? I just want to see  
15 if this rings any bells. It's BAR.001.004.9391.

16 (Pause)

17           If we could scroll down to the bottom section of  
18           that. There is an entry dated 8 November 1975, when you  
19           would be aged 14.

20           A.    Yes.

21 Q. The entry reads:

22                "I had received reports from some of the older girls  
23                about Susan's disgraceful behaviour at the disco on  
24                Thursday evening when she had been with [and the name is  
25                blanked out] yet again. When I asked her if this was

1 true, she started to deny it, and I became very angry  
2 with her and smacked her on the face. I told her she  
3 was not going mention to Mrs [I won't mention the name],  
4 as her aunt could not be expected to be responsible for  
5 her when she was behaving in this way with boys.  
6 I raged at her for 10 minutes and told her that she  
7 would not be going to any more discos in the meantime  
8 and that she would be coming home again at lunchtime.  
9 It seems as though Susan is completely disregarding all  
10 our warnings about seeing this boy and is pursuing him  
11 at every available opportunity."

12 We do have there a record my Lady, I think by

13 BFL on at least one occasion, having

14 received this report of your behaviour at a disco --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- she seems to have lost her temper, got into a rage,  
17 and in the course of that occasion smacked you on the  
18 face. I don't know if that brings back a memory. Does  
19 it?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. Like I said, she would slap me quite often on the face.

23 Q. I think you said maybe you might have been slapped three  
24 times when you ran away, but are you saying it did  
25 happen on other occasions for other reasons?

1 A. Oh yes.

2 Q. And certainly we have a record of it here --

3 A. Mm-hm.

4 Q. -- where she reports it herself in effect by writing it  
5 down. Have you seen this before?

6 A. No.

7 Q. If I go back to your statement, Susan, for the moment at  
8 page 0122, I won't take you back to paragraph 86, but  
9 you mentioned how BFL humiliated you about talking  
10 about sending your underwear for forensic examination.

11 A. That's right.

12 Q. And the point you make is that at the time you actually  
13 believed she might do that. Is that the way you felt  
14 at the time?

15 A. Oh yes, she was very convincing.

16 Q. And you were fairly humiliated by what she was  
17 proposing?

18 A. I was terrified.

19 Q. Then you turn to BFJ in paragraph 87. You  
20 tell us that she would do certain things as well. Can  
21 you tell us about that?

22 A. They had corporal punishment back then and they'd use  
23 the slipper, so we'd get the slipper across our  
24 backsides. We'd be sent to bed with no supper, and we'd  
25 be sent to bed very early.

1 Q. So there would be times that you recall being hit with  
2 a slipper by [REDACTED] BFJ; is that right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. If you did something wrong.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Just describe what type of slipper are we talking about  
7 here?

8 A. I'd say like a granny slipper.

9 Q. Okay. Sort of fairly soft material?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And how often would she strike you with a slipper on the  
12 occasions she used it?

13 A. Oh, quite regular.

14 Q. Well, she'd do it regularly, but how often would she  
15 strike you on a single occasion?

16 A. Oh right. Three times.

17 Q. Maybe about three times?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Again, I'll maybe just ask you. Was it painful?

20 A. Yes, it was, it was sting-y. I was only a young child.  
21 I'd only just arrived there from Ravelrig when that was  
22 going on.

23 Q. So this particular form of punishment was something that  
24 was happening more when you were younger, is it --

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. -- before you were a rebellious teenager?

2 A. Yes. BFL put a stop to it when they arrived.

3 Q. Right, they put a stop. So we can date that back to

4 1967/1968?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did BFL not approve of this type of punishment?

7 A. No.

8 Q. But she did slap you from time to time?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Can I just say, Susan -- I'll just say this -- that we

11 asked BFJ to comment on things that were said

12 about her, including whether she used a slipper to hit

13 children, and she has told the inquiry in a statement

14 she provided to us that she rejects the allegation, any

15 allegation, made that she hit a child with a slipper at

16 any time. What do you make of that?

17 A. She would.

18 Q. What, she would deny, you mean?

19 A. Yes. Of course she'd deny it, but she regular --

20 Q. Was it you --

21 A. Not just me, other children as well. But she'd regular

22 do it and she'd do it in front of everybody.

23 Q. That's when you were younger, when you arrived from

24 Ravelrig and you were still a fairly young child?

25 A. Yes. The first day we arrived, I got somebody's make-up

1           and we put it on our face and [REDACTED] BFJ came in. We  
2           told her it was because we were running playing around  
3           our table and it was just that we had hot cheeks, so she  
4           says, okay then, run round the table. And she also gave  
5           us the slipper as well for lying.

6           Q. I'll move on in your statement to page 0123, if I may,  
7           Susan.

8           A. Excuse me, you said you spoke to Mrs [REDACTED] BFJ ?

9           Q. I have said that Mrs [REDACTED] BFJ has been asked to provide  
10          a statement about certain matters concerning her that  
11          you and others will have --

12          A. I thought she died.

13          Q. You thought she was dead? I can inform you she's not,  
14          or she wasn't.

15          LADY SMITH: We understand she is quite elderly, but she has  
16          been contacted and asked for any response she would like  
17          to offer.

18          A. No, she would do that anyway. She was asked about my  
19          children when I was trying to get them back, went to  
20          court, and she had written down a whole load of lies  
21          about me, which totally shocked me because she was my  
22          favourite house mother at the time.

23          MR PEOPLES: Okay. I only have a few more matters, Susan.

24          One of the matters I wanted to ask you about briefly --  
25          and I don't want the names of the individuals -- is on



1 page 0123, at paragraphs 93 and 94. There was an  
2 occasion, I think, when two males entered the girls'  
3 rooms.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And this was something that you, I think, reported to  
6 the staff.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. All I'm going to ask you is, so far as that particular  
9 matter was concerned, and I don't need the details, the  
10 response of the staff on that occasion to what you told  
11 them was to call the police and you were taken to the  
12 local police station for examination and questioning.

13 A. Yes, even though I had nothing to do with it.

14 Q. They made it a police matter?

15 A. Oh yes.

16 Q. That's what I'm trying to say: that on that occasion,  
17 because of the nature of what you were telling them;  
18 is that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. I don't need any more detail than that. I just wanted  
21 to confirm that that was the situation on that occasion.

22 You also mention an individual, and again I will  
23 deal with this briefly if I may. You call him

24 [REDACTED]. I wonder if it's [REDACTED] QFB --

25 A. Yes, [REDACTED] QFB

1 Q. -- rather than [REDACTED]. It was someone that worked at  
2 Glasclune in your time?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. I think, as you quite openly say, you had a bit of  
5 a crush on him at the time?

6 A. Oh yes.

7 Q. All I'm going to ask you is that you have a memory of at  
8 least an occasion when this staff member -- and don't  
9 give me the name of the boy concerned, but there was  
10 a boy, who you estimate was about 6 years old at the  
11 time, came into the room with [REDACTED] QFB Just tell me what  
12 you recall seeing. I just want to know what you saw,  
13 don't speculate about what may or may not have happened.

14 A. I was told to leave the room and I turned round and  
15 said, "What about him?" He said, "He's upset, he's got  
16 some problems", and there was just something in his  
17 face.

18 Q. Whose face?

19 A. The child's. Something in his face. I didn't really  
20 pick up on it at the time. It was afterwards I picked  
21 up on it. He was pleading for help.

22 Q. Okay. So you were concerned enough that you thought  
23 he was distressed or something because of what?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Of being in the company of this member of staff and

1           being brought into this room; is that right?

2       A.   Yes.

3       Q.   Which room was this, by the way? Was it a public room?

4       A.   No, it was the night room the night staff were in.

5       Q.   Okay. I think you tell us that by the time you were 16,  
6           I think staff -- you felt the staff were pretty clear  
7           they wanted you to be leaving the home. Is this because  
8           of the rebellious teenage years?

9       A.   Yes.

10      Q.   And I think, as you say, that finally happened when you  
11         were 17, and we can read for ourselves about your life  
12         after care. It wasn't an easy life and, I think  
13         you have set this out quite frankly and honestly, there  
14         were lots of problems you had --

15      A.   Yes.

16      Q.   -- and we can read them for ourselves.

17           And you have also told us about this encounter,  
18         about what your daughter told you about Mrs BFJ when  
19         you were an adult.

