

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

Witness Statement of

Emma HANN

Support person present: Yes

1. My name is Emma Marie Hann. My surname at birth was Campbell. My date of birth is [REDACTED] 1969. My contact details are known to the Inquiry.
2. I have made this statement in support of Christopher Scott, or Chris, who was fostered as a child by my parents Dennis and Avril Campbell.

Life before Christopher Scott became my foster brother

3. I was born in Dundee. I have six living siblings and I am the oldest. Our parents Dennis and Avril Campbell are members of the Mormon Church in Dundee. Before Chris came to live with my family I had two younger siblings called [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Sometime after Chris came to live with us, my parents had [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. My youngest siblings weren't in the household when Chris was first there and they came along later and were just babies or toddlers when he left. [REDACTED] was born after Chris left us. I am about one year older than Chris and my brother [REDACTED] is the same age as Chris.
4. I don't have a lot of memories before Chris came to live with us. The first address I lived at was [REDACTED] in Dundee for a little while, near to the Mormon Church. Then I think we lived in the multi-storeys in [REDACTED] and then near the Dundee Royal Infirmary on [REDACTED]. Then they bought a house in [REDACTED]. It was me, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and my mum had recently lost a baby as the result of cot death. She was four months old. I don't remember her. I was about six when that happened.

5. I don't remember much about family life before Chris arrived. I don't remember any abuse prior to Chris arriving. I think we were raised with smacks and the belt, although I don't know when it was introduced.
6. My parents were both nurses. My dad, by the time he ended his career, was a Charge Nurse, but at times he was a Community Nurse and he was a Mental Health Nurse. My mum was a staff nurse and she would sometimes work a night or two. I don't think she ever fully gave it up. It added a lot of pressure as I don't think she got to sleep much because of having so many kids to look after and dad had a full time job.

My dad's role with the Mormon Church

7. Dad also had a full-time role with the church. The commitment to the church was intensive and it was bigger than the job. Every day of every week there was some church involvement. On a Monday you have to be holding family-home evening which would be seen to be a positive thing, spending time with your family and normally giving them a lesson. It's not easy. As a bishop he would be responsible for all the age groups and he was responsible for bringing people into the church and befriending the new people.
8. Dad was required to hold firesides in his home for the young single adults, so those aged eighteen and older who are single. There were also firesides for the youth. My mum and dad were one of the few who had bought their own home and quite often us kids would be upstairs and meetings would be held in the living room. A lot of their best-self my parents gave to the members of the church. The stresses came out in the family. My dad would be seriously involved on a Sunday conducting services that last for three hours. At that time we had to go to church in the morning, come back home, then go back to church.
9. It's a patriarchal church. My dad was the priesthood holder and as such he was head of the home and all decisions were made by him. Every evening was consumed by meetings, home teaching and visiting teaching. He had to make his home available for the home and the visiting teachers. The home teachers are two men and the visiting

teachers are two women. The men are assigned to a family and they would expect to be visiting them.

10. My dad as the bishop would have to visit a lot of the members of the church. Having left the church now I can see things a bit differently and can see that people who act like this are not necessarily successful in their own employment. My dad is a people pleaser and would go to his work and joke that I'm a charge nurse and I'm meant to be managing people and he would just try to keep people happy. He was walked over in his work, but in the church he was really esteemed. His success came from his role in the church.
11. He would clean up the records so a lot of wards would have masses of people, but only a few coming out to church in which case you're meant to go visit the inactive people and you'd get a percentage. He would clean up the records to say some of these people had moved away and get rid of this dead wood so our records looked like we had 95% of home teaching. That was something he would be proud of and he would excel. My dad enjoyed it. My mum liked her house without my dad around and I think she preferred to be home, she would be able to push everyone off to bed and get her knitting out and watch tv.