20           Just going on to the impact of being in care as  
21         a child -- and you were a long time at Glasclune -- this  
22         is on page 0126, if we could have that on the screen.  
23         I think you tell us at paragraph 106 -- and maybe this  
24         was part of your problem when you were a teenager --  
25         that you were quite trusting of people and if they

1           showed you any attention or affection then perhaps  
2           you --

3       A.   Well, you know when a boy turns around to you and says,  
4           "If you love me" ... Me the fool that believed him.

5       Q.   Having said that, you also say at paragraph 107 that you  
6           never were given any cuddles at Glasclune. How did  
7           staff relate to you?

8       A.   One of the staff was sat by my bed because I was upset  
9           and I wanted to give her a cuddle and she just froze and  
10          pushed me away. She went, "What are you doing?" and it  
11          made me feel tiny.

12      Q.   So you didn't feel you got any affection or cuddles when  
13          you needed them?

14      A.   No, we didn't.

15      Q.   Okay.

16           Lastly, at page 0127, you say:

17           "[You] think [your] time in care [this is at  
18           paragraph 114] would have been better if there'd been  
19           more teaching or education about real life."

20           So I take it you feel as you didn't get well enough  
21           educated to prepare you for the outside world?

22      A.   No.

23      Q.   It might be said, of course, if you were a rebellious  
24           teenager, you weren't in the business of listening to  
25           any advice you were getting.

1 A. They didn't.

2 Q. They didn't give you advice?

3 A. No.

4 Q. You also say and I just briefly want to see whether you  
5 can elaborate. You say:

6 "A lot can be learned from how other countries run  
7 their care systems."

8 And you mention Germany. Is there a particular  
9 feature of the German care system that you think that  
10 Scotland could learn from? I just want to know what you  
11 had in mind.

12 A. I watched a documentary a bit back and it was like  
13 a housing estate, houses, and the children go into one  
14 of the houses to start with and they stay there until  
15 they're confident enough to go out. They go back to the  
16 home on Sundays and it's like coming home for your lunch  
17 or your dinner and they're always welcomed back there.

18 Q. So is this also like an independent living house during  
19 the week --

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. -- for older children, before they leave care?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. But then they have the option or they can go back to the  
24 care setting at weekends --

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. -- in preparation for maybe eventually being  
2 independent?

3 A. And if they're having any problems, they could go back  
4 there to talk to the member of staff. The member of  
5 staff was like a father to them, a father figure.

6 Q. Barnardo's, I think, tell us they run what's called an  
7 aftercare service. Is that something you ever explored  
8 to see if you could get help for any problems you had as  
9 an adult?

10 A. No.

11 Q. It was not something you tried or tested out?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Okay. Well, these are all the questions I have --

14 A. All I wanted to do was get away, find a husband, and  
15 have my own family.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. That was a big mistake.

18 MR PEOPLES: Okay. These are all the questions I have for  
19 you today, Susan, but I wish to thank you for coming and  
20 giving your evidence to the inquiry, and I wish you  
21 well.

22 LADY SMITH: Are there any outstanding applications for  
23 questions? No.

24 Susan, thank you very much for engaging with the  
25 inquiry as you have done. It has been very helpful to

1 have your evidence, both in writing and hearing you  
2 today. I'm now be able to let you go.

3 I'm going to leave the room first, not by means of  
4 any discourtesy -- and there's one thing I need to  
5 mention, and this is not a criticism of you, it's  
6 a technical thing.

7 In the course of this morning's evidence, some names  
8 have been mentioned: [REDACTED] BFJ, [REDACTED] BFK and  
9 [REDACTED] QFB, all of whose identities are covered by my  
10 restriction orders. That needs to be adhered to, so  
11 those names can't be identified as the subject of  
12 allegations outside the hearing room.

13 A. There was also another member of staff --

14 LADY SMITH: It's okay. I don't need to know any other  
15 names at the moment.

16 A. Sorry.

17 LADY SMITH: We've got your written statement and I know  
18 that you have mentioned some other people to us as well  
19 and it's very helpful to us to know that. It's just to  
20 do with what's been spoken to in evidence this morning.

21 Thank you.

22 (1.02 pm)

23 (The lunch adjournment)

24 (2.00 pm)

25 LADY SMITH: Ms Rattray.

1 Letter of "AMY" (read)

2 MS RATTRAY: Yes, my Lady. We have read-ins. There are  
3 three potentially that we could cover during the course  
4 of the day.

5 The first one I'm going to turn to is a letter  
6 rather than a statement, and it's a letter from an  
7 applicant who lives in Australia. Arrangements have  
8 been made to take a statement from her, but in the  
9 meantime she has consented to a letter to the inquiry  
10 being read in.

11 She's been given the pseudonym "Amy". Her letter is  
12 dated 8 August 2018 and can be found at  
13 WIT.003.001.6810.

14 "To whom it may concern re historical child abuse,  
15 Scotland.

16 "My name is Amy and I was born in Glasgow in 1943  
17 and placed into the care of Dr Barnardo's Homes when  
18 I was four months old.

19 "I lived at Comlongan Castle from July [REDACTED] and then  
20 Glasclune, North Berwick, East Lothian, from  
21 [REDACTED] 1949 to 1956 when I emigrated to Australia,  
22 where I still reside.

23 "My earliest memory of sexual abuse was when I was  
24 about 9 or 10 years of age and myself and my sister  
25 would stay with a man and woman on a farm for school



1           holidays. They had a brother that we were told to call  
2           'uncle'. This man would put his hand inside my  
3           underwear and sexually assault me and this would happen  
4           on numerous occasions. I was too afraid to tell anybody  
5           and I didn't know how to stop this abuse.

6           "When I was at Glasclune, [REDACTED]  
7           home, Mr [REDACTED] BDO with his wife, [REDACTED]. This  
8           man touched me inappropriately on a number of occasions.  
9           He would rub himself up against myself and the other  
10          young girls and touch our breasts and grope us at every  
11          opportunity.

12          "On occasion, he would decide to punish me for  
13          reasons unknown to myself and force me to strip  
14          completely naked and bend over a bath where he would  
15          smack me on the backside with the back of a brush.  
16          I remember feeling embarrassment, shame and fear, and  
17          would often wet myself in terror.

18          "I would frequently wet my bed and was punished for  
19          this by having my wet underwear wrapped around my face  
20          and left to sit in a dormitory full of other children  
21          for up for an hour at a time, to be tormented and  
22          bullied to cure me. Another punishment was to make me  
23          stand facing a wall for hours on end to the point where  
24          I frequently fainted.

25          "Presents given to me for birthdays and Christmases

1           were often taken from me to punish me for reasons like  
2           wetting myself or for taking a biscuit or a piece of  
3           fruit without asking.

4           "I suffered at the hands of predators like Uncle and  
5           Mr **BDO** I had nobody to confide in, nobody that  
6           particularly cared, no support network. I felt  
7           isolated, afraid, vulnerable and abused. These feelings  
8           of helplessness are as raw today as they were when I was  
9           a young child.

10          "As young, innocent, vulnerable children we were at  
11          the mercy of these sexual deviants and at the same time  
12          at the mercy of brutal and cruel discipline and  
13          punishments meted out by the very people charged with  
14          protecting us.

15          "I am happy that the Historical Child Abuse Inquiry  
16          has allowed me finally, at the age of 74, to have  
17          a voice and to share my experiences of sexual,  
18          psychological, physical and emotional abuse in the hope  
19          that people in a position of trust are held accountable  
20          for their actions and that these abuses were never again  
21          be hidden and no child has to suffer the indignities and  
22          abuses that I once did. Thank you."

23          And the letter is signed by Amy.

24          LADY SMITH: Thank you.

25

1                   Witness statement of "ELIZABETH" (read)

2           MS RATTRAY: The next read-in is a statement of an applicant  
3           who wishes to remain anonymous and has chosen the  
4           pseudonym "Elizabeth". Her statement can be found at  
5           WIT.001.002.0171.

6                   "My name is Elizabeth. I was born in 1954. My  
7           contact details are known to the inquiry."

8                   Elizabeth then describes her life before care when  
9           her mother was often hospitalised, because of her mental  
10          health, and her dad, who she described as hardworking,  
11          was unable to cope. Elizabeth says that when she was  
12          almost 9 years old, she and her two sisters were sent to  
13          Glasclune at North Berwick.

14                  Barnardo's records indicate that Elizabeth was  
15          admitted to Glasclune on [REDACTED] 1963 and discharged  
16          to her family on [REDACTED] 1966.

17                  Turning now to paragraph 7 on page 0172:

18                  "Two or three people came to our house a few days  
19          before we were taken to Glasclune House. My mum  
20          explained that my sisters and I were going on a little  
21          holiday for just a few weeks. I stayed at Glasclune for  
22          just under two and a half years. My brother got to stay  
23          at home. He was never put into care.

24                  "Glasclune House was a big house. It was scary and  
25          daunting for a little girl. I didn't know anything

1           about North Berwick. I didn't know where I was.

2           "Glasclune House was run by Mr and Mrs Mace. It  
3           housed children from age 3 to 16. My sister was the  
4           youngest child there. I think the children had to leave  
5           when they were 16.

6           "There were over 20 girls in Glasclune. I don't  
7           know how many boys lived there. We didn't mix with  
8           boys. We only saw them at mealtimes and if they were in  
9           your class at school. The staff called me by my first  
10          name in Glasclune.

11          "The house stood in its own grounds on top of the  
12          a hill. There were walls all around it. The grounds  
13          were beautiful. There was a tennis court and a putting  
14          green. You couldn't freely decide to go out and play  
15          tennis or putting; you could only do that if the staff  
16          said you could. It would never have occurred to us to  
17          go out of the grounds. If you wanted to go out, you had  
18          to ask permission. I very rarely went out without being  
19          told by the staff to go out.

20          "The house had three levels, ground floor, first  
21          floor and second floor. There was a boys' section at  
22          one end of the house. I never went in there. When you  
23          went in the front door, there was a reception area and  
24          a big staircase to the upper floors. The reception was  
25          like a big lounge with sofas and a table. If you had

1 visitors, they would wait for you in the reception. On  
2 the ground floor there was a dining room and  
3 a television room. There was a boys' playroom but the  
4 girls never went in there.

5 "The dormitory I slept in was at the top of the  
6 stairs on the first floor. It was the only dormitory on  
7 the first floor. There were bathrooms and toilets on  
8 that floor. At the end of the corridor there was a door  
9 to a private area which was the rooms for Mr and  
10 Mrs Mace. On the second floor there were another three  
11 or four dormitories. They were not as big as the  
12 dormitory I was in. The youngest and oldest children  
13 were up there.

14 "The house was run by Mr and Mrs Mace. Mrs BfJ  
15 worked and lived at Glasclune with her daughter, who was  
16 the same age as me. Mrs BfJ  
17 . The children at Glasclune thought she was  
18 a widow.

19 "Mr and Mrs Leiper lived at a house in the grounds.  
20 Mr Leiper was a gardener and a handyman. Mrs Leiper was  
21 also a member of staff but I'm not sure what she did.  
22 Miss Sutherland was the only member of staff who I felt  
23 showed any kindness. Miss Sutherland would speak nicely  
24 and take the time to talk to you. She was friendly.  
25 I think she did live on the premises. I'm not aware of

1           where in the house she lived.

2           "The staff who worked with the girls were all  
3           female. There were more members of staff but I don't  
4           remember their names. Mrs Quinn worked with the boys.  
5           I didn't have much to do with her.

6           "I remember very clearly being taken to  
7           Glasclune House. My dad took my sisters and I on the  
8           bus. I was 8 years old. My sisters were 6 and 3 years  
9           old. I knew we were going on a holiday, that was all.  
10          My dad said that we were all going to be together, but  
11          we weren't kept together.

12          "When we arrived, we went in the front door. It  
13          was [REDACTED] and there was a [REDACTED] going on.  
14          I know now that every year the girls put on a [REDACTED]  
15          [REDACTED] but at the time I didn't know what it was. People  
16          were dressed in white. It was very strange. The staff  
17          very quickly asked my dad to leave. My sisters were  
18          getting upset. My dad left us there; I think he wanted  
19          to leave. He was upset.

20          "Although I was 8 years old, I had a grownup head on  
21          my shoulders. I think I knew what was happening, but  
22          I still thought I was only there for three weeks.  
23          I thought I was going to share a bedroom with my sisters  
24          and it would be great fun. My recollection is that my  
25          sisters and I were split up and taken to different

1           dormitories.

2           "I don't remember ever sharing a dormitory with my  
3           sisters. One of my sister's recollections is different.  
4           She thinks that my other sister and I were in the same  
5           dormitory for some of our time at Glasclune.

6           "The staff changed some of our clothes. I was given  
7           a skirt, socks and shoes. I had a dirty top on which  
8           I kept on. I don't know what state my other things were  
9           in, but the staff obviously thought they should be  
10          changed. My sisters and I were made to stand outside  
11          the house to have our photograph taken.

12          "The dormitories were divided by age group, so my  
13          sisters and I were each put into different, large  
14          dormitories. There were about 10 or 12 girls in my  
15          dormitory. The girls were all about the same age as me.  
16          I think my age group had the largest number of children.  
17          I played with all the girls and made friends. Some of  
18          the girls were there a lot longer than I was.

19          "The dormitory had a big bay window. Four months  
20          before I left Glasclune, I was moved up to a smaller  
21          dormitory on the top floor because of my age. There  
22          were four beds in that room.

23          "Someone would come into the dormitory and wake us  
24          up in the morning. On a school day, we had to strip our  
25          beds, go to the toilet, and get washed. We came back

1           and made our bed. The bed had to be made in a specific  
2           way with hospital corners. The bed was inspected. If  
3           the bed wasn't right, then you had to strip it and make  
4           it again. I must have been taught how to make a bed  
5           like that because I didn't know how to do that before I  
6           went to Glasclune.

7           "We then went down for prayers in the reception  
8           area. We had prayers every morning. The morning prayer  
9           was short then you had to say the Lord's Prayer. At the  
10          beginning of every meal you had to stand behind your  
11          chair and then Mr or Mrs Mace would chose a child at  
12          random to say grace, so you had to learn grace. After  
13          grace was said, you could sit down.

14          "After prayers, we had breakfast and then we had  
15          chores to do. The chores weren't very onerous. Some  
16          chores were done every day and some were just done  
17          at the weekends. There was a rota for chores which  
18          changed around every week or two. On a school day, you  
19          might not have had any chores depending on what rota you  
20          were on. You might have to sweep and mop the dormitory  
21          floor or the stairs. There were canary cages in the  
22          dormitory and you might have to feed the canaries.  
23          At the weekends you would clean the baths and the  
24          toilets. Everybody did chores, even my youngest sister.  
25          I wouldn't say we were skivvies, but I don't know why



1 the staff had us doing the chores because they did have  
2 cleaning staff that came in. It was probably to teach  
3 us how to clean.

4 "You had church and Sunday school every Sunday.  
5 Everyone had to go to church. You went to different  
6 churches depending on your faith. There were children  
7 who were Church of England. I went to the Church of  
8 Scotland on North Berwick high street. I had been to  
9 Sunday school before I went to Glasclune. You had  
10 Sunday clothes, a dress and a coat to wear to church.

11 "At bedtime, once you were in bed, there was no  
12 talking. If you talked after lights out, you got into  
13 trouble and got a punishment. Different members of  
14 staff would check on the children; it just depended who  
15 was on duty.

16 "In the dining room, I had to sit at the same place  
17 the whole time I lived in Glasclune. You were not  
18 allowed to sit anywhere else. We sat in groups of ten.  
19 My sisters were at different tables and I didn't get to  
20 sit with them. At mealtimes the staff would ring  
21 a bell. That was a five-minute warning that it was  
22 about to be mealtime. All of the girls queued up the  
23 dormitory that I slept in. When everybody was there in  
24 a line the staff would bang a gong. That meant it was  
25 time to go in for your meal. We would march downstairs

1           into the dining room.