Foster care with Dennis and Avril Campbell, Dundee

12. I'm not sure how long we'd been living at [REDACTED] before Chris joined us. Then there was me, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and Chris as the children of the house. I think it was a three bedroom house or only two bedroomed and an attic room with a Ramsay ladder. I think that Chris and [REDACTED] lived up in the attic with the Ramsay ladder a lot. Then my brother [REDACTED] was born, followed by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The younger ones weren't all there when Christopher was living with the family. Joining us with Chris, was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and I think [REDACTED] arrived just before Christopher left.
13. Then we moved to the village of Auchterhouse and it was a lovely place to live. In Auchterhouse we lived in [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were born. There

was a tiny little school with only forty pupils and one teacher and they had to get a new teacher when we arrived. Primary one to three were in one half of the classroom and there was a divider across the room and Primary four to seven were in the other part of the room. At some point I would have been in the same class as Chris and [REDACTED].

14. We must have been in Auchterhouse around three years. Most of the time that Christopher was with us was in Auchterhouse. I don't really remember how big that property was. It had a wee back room and a couple of other rooms and a dining room and a kitchen. Upstairs was an unfloored attic and one room. Then we moved to [REDACTED] and I don't think Christopher stayed much longer. The property at [REDACTED] was a huge eleven-bedroom house.

Circumstances of the placement

15. My dad was a bishop in the Mormon Church and there was a lady in our ward who was a social worker. Her name was Rosalind Tippin and she had recommended my parents to take care of Christopher because they were having problems with placing him. She felt my parents were a really good family and they would take him in. They weren't actually registered foster parents, but they took on Chris. As far as I understand, I don't know if they had registration put in place. I think they did get paid for him and I have heard my mum say at times that she should have given him back, but the money was difficult to lose.
16. Chris was fostered by my parents for five or six years. I'm not sure of the years. He came to live with us when I was about six and Chris was five. He left when I was eleven or twelve. I was also abused by my parents. I think Chris had it worst in that age group and when he left I got it instead. He was the scapegoat for my mum and when he left I became it.
17. I don't remember ever having a discussion in the family about a new arrival or trying to be nice to him and make him welcome. Children were seen and not heard. Even when I had my own children and went to visit my parents they would ignore my children and speak to me and my husband. I don't think my parents liked children.

18. Christopher just arrived. I don't really remember him coming. I don't have many memories before he came. I only have a memory of being a little girl, living in [REDACTED] and having a bedroom where I could look out and see the police band playing on their roof top. It's the only memory I have of being really young and prior to Chris.
19. I don't know if Chris was placed through the local authority. I assume so. My parents were getting a payment for him and he had a special diet. As he had coeliac disease he had his own tinned bread and his own biscuits. He must have got the food on prescription and in bulk. They got money for his clothing. I think it was done through the council, although Chris tells me now there doesn't seem to be a record of it. Mum and dad definitely received payments and I know this because my mum said the money was difficult to lose.

Sleeping arrangements

20. Regarding sleeping arrangements, at one time I remember being with [REDACTED] in a front room looking over the main road and Chris was in the attic with my brother [REDACTED] I guess as a baby, [REDACTED] would be in with my mum. Then we moved to the other house. At times I think me and [REDACTED] were in the attic as well.

Food/meals

21. Mormons collect food storage and to be a good Mormon they need to get a year's worth of food in storage. They have an apocalyptic viewpoint. We'd store things like wheat, dry food, salt and Oxo cubes and porridge oats. At times we used to sit in the attic and eat some of the food storage. We'd be eating the porridge oats and we all ate Oxo cubes each and they were disgusting. My brother doesn't think there was anything bad in this and we were being mischievous. I don't think it was mischievous.
22. Christopher says we were starving. I don't remember that we were hungry. We just got what we were given and we had to eat it as there was nothing else. I don't think I put hunger into it. I just did what I was told. My sister said to me recently, why did mum

give her Mighty White bread every day in her packed lunch and every day she brought it back home as she didn't like it. I didn't know I was allowed to not like. I just did what I was told and I always did. I didn't know I could feel hungry.