2           "The food sticks out in my head. I really  
3           appreciated the food. It was outstanding -- probably  
4           because I wasn't well fed before I went to Glasclune.  
5           There was a kitchen area and a cook. There was always  
6           a cooked breakfast: sausage, bacon and beans. There was  
7           also boiled eggs and toast. Breakfast was put on the  
8           table and you helped yourself. Sunday dinners were out  
9           of this world. Every Sunday there was a roast with all  
10          the trimmings. We had lunch at school. It wasn't as  
11          nice as the food as Glasclune.

12          "We had a bath every day after school and on  
13          a Saturday. There was a big bathroom on the same floor  
14          as my dormitory. There were three or four baths in it.  
15          You would be called in to have a bath. Baths were  
16          supervised by the female members of staff. There would  
17          be about eight children in the bathroom at a time. The  
18          staff would have two children in each bath. You queued  
19          up and, when you got to the front, took your pants off  
20          and gave them to a member of staff. This is one of the  
21          issues which, looking back, I am not happy about.

22          "The children would share the bathwater. Two  
23          children would come out of the bath and two people would  
24          go in. You didn't get clean bathwater every time two  
25          children went in. I can't remember the water being

1           taken out. You could put hot water in to make the bath  
2           hot again if it was getting cold.

3           "We each had our own towel for washing our hands and  
4           face. You would be given a clean towel to dry with  
5           after your bath. When you finished with the towel, you  
6           put it in a basket.

7           "We had a wardrobe beside our bed to keep our  
8           clothes in and a drawer to keep your socks and underwear  
9           in. All of our socks and underwear had our name in  
10          them. There was a big cupboard in Glasclune where you  
11          were allocated closest from. You didn't get brand new  
12          clothes; they had belonged to someone else. You were  
13          given clothes. There was no choice. We were never  
14          taken out shopping for anything.

15          "There was a shoe cupboard when you needed new  
16          shoes. You always hated going for shoes. You had to go  
17          to Mr Leiper. The shoes were old, probably 20 or  
18          30 years old. You were always wearing someone else's  
19          shoes. The shoes were never fashionable. They were  
20          big, brown, lace-up things.

21          "There was an uniform for primary school but we were  
22          never permitted to wear it. We had ordinary clothes for  
23          school. The children from Glasclune all had the same  
24          haircut: a short bob with a fringe. I once asked if  
25          I could grow my hair. The staff said, no, it wasn't

1           permitted.

2           "The children from Glasclune were always different.  
3           You could always spot the home kid. When the children  
4           went to secondary school there was a uniform and the  
5           children were allowed to wear it.

6           "I went to North Berwick Primary School. I was used  
7           to being moved from school to school. I thought, here  
8           we go again. The children went to school themselves.  
9           Little groups of us would walk together in threes, to  
10          and from school. It was a 10-minute walk. I hated  
11          being the new girl and the introduction to the class as  
12          the new girl. I quite enjoyed school. I was of average  
13          ability, not a brainbox, but not a dunce either.

14          "When you got home from school, you had to clean  
15          your shoes. Everybody had a peg and a shoebox with  
16          a number on it. My number was ■■■. My toothbrush, my  
17          flannel, my towel, my shoebox, my coat hook were all  
18          number ■■■. Mr Leiper stood at a table and you had to  
19          clean your shoes in a certain way until they shone. It  
20          was regimented. The shoes were inspected and, if they  
21          weren't right, Mr Leiper would tell you to put more  
22          polish on the shoes or shine them harder. You had to go  
23          back to do the shoes again.

24          "After that, you would have a bath before teatime,  
25          have your tea, and do your homework. We did our

1 homework sitting at a window seat in the bay window of  
2 the dormitory. I don't remember being helped with  
3 homework by anyone.

4 "After we had finished our homework, in winter we  
5 might be allowed to watch some TV in the TV room. We  
6 could only watch the BBC. We weren't allowed to watch  
7 adverts which were on the independent channel. You  
8 didn't have to watch TV. You only watched if you wanted  
9 to. If you were outside, in the summer for instance,  
10 there were toys you could play with. You could ask to  
11 play putting or tennis.

12 "At the top of the stairs on the first floor there  
13 was an area with big tubs of toys which you could play  
14 with. There were books in the playroom, annuals and  
15 things like that. There was a cinema night every couple  
16 of months where movies would be shown. Seats were lined  
17 up in the big reception area and a projector was set up.

18 "We got pocket money on a Saturday. It was a very  
19 formal affair. Mr Mace would sit down at a desk with  
20 a book and a cash box. The children lined up and were  
21 given their pocket money. The amount was around  
22 sixpence or ninepence. Mr Mace recorded it in the book.  
23 We were allowed to go into North Berwick to spend it.  
24 You could spend it on whatever you wanted. It was  
25 enough to buy some sweets. Generally, people spent

1           their money when they got it. It was about a 10-minute  
2           walk to town.

3           "Glasclune were very good at taking you away and  
4           taking you out. Everybody from Glasclune, including the  
5           boys, went to a residential camp at Aberfoyle for two  
6           weeks in the summer every year. Once we went to the  
7           Edinburgh Military Tattoo. We went to the Botanic  
8           Gardens in Edinburgh a bus and to the Christmas  
9           pantomime at the theatre.

10          "Aberfoyle felt like a holiday. I quite enjoyed it.  
11          There were dormitories with bunk beds. That was good  
12          fun. You had to go out to the shower block for  
13          a shower, so it was all a bit different. The meals  
14          weren't as nice. There was a playroom. Outside there  
15          were swings. You could go on walks in a group.

16          "On your birthday, when you came into dinner, you  
17          would have a little pile of presents at your place.  
18          There was a cake and everyone sang happy birthday. The  
19          first year I was at Glasclune they forgot it was my  
20          birthday because it was on [REDACTED]. I was very  
21          upset. I went into the dining room thinking there was  
22          going to be a [REDACTED] pile of presents for me.  
23          Of course, there wasn't. I think my birthday had just  
24          got lost. The staff told me that, on this one occasion,  
25          they were going to change my birthday. So on the new

1 day there was a little pile of presents for me. After  
2 that, the staff did remember my birthday.

3 "On Christmas Day you didn't have your usual place  
4 setting. The staff changed all the tables so there was  
5 one big long table like a party. The tables were all  
6 around the room. You could sit anywhere. It wasn't so  
7 formal. Christmas was fantastic. The children were  
8 woken up in the morning by a trail of members of staff.  
9 Everybody had a sack of presents brought to their bed.  
10 You kept your presents for the day, then everybody got  
11 to play with them.

12 "My parents visited my sisters and I once every  
13 three or four months. My brother came now and then. My  
14 mum was ill and my parents didn't have any money to get  
15 down to North Berwick. It was quite expensive and  
16 I think that's why they didn't come often. Depending on  
17 the weather, we would sit and talk to my parents or they  
18 would take us out for the day. If we stayed in  
19 Glasclune, the visit would take place in the reception  
20 area.

21 "I don't remember any visits from social workers or  
22 inspections of Glasclune. No one came to ask me how  
23 I was getting on. I wouldn't have told them the truth  
24 anyway, I would have just said everything was fine.

25 "Every year the girls had to do a nativity play.

1 One of the shows of the play was to invited guests.  
2 There was a woman from Barnardo's who had been involved  
3 in placing my sisters and I at Glasclune at the play and  
4 the staff took me over to where she was sitting to  
5 introduce me to her. That was the only time I saw  
6 anybody from outside of Glasclune.

7 "The only other person who used to visit was the  
8 Chief Constable of Edinburgh, Willie Merrilees. The  
9 chief constable was quite a well-known man. He was very  
10 kind and benevolent. The chief constable used to pay  
11 for us to be taken to the Tattoo and on bus trips. He  
12 put on a Christmas party for the children at Glasclune  
13 every year, where every child got a present.

14 "The doctor came to the home. There was a little  
15 room set up like a clinic where you got weighed and  
16 measured. Notes were made. The dentist came to the  
17 home to check you over. If you needed treatment, you  
18 went to the dentist's surgery.

19 "I had a stomach upset twice at Glasclune. One time  
20 the staff got the doctor to come and see me and the  
21 other time I went to bed.

22 "There were no talks about growing up from the  
23 staff. My breasts started to grow and it felt really  
24 strange and funny. I talked to one of the older girls  
25 about it and she reassured me it was nothing to worry



1           about.

2           "I only saw my sisters in passing when we were at  
3           Glasclune. The only time all the girls were together  
4           was at mealtimes. We didn't even sit together for our  
5           meals. My sisters wouldn't necessarily watch TV or play  
6           in the playroom at the same time as me. If we were in  
7           the TV room at the same time, we would be with our own  
8           little group of friends. I don't remember talking to my  
9           sisters at Glasclune, although I think I must have done.

10          "When my parents visited, I saw them with my  
11          sisters. My brother didn't come to visit us every time  
12          our parents did. He was five years older than me.  
13          That's quite a big difference. He was 15 and I was 10.  
14          If he didn't want to come, I understand that. Once  
15          I was allowed to go out into North Berwick with my  
16          sisters to spend our pocket money.

17          "Both of my sisters had emotional problems and were  
18          clinically being looked after for bed-wetting and  
19          soiling before we went to Glasclune. Both of them were  
20          hospitalised for it at one point. These problems  
21          continued at Glasclune.

22          "I was punished for quite a few things. I was never  
23          bad. I didn't disobey the staff very much. Some people  
24          did. I was punished for things like having a dirty face  
25          or dirty underwear and not bringing my shoes home from

1 school. I was always forgetting my shoes. I wasn't  
2 good at tying shoelaces and was always tripping up on  
3 mine. If the staff caught me with my shoelaces undone,  
4 I'd get a punishment. I think the staff showed me how  
5 to tie my shoelaces but I wasn't very good at it.

6 "Any member of staff could hand out a punishment.  
7 You weren't sent to the headmaster's office or anything  
8 like that. The punishments were not very severe. Once  
9 or twice I got a whack from the slipper on my bum for  
10 talking after lights out. The bedclothes wouldn't be  
11 there. It was a member of staff who did that but  
12 I don't remember anyone in particular. That wasn't  
13 a regular occurrence for me. It was always a threat if  
14 you were talking after lights out that that would  
15 happen. You didn't want to be hit with the slipper, so  
16 you didn't talk. The times that I was hit with the  
17 slipper, the other girls in my dormitory were hit too.

18 "One of the punishments was to be sent to bed for  
19 a couple of nights, depending on what you had done,  
20 without having had tea. You would go to bed with bread,  
21 butter and a glass of milk. Two or three times I wasn't  
22 allowed to go to the cinema night because I was on  
23 a punishment.

24 "Mrs **BFJ** 's daughter was the same age as me.  
25 We were at school together. She had her own room in

1 Glasclune and her own toys. She could play with the  
2 other toys in the home if she wanted to. She had nice  
3 clothes and hair. She mixed with us children who were  
4 in care and lived the life that we lived to a degree.  
5 She had privileges that we didn't have.

6 "I had a strange relationship with Mrs BfJ's  
7 daughter. She held over you the fact that her mother  
8 was a staff member. If she wanted something that you  
9 had, she would say that you had better give it to her or  
10 she would tell her mother that you did something. There  
11 was one occasion where my mother, for my birthday, sent  
12 me a Cinderella ornament with a Timex watch. She wanted  
13 it. I wasn't letting her have it. She picked it up,  
14 dropped it on the floor, and smashed it. What could  
15 I do? I couldn't do anything. I just had to accept  
16 that.

17 "She would befriend you and be your friend for a day  
18 or two and you might be allowed to go and sleep in her  
19 room. Then she would drop you and pick someone else.  
20 Someone else would be allowed to go and sleep in her  
21 bedroom.

22 "When you waited in the queue to go into the bath,  
23 you kept your pants on. When you got to the top of the  
24 queue, you had to take your pants off. The staff took  
25 the pants from you and looked at them. If you had any

1 marks on your pants, some of the staff would call you  
2 out for that in front of everybody.

3 "Mrs BFJ in particular would shout at me and  
4 humiliate me. Mrs BFJ said I was disgusting and  
5 dirty. It was really quite upsetting and humiliating.  
6 I was really ashamed and frightened. The whole time  
7 I was at Glasclune, I was really scared. Even if  
8 Mrs BFJ wasn't in the bathroom when you got into the  
9 bath, she would come in to look at the pants. I don't  
10 know if she did that to other girls. I only noticed her  
11 looking at my pants because I was always waiting for her  
12 to look for the pants and find them. I was on the edge  
13 the whole time.

14 "There was one occasion when I was in the bath with  
15 Mrs BFJ's daughter; she got bathed with the rest of  
16 us. Mrs BFJ came into the bathroom. She rummaged  
17 through the pants and got mine. Of course, your name  
18 was on the pants. Mrs BFJ shouted 'Out!' in the  
19 middle of the bathroom. She kept shouting at me to get  
20 out of the bath saying how dare I sit in the bath with  
21 her daughter.

22 There was another staff member, Miss Sutherland, who  
23 used to put my pants to the bottom of the pile to hide  
24 them. I think she knew I was struggling and was looking  
25 out for me a little bit.

1            "My sisters and I were all emotionally disturbed to  
2            some degree, particularly my younger sister, who was  
3            only between 3 and 5 years old when we were at  
4            Glasclune. She was soiling and wetting all the time,  
5            probably because she had never been properly trained.  
6            My youngest sister had soiled her pants one day. She  
7            was no more than 5 or 6 years old. The children lined  
8            up to the taken into the dining room. It was quite  
9            regimented. The staff made her stand outside the  
10           dining room, holding her pants, to show all the boys and  
11           girls what she had done. She was distraught. She was  
12           looking at her feet and there were tears rolling down  
13           her face. I couldn't comfort her because I was too  
14           scared to say anything to her.

15           "Mrs BFJ had a very stern look. I don't remember  
16           her ever smiling at me. She scared me. I thought  
17           Mrs BFJ didn't like me. Mrs BFJ was always saying  
18           things to me. She said things to other children too.  
19           It was like some faces fitted and some didn't.

20           "My mother was always saying on visits and in  
21           letters she wrote that I was coming home soon, it  
22           wouldn't be long. I would be saying that too.  
23           Mrs BFJ frequently took me aside and said I wasn't  
24           going home soon and that I would be at Glasclune for  
25           a long time. She said my mother wasn't being honest

1 with me. When Mrs [REDACTED] BFJ was saying these things, I'd  
2 be standing in front of her crying. She would continue  
3 to say to me, 'You're not going home'.

4 "When I was about 10 years old there was an occasion  
5 I was hit on the face. We were at Aberfoyle. A group  
6 of ten or 12 girls were at the river. A staff member  
7 was writing a letter. I stood up, looked over her  
8 shoulder and read the letter out. The staff member  
9 turned round and gave me one hell of a whack to stop me  
10 from saying what was in the letter. It was a slap on my  
11 head. It really stunned me. It was quite hard.

12 I often think it was my own fault and I deserved it.  
13 I shouldn't have stood and read her private letter out.

14 "I never felt I could ever tell anyone anything  
15 about what made me unhappy at Glasclune. I don't  
16 remember anybody ever asking me if I was okay. I just  
17 accepted authority. I wouldn't have gone out of my way  
18 to seek out somebody to talk to. I just thought: this  
19 is what it's like in a children's home, you just have to  
20 go with it.

21 "I was 11 years old when I left Glasclune in  
22 [REDACTED] 1966. My mum and dad came to visit us one day.  
23 My youngest sister was distraught, crying and upset.  
24 She had wet herself. She told my mum that she was going  
25 to get a punishment and she was really scared. My mum

1           decided that she wasn't going to leave my younger sister  
2           at Glasclune. My other sister and I were there when my  
3           mum was saying that, that my younger sister was coming  
4           home. We didn't know that we would be going home too.

5           "My other sister and I were sent to have a bath.  
6           Then the staff came to told us to get dressed as we were  
7           going home. My mum had told Mr and Mrs Mace that she  
8           was taking my younger sister home. Mr and Mrs Mace said  
9           she couldn't take my younger sister home without taking  
10          my other sister and I. My mum said we were all going  
11          home and we all went home that day. We packed some  
12          clothes that we had. My dad went back to Glasclune to  
13          get our things that we had gone into Glasclune with. It  
14          was like prison. Our things had been packed into  
15          storage and we got them when we got out. We got  
16          a suitcase of things that were too small for us.