23. There were people in the church who were bothered by it as we were all little scraps. My brother [REDACTED] at one point got offered growth hormone by the hospital in Dundee as did I. They were going to get the growth hormone for my brother because he's a boy but it got pulled because someone who had it had died. We were all small. It's hard for me to know if we were malnourished. We would get sent to bed without our tea and no-body was going to come to us later on and say we could eat something. As a mum myself now, I could never do that.
24. My mum's not really a cook so we had a lot of fish finger sandwiches or sausage sandwiches and chips. Sometimes she would make things but I don't remember a lot. I do have a memory in Auchterhouse that she'd made this soup, but it had a thick layer of grease. We were all sitting round the table to eat it and none of us could and we were really struggling. Mum and dad wouldn't eat with us and they'd be somewhere else. We'd be in trouble as we had to eat it and there was no other option. It was the case with most meals that we had to eat it.
25. We'd all be sitting eating together, with Chris too. He had his special diet and special bread that came out of a tin. It was horrible. Sometimes we would steal his biscuits as we didn't tend to have as many of the sweet things and the biscuits were provided for him. We wouldn't steal his bread. I don't know if his food came from a pharmacy and if the council provided it. My parents didn't have to go out and buy them.
26. I don't remember my mum preparing any different food for Chris, he just had different bread. If she made a meal for us she didn't go to any great effort to prepare anything different without wheat for Chris. I doubt if they had any special training about what food was allowed and what wasn't. I think at times she just wrote off the fact he was coeliac. She could make him a sandwich with special bread and she wasn't going to adapt in any other way. It was too hard with so many kids.

Religion

27. Christopher wasn't a Mormon when he came to live with us, but my parents had him baptised into the church. I think my cousin baptised him. They must have been given permission. I don't know if they had to get that from his mum and dad. I think Chris was baptised so he would be the same as everyone else in the family. He really considered us as his family and we were his brothers and sisters. I felt like he was going to be with us indefinitely. Chris called my parents mum and dad. My dad told me that when they first met Chris he came up to them and called them mum and dad. I've heard that story a few times now.
28. We lived in Auchterhouse for a lot of the time and we didn't have a car that was big enough for us all. We were just crammed in the back or sometimes we'd walk to Dundee for church services, but that was probably only a couple of times. It's a long way to walk. My mum didn't drive.

Bed wetting

29. Christopher was at times treated differently to us. He did at times wet the bed and at times he pooped in his bed. He was wetting the bed and hiding his bedding and he was constantly the source of irritation for her. I have a memory that at a time later on I wet myself daily when I was eleven or twelve and through my teenage years up to being a young adult. Now I know it was through nervousness and anxiety around my parents.
30. I remember the story that mum and dad told me several times about Chris when we lived in [REDACTED] that he'd claimed he drunk bleach and put blue stuff around his mouth. They took him to hospital and they told me the doctors knew he was faking it. I've also heard a version of the story from Chris as well. My dad was a on a temple trip to London for a weekend and my mum was left at home with a lot of kids.
31. Chris told me he went into the toilet and she waited outside. She has said Chris had put blue stuff around his mouth and he had faked that had come from drinking bleach.

She was giving the impression through the years that he'd done that because he was a bad kid who was troubled. I'd always heard stories about how messed up Chris was, but who would put this stuff around their mouth? They told me that at one point he was faking that he was ill so they took him to the hospital and even the doctors knew he was faking it.

32. Chris told me he was told to go to bed and he came down the stairs and he said he was going to the toilet and my mum thought he'd already been. She told him he didn't need the toilet and he said he needed a poo. So she said that was ok and she needed to see the evidence as she didn't believe him and she was irritated. Chris told me in later years that he went to the toilet and my mum was waiting on him outside to see the poo. He couldn't provide the evidence and it had gone down the toilet. He can't remember if he put blue stuff around his mouth or if he drank the bleach, but my mum went and got lots of water and poured it down him. I can feel for her that she's a nurse and she doesn't quite believe him and she's alone with a household of kids and chooses to pour water down him. I understand that the next day or even two days later he wasn't right and they took him to hospital. Chris told me his hospital notes said his sodium levels were 'all off' so he'd been water poisoned.
33. Now when I think about it, I can imagine her stood outside the toilet door telling him to get on with it and he's done something out of the fear and later on her forcing him to drink lots of water. Then it becomes a different story. It was Christopher who told me about what it said in his hospital records, but my mum's story was that he was faking it and there was nothing wrong with him and the doctors knew it.