17          "This was the first time any of us had told my  
18          parents that we were unhappy. I don't think we would  
19          have told them. On this occasion my mum actually saw my  
20          younger sister was upset and she was telling my mum why.  
21          I was delighted to be going home."

22          Elizabeth then describes her home life after  
23          Glasclune, which she says was not a happy experience.

24          I now turn to paragraph 74 on page 0187:

25          "It's hard for me to distinguish the effects of

1           being in care and the home life. It all contributes.  
2           I always felt inferior to everybody. I had no  
3           confidence and I was very self-conscious. Even now  
4           I don't like drawing attention to myself. I don't want  
5           to put my head above the parapet, especially at work.  
6           I like to get things right the first time because if you  
7           don't, you draw attention to yourself for the wrong  
8           reasons. I think that's come from my time at Glasclune.  
9           It affected me in my younger years, but I'm fine now.  
10          It took me a long time to feel as I do now.

11                 "It wasn't until I got to the age of 50 that  
12           I realised that I wasn't stupid. I wished I'd stuck in  
13           at school, so I went to university and got a Bachelor of  
14           Arts in business and management. I liked that so much  
15           I went back and did a master's degree in human resource  
16           management. It wasn't until that point that I felt  
17           equal to other people. I thought, I have done this for  
18           myself, I am just as good as you. All my life I felt  
19           I wasn't as good as other people. I don't feel like  
20           that now.

21                 "Glasclune was very nice. It was a lot nicer than  
22           what I had been used to, with the grounds and things.  
23           They put everything in place, a nice environment, food,  
24           clothes and outings. The children were well looked  
25           after. One thing was missing. I couldn't expect



1 anybody to love me because I wasn't their child but  
2 I didn't even feel liked. I felt it was just a job to  
3 the staff. When I was in Glasclune I felt abandoned and  
4 left to get on with it.

5 "Nobody ever put their arm around me or reassured  
6 me. In fact, it was quite the opposite, especially with  
7 Mrs BFJ. It's a real shame because, if the staff had  
8 softened their approach and the routine had been less  
9 regimented, Glasclune could have been an ideal place for  
10 children.

11 "It was strange to split families up, no matter how  
12 young or old they are. Separating children by age group  
13 into dormitories wasn't a good thing. They could have  
14 made Glasclune a completely different experience for  
15 children who were already traumatised for whatever  
16 reason.

17 "A friend of mine who was in Glasclune at the same  
18 time as me, sent me a photo of the staff at Glasclune.  
19 Mrs BFJ is in the photo. She has a certain look  
20 about her, a scary look. Mrs BFJ still scarce me  
21 when I look at her.

22 "It still upsets me to talk about my youngest sister  
23 having to show her soiled pants to the children.  
24 I remember having to line up to go into the dining room.  
25 The thing that upsets me so much is I could see her

1 face. She was so distraught. I would never do that to  
2 my children or to children who weren't mine.

3 "Given that my sisters had problems with wetting and  
4 soiling, to use that as a punishment was really bad.  
5 The staff should have given more thought to that.  
6 I don't know whether the staff didn't know much about  
7 our background. It was a very strange thing to  
8 humiliate such a small child. We had enough to deal  
9 with, with what had happened to us before and during our  
10 time at Glasclune.

11 "I still have great affection for North Berwick and  
12 visit there often, maybe because I have happy memories  
13 there that are not connected with what was inside  
14 Glasclune. The children from Glasclune had a special  
15 spot on the beach that we always sat at. I visited  
16 recently and sat there. I felt as if it had happened to  
17 someone else.

18 "After we left Glasclune and went home, I was very  
19 protective of my sisters. I was like a little mother to  
20 them. I don't know if at all sisters are like this,  
21 but, as we got older, we are not so close now. My  
22 sisters and I have never fallen out and when we see each  
23 other, it's great, but we don't see each other very  
24 often.

25 "For years there was never much of a relationship

1 with my brother. We all lived in the same house and my  
2 brother was always treated differently. He was at home  
3 all the time and was never put into care. We're closer  
4 now than we ever were. I go out of my way to try and  
5 keep my brother and sisters together. I keep contact  
6 with my siblings more than they keep contact with me,  
7 which can be a bit annoying at times.

8 "I have a very good relationship with my children.  
9 I was a good mother. The mothering I learned from my  
10 mother did not carry forward to my children. My  
11 children know I was in Glasclune. I tell them little  
12 stories but they don't know what I've told the inquiry.

13 "I have a good relationship with my mother now.  
14 I can see it through her eyes. It must have been very  
15 hard for her because she wasn't able to look after us.

16 "I got my records from Glasclune about 10 years ago  
17 now, from Barnardo's. I had seen a television programme  
18 when it was first opened up to people to apply for their  
19 records. I thought I would quite like to do that.

20 A social worker went through my records with me. The  
21 social worker explained some of the things that were in  
22 there and the language that was used in it. I was happy  
23 to go away and go through the records at my own pace.

24 "The photograph taken of me at the front door of  
25 Glasclune on my first day was in my file with a photo of

1 Glasclune itself. There were no surprises in my  
2 records. I was surprised that I knew so much already.  
3 It was quite hurtful and upsetting reading the  
4 social work minutes of meetings with my parents at our  
5 home, the social worker's views of my parents and  
6 comments about them. The social workers talked about my  
7 sisters and I, what we looked like, and how we behaved.  
8 It was like looking at, and talking about, somebody  
9 else. You know it's about you, but it's like you are an  
10 outsider looking in.

11 "There were one or two comments made about me from  
12 Mr and Mrs Mace that I thought were a bit strange.  
13 Mr and Mrs Mace said, 'Rather a nice child if it wasn't  
14 for her deceitfulness and romancing'. I think what that  
15 meant was that I fantasised, but then anyone would if  
16 you were in a children's home. You would hope you were  
17 somewhere else. That's the only thing I could think  
18 because I was a quiet and timid child.

19 "Being in care would have been a different  
20 experience for me if I had felt liked, never mind loved.  
21 I understand you can't love people who are not related  
22 to you. Feeling liked was the one fundamental thing  
23 that was missing.

24 "You can't just put children in care in a house, put  
25 food on the table and give them clothes. There are

1 other needs, emotional needs. These children are  
2 already traumatised and things have happened to them.

3 "Imagine how the children feel going into a place  
4 without the people they love and know, and there's  
5 nobody appears to even care about you. Having someone  
6 the child can speak to about their feelings would make  
7 a difference.

8 "I don't think the situation with right, the [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED] living at Glasclune. Mrs BFJ, [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED] working there and having such an  
11 influence on what was happening at Glasclune shouldn't  
12 have been allowed. Even if you did have the wherewithal  
13 to question what she was doing, would you have gone to  
14 [REDACTED] to tell? Would you do that if you were  
15 a little girl? I don't think you would. I don't think  
16 that [REDACTED] would happen now.  
17 I don't think it would be allowed.

18 "I went back to Glasclune when I was about 18 or  
19 19 years old. Different people were in charge. They  
20 had taken away the big dormitories. The dormitories  
21 were small and they had taken away the age group  
22 division. They had learned something.

23 "I have no objection to my witness statement being  
24 published as part of evidence to the inquiry. I believe  
25 the facts stated in this witness statement are true."

1 The statement is signed by Elizabeth on 6 July 2018.

2 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

3 And where now?

4 Witness statement of "JANIE" (read)

5 MS RATTRAY: We have one more read-in for today, which is  
6 a read-in of part of a statement from an applicant who  
7 wishes to remain anonymous and has chosen the pseudonym  
8 "Janie". Her statement can be found at  
9 WIT.001.001.2215:

10 "My name is Janie. I was born in 1961. My contact  
11 details are known to the inquiry."

12 My Lady, Janie was in other care establishments:  
13 St Catherine's Home Edinburgh, Keenan(?) Lodge in  
14 Edinburgh, and Smyllum in Lanark, before moving to  
15 Glasclune in North Berwick."

16 We heard oral evidence from Janie of her memories of  
17 Smyllum during the case study into the Daughters of  
18 Charity of St Vincent de Paul.

19 Moving now to paragraph 88 on page 2234, where Janie  
20 speaks about Glasclune:

21 "Later on, my brother and sister and I went to  
22 Barnardo's near Shandwick Place. We went with our  
23 social worker. The three of us and our social worker  
24 met with BFK/BFL . BFK/BFL were the people  
25 that ran Glasclune. I remember sitting on BFK's knee.

1 I might have done that because he felt like a daddy.  
2 The meeting went all great. It was maybe only a week  
3 after that that we went to Glasclune."

4 My Lady, at paragraph 90, Janie says:

5 "When we got to Glasclune, it was bright sunshine.  
6 It was like summertime. That was weird because I had  
7 thought it was [REDACTED]."

8 Insofar as dates are concerned, my Lady, Janie  
9 recalls leaving Smyllum before going to Glasclune about  
10 the age of 9, then staying with her mother for about  
11 six months, then being moved into the care of  
12 Barnardo's.

13 Barnardo's records indicate that Janie was admitted  
14 to Glasclune on [REDACTED] 1969 and discharged on  
15 [REDACTED] 1977:

16 "Glasclune was mixed boys and girls. There were  
17 about 20 kids there. We didn't know it at first, but  
18 all the kids were there because they had been abused and  
19 needed to be rehabilitated. I learnt that when I spoke  
20 to the other boys and girls who were staying there. We  
21 got to know each other's stories as we got older. We  
22 became like brothers and sisters. I went to Glasclune  
23 with my brother and my other sister. Another sister  
24 I had stayed with my granny.

25 "The people at Glasclune were very good to us. They

1 let us be our own selves. They let us be who we wanted  
2 to be. It felt like freedom.

3 " [BPK] and [BFL] were [REDACTED].  
4 [REDACTED]. If [BPK/BFL]  
5 saw anything at all, I thought that they would fire the  
6 staff.

7 "There was a member of staff that was assigned to  
8 look after particular children. Donna Ferry was my head  
9 of staff. She looked after me. She was like my  
10 guardian. If I needed to talk to someone about anything  
11 or wanted anything, I spoke to Donna. She was there for  
12 my sister and I. You could speak to all the staff,  
13 though, if you wanted to.

14 "There was a member of staff called Mrs [BFJ]. [REDACTED]  
15 [REDACTED]. She wasn't cruel like the  
16 nuns, but she was strict. She used to cut our hair  
17 square and I hated it when she cut our hair. Her rings  
18 and things got caught in our hair when she washed it.

19 "Mrs McNally was another member of staff. She was  
20 allotted to my sister. I think Mrs McNally was fired  
21 after an incident when she was caught rolling down the  
22 stairs with my sister by [BPK/BFL]. They didn't  
23 like staff doing things like that.

24 "Other staff members included [BKP], Cluny --  
25 I can't remember her last name -- [QFB] and [BLB].



1 I don't remember his last name.

2 "There were cleaners who came in. They did all the  
3 cleaning whilst you were at school during the day.  
4 There were lots of other staff as well. I can't  
5 remember all their names. All the staff were nice to  
6 me.

7 "I was a wee bit scared and apprehensive when  
8 I first went there. I remember holding on to my mum and  
9 asking not to go. My mum was crying. The staff were  
10 sweet though. They told me that everything was going to  
11 be all right. That night I wet the bed. I told my  
12 sister. She and I decided to go through to the bathroom  
13 to wash and then dry my sheets. My sister ran me  
14 a bath. As I was in the bath, one of the staff members  
15 walked in. She asked me what we were doing. I remember  
16 just staring at her. My sister said, 'She's peed the  
17 bed'. The staff member said, 'That's all right, you go  
18 through and get a sleep and I will change the sheets.  
19 You continue bathing'. The staff member was amazing.

20 "I did ultimately stop peeing the bed when I was at  
21 Glasclune. I stopped when I was 12 years old.

22 "You got up at a nice time. They didn't shout, 'Get  
23 up'. They were gentle with you. There was a time for  
24 all the different ages for bedtime. As you got older,  
25 you went to bed later.

1 "You got a bath or a shower in the evening or the  
2 morning. You could please yourself. They used to say  
3 that my brother and sister and I were the cleanest  
4 in the home. We were always in the bath. We constantly  
5 wanted to clean ourselves.

6 "There was a bell which went to tell to you wash  
7 your hands. There was a gong for all your mealtimes.  
8 The gong meant that you had to go into the dining room.  
9 Breakfast was beautiful. Everything you could imagine  
10 was there. There was porridge and all types of cereal.  
11 Lunch was glorious. It was lovely stuff. There were  
12 amazing teas at night. There was also supper.  
13 I remember never wanting to eat when I was at Glasclune.  
14 I was never hungry. I just wanted to be playing all  
15 day. BFK/BFL said that I had to eat so I could  
16 feed my brain.

17 "Mrs BFJ once tried to make me eat pineapple. I  
18 told her that I couldn't eat it. She told me that I  
19 would sit there all day until I ate the pineapple.  
20 Later that day BFK/BFL came into the dining room.  
21 They saw me sitting there. They asked me why I was  
22 still sitting in the dining room after everybody had  
23 gone away. I told them what Mrs BFJ had said. BFK  
24 and BFL said that I didn't have to eat what I didn't  
25 like and let me go.

1 "I originally went to [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED] North Berwick High School. I didn't know how to read  
3 and write. The teacher used to give us board games and  
4 silly things like that. I hated it. I ran away back to  
5 Glasclune. I spoke with the staff at Glasclune. I told  
6 them the teacher wasn't teaching us anything. I wanted  
7 to learn. The staff at Glasclune then had a word with  
8 the school. They got me into the first year early at  
9 high school before the other Primary Sevens arrived.  
10 I was put in the lowest class with my friends from  
11 Glasclune. We all loved school.

12 "I was lucky because I missed out on Mr and Mrs [REDACTED]  
13 being [REDACTED] of Glasclune. I heard from kids who  
14 had been at Glasclune longer than me that Mr and  
15 Mrs [REDACTED] used to make people pray in the hall before we  
16 went through for their meals. They made the kids go to  
17 church. [REDACTED] BFK/BFL didn't make us go to church.  
18 They said that if we didn't want to go to chapel, we  
19 didn't have to go. They said that we all had our own  
20 beliefs, we could pray if we wanted to, we could pray  
21 where we wanted to. I think they knew that was  
22 a fixture on some of the kids. They were brilliant  
23 about that.

24 "On a Sunday before chapel, Mrs [REDACTED] BFJ made you  
25 clean the bannisters with a feather duster. It wasn't

1       hard going. We all hated it, but we did it. You  
2       weren't restricted for hours on end doing that like you  
3       were with the chores at Smyllum. BFK/BFL  
4       ultimately put a stop to us having to do that.

5       "You could go out and play in the backgrounds.  
6       There were tennis courts and woods in the grounds. You  
7       could go further away if you wanted to. There were  
8       plenty of things to play with. You could learn to play  
9       the piano if you wanted to.

10       "We went camping in the Highlands. We used to go  
11       out at night and play cowboys and Indians.

12       "On birthdays they gave you presents. If you wanted  
13       to invite your best pal from school to Glasclune, you  
14       could do that.

15       "At Christmastime you wrote down what you wanted.  
16       You got a big sack of toys. You never got everything  
17       you wanted. I always wanted a bike and never got it.  
18       There was a party.

19       "You were allowed things that were precious to you.  
20       You had your own toys. You got pocket money.

21       "My mum used to come on Sundays to visit. She could  
22       take us out if she wanted. The staff were great with my  
23       mother. My mum felt happy we were in the home. You  
24       could see a difference in her when she visited.

25       "The staff in Glasclune left you alone when you had

1 visitors. If there was anything I had to say to my mum  
2 then I could have. They left you to it.

3 "I did have meetings with my social worker. My  
4 social worker was called Margaret Lawson. We all called  
5 her Maggie, she was brilliant, she was lovely. She was  
6 later replaced by Laurie Davidson. Laurie was always  
7 there for me. I was given space to speak to my  
8 social workers in private if I wanted to.

9 "Later on we were allowed to go on weekends away  
10 with our mum. We used to go to our auntie's if mum  
11 couldn't take us. That was good.

12 "I saw a doctor when I needed to. If something  
13 happened, they were right down to the doctors with you.

14 "There was a nurse who came to us. She came into  
15 the office. The only time I didn't like the nurse was  
16 when she said I had tonsillitis. She said that I  
17 couldn't go to the gala day. She made me go to my bed.  
18 I hated her for that because I was dying to go to the  
19 gala day.

20 "If we were ill, we were allowed to stay off school.  
21 They would allow you to lie on the couch and watch  
22 telly. They made sure you were okay. They gave you  
23 Lucozade and toast. You would chat to the cleaner  
24 whilst she was cleaning. They would let you have fresh  
25 air if you needed it.

1            "We saw dentists when we needed to. I wanted to go  
2 to the dentist. There was a lot of people who were  
3 scared of the dentist but I wasn't.

4            "There were times when you were naughty. I think  
5 you felt you could be naughty because you felt you were  
6 safe. When you were naughty, they handled it all the  
7 right way. If you swore, you could get your pocket  
8 money taken off you. Swearing three times meant that  
9 could happen. I remember stopping myself swearing for  
10 a third time because I didn't want my pocket money taken  
11 off me. Your pocket money was very important.  
12 I remember not wanting to go to bed. They told me that  
13 if I didn't get go to bed I would have to go to bed half  
14 an hour earlier the following day.

15           "I was taught that if you were called a name, you  
16 should walk away from your head held up high. I was  
17 taught that if I did that then I would be a bigger  
18 person. If you were late for something, you never got a  
19 row. They weren't horrible.

20           "You could get grounded if you were caught smoking  
21 a fag or something like that. When you were grounded,  
22 you were still allowed into the grounds to play.  
23 You weren't allowed off the grounds. They only kept you  
24 inside if you were extremely naughty. That would be for  
25 things like scrapping with the lads. They would make

1           you sit in your room. It would be for no longer than  
2           an hour though.

3           "I understood that I deserved my punishment. After  
4           sitting in your room, you would get out to play. They  
5           did it all the proper way. They taught you right.

6           "There was not a thing happened to me in Glasclune.  
7           It was all happy experiences for me there. One or two  
8           of the other kids reported abuse happening though in  
9           later life.

10          "There was potentially something that happened  
11          involving [BLB]. [BLB] was fired at  
12          Glasclune while I was there. [BLB] used to take the boys  
13          under his wing. One of the boys he took under his wing  
14          was like [BLB] pet. He got special treatment if there  
15          was a fight which involved him. There was also another  
16          boy who was like that as well.

17          "There was a member of staff called [QFB]. He was an  
18          [REDACTED] who had come to work there. There was a boy  
19          there. I do remember seeing a change in him when I went  
20          back to Glasclune later on. I couldn't hit the button  
21          on what was going on. I did used to think that there  
22          was something not right. He was younger than me and had  
23          been a happy wee boy before. He was not as cheery."

24          At paragraph 129, Janie speaks about going back to  
25          visit Smyllum. I'm now moving to paragraph 131 on

1 page 2242:

2 "I was 16 when I left Glasclune. A few weeks before  
3 I left, they prepared me. They talked to me and asked  
4 me where I thought I wanted to go. By that time I could  
5 go and stay with my auntie at weekends.

6 "When the day came to leave, I packed my stuff up.  
7 Everybody came out to say cheerio. It was very sad.  
8 I was taken in the van to stay with my auntie. BFK  
9 chatted with my auntie and then he left. When I first  
10 stayed with my auntie, I worked in a rag store. I was  
11 ultimately made redundant from there.

12 "After I left Glasclune, I went here, there and  
13 everywhere. I went between staying with relatives and  
14 being on the streets. It was constant. I called BFK  
15 when I was on the streets after I left Glasclune. I was  
16 roughly 17. BFK came and collected me. He took me  
17 back to the temporary place they were keeping the  
18 children after Glasclune burned down. I ended back  
19 being on the streets.

20 "I had a social worker called Laura Davidson. Years  
21 later she eventually helped me to get put in a place  
22 with some of the former boys and girls from Glasclune.  
23 We all shared a flat in Shandwick Place. We all got on  
24 well. I ultimately left the place in Shandwick Place."

25 I'm now moving to paragraph 138 on page 2244 where



1 Janie speaks of reporting abuse she experienced at  
2 Smyllum while she was at Glasclune:

3 "When we arrived at Glasclune, BFK/BFL took  
4 us all into their office. They thought it was our mum  
5 who had abused us. They asked us questions about our  
6 mum. I said, my mammy wouldn't do that, she wouldn't  
7 hurt us, she didn't have that in her body. My brother  
8 then told BFK/BFL about what happened in Smyllum.  
9 I explained what one of the nuns had wanted me to do to  
10 her thing. BFL then told me that I was lying. I then  
11 got ready to run out of the office. I was scared  
12 because the last time I had said something like that in  
13 Smyllum, they had grabbed me and given me electroshock  
14 treatment. BFL then said that she believed me. I sat  
15 back down and told BFK/BFL the full story. My  
16 brother then also told them some stories. I remember  
17 BFK/BFL taking notes in our file. It should all  
18 still be there in our records.

19 " BFK/BFL did say that we could come back to  
20 the office any time to talk about what happened to us.  
21 I felt free to do it. I would go back and forth and  
22 tell them what happened. After a while, they said it  
23 was too much. I would go and tell them things, leave  
24 the room and then go back in that day to tell them other  
25 things that I had remembered. It was just that it was

1 getting too much on that day. After they said that,  
2 I shut down and never said a word on that day. Maybe  
3 they thought it was too much for me, rooting up things  
4 on one day and they wanted me to come back another day  
5 to tell them the rest. I could always go back and tell  
6 them other things later on other days though.

7 "In later life, I started to wonder why BFK and  
8 BFL didn't do things to try and take the nuns to  
9 court. I haven't got a clue whether they reported what  
10 happened to us to the police. I realise now that  
11 we were too young to stand up in court. I think the  
12 staff at Glasclune wanted us to be safe and get better.  
13 If they had dragged us to court it may have tortured us  
14 more. The important thing was to keep us safe."

15 Now turning to paragraph 163 on page 2249 where  
16 Janie speaks about records:

17 "I think that my records are being kept down in  
18 Barnardo's in London. I have never tried to get my  
19 records. I know that some people who were at Glasclune  
20 with me have got their records. The records got sent up  
21 to Edinburgh. You were then invited to the Barnardo's  
22 office where they talked to you. They explained that  
23 they are things in the files that people may not like.  
24 I have spoken to the people who have got their records.  
25 They said that they saw things they didn't like. I'm

1 not sure I want to see that. I'm not sure I want to see  
2 things about me that have been written down by staff  
3 that I thought liked me. I think that's why I haven't  
4 taken the next step.

5 "I know for a fact though that BFK/BFL took  
6 notes when we spoke to them about what happened at  
7 Smyllum. That statement should be in my records."

8 Now to paragraph 170 on page 2251 where Janie says:

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

11 I believe the facts stated in my witness statement are  
12 true."

13 Janie signed her statement on 6 September 2017.

14 LADY SMITH: Thank you very much.

15 MS RATTRAY: That concludes the evidence for today.

16 LADY SMITH: Am I right in thinking that in addition to the  
17 names I mentioned before lunch, a Mr BDO a  
18 house parent, was mentioned in Amy's statement and that  
19 name is protected by a restriction order.

20 MS RATTRAY: I think also perhaps Mrs BFL who was  
21 mentioned, although in a positive way, by Janie, but  
22 I think in a more negative way by a witness earlier  
23 today.

24 LADY SMITH: Of course, thank you very much.

25 So does that complete the evidence for today?

1 MS RATTRAY: It completes the evidence for today, and  
 2 tomorrow we should be having two oral witnesses and  
 3 perhaps more read-ins.

4 LADY SMITH: Thank you very much.

5 I will rise now until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

6 (2.58 pm)

7 (The inquiry adjourned until 10.00 am  
 8 on Wednesday, 28 November 2018)

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