Visits/inspections

34. The social worker, Rosalind Tippin, who introduced Christopher into the family, did visit the house. I don't think she stayed as his social worker. I have a feeling there was another lady called Morag. I could be wrong with the name. I remember seeing her in the house, but I only remember that in [REDACTED]. I don't remember seeing any social worker afterwards. I don't know if my mum and dad went to see social work in their office.

35. Much later on, as an adult, and a mother, I moved with my own family to Arizona and I met Rosalind Tippin there. She became grandmotherly to my children. I spoke to her quite freely about my family and the fact the police were investigating my mum. She was interested in it all, but she still really loved my parents. Rosalind said at one point, and I remember her saying it, that when we were living in [REDACTED], a report was made by a neighbour saying she had concerns about the foster kid and Rosalind dismissed it as she knew Dennis and Avril and they were fine. She regretted that later. She would probably still go and visit my parents. This social worker has now passed away.
36. Towards the end of the time Chris was living with us I remember I was dying inside from him doing something and it was because of my own fears. We went to the house of Rosalind Tippin who had been Chris's social worker and she'd moved near to us on the [REDACTED] near to [REDACTED]. She was in a small house close by. She was a member of our church and it was a social get together. We went there for dinner and we didn't often go out for dinner. She was very motherly and didn't care about us making a mess.
37. We were very polite children. The lady asked us if we'd had enough to eat and we all said we were totally full, apart from Chris, who said he'd not had enough to eat. I was thinking to myself, why is he doing that? I was affected because I knew that wasn't acceptable. He was a bit of an opportunist and I knew my mum would be very annoyed at Chris because that wasn't the way to behave. I'd been trained better and I'd had years of it. She didn't show her annoyance in front of the lady we were visiting. I don't remember what happened afterwards.
38. We always had people in the house and for a while we had our aunt, my mum's sister, come to live with us and that might have caused issues with space. There was always young people who came to visit. At one point [REDACTED] and Chris were up in their attic bedroom because they were in trouble for something. My aunt was there and she'd bought things from the shop and we were shouting up the stairs about what we had and how good they were. My mum and aunt were making the fuss and saying these

things and encouraging us and me and [REDACTED] were going along with it. We could hear [REDACTED] and Chris crying and we were taunting them with the things we had and they were being punished. They were not allowed to come downstairs. I remember I felt bad about that all my life. When I said it to my brother not long ago he said it was horrible and he still remembered the feeling. I remember feeling what we were doing was wrong.

Discipline

39. I think the belt was used in [REDACTED] and my dad and mum both used it. My mum wasn't very good at getting a whip and my dad was better at it. If somebody did something wrong we all got it. It was a pants down situation and we'd all get the belt on bare skin for somebody having done something wrong.
40. I have other memories in that house of Chris and [REDACTED] being in trouble and one was because there was a missing fountain pen that belonged to my dad and he could write beautifully. [REDACTED] was fascinated with it and he took the pen to school. Dad was insanely annoyed about it and he went to the school after the end of the school day and the cleaners let him in so he got his pen back. It had been taken apart and he was furious. It felt like both [REDACTED] and Chris were in trouble. There was also a situation involving missing money.

Abuse

41. The first memory I have in [REDACTED] is fear and being really scared. Most of my memories centre around bad things. My brother and sister get annoyed with me, but I just have very few memories. One of my first memories in [REDACTED] was me, [REDACTED] and Christopher coming back from school and [REDACTED] was walking on his hands along the very quiet road. A car pulled up and the horn was beeping and we looked and it was dad. We just had a feeling of being in trouble. I was probably aged around seven. I was petrified.

42. Everything about Chris irritated my mum and now I think, Chris was an only child and my mum and dad presented him as the child of a single, unwed mum. That's very negative in their point of view. They presented him as a difficult child and they couldn't cope with him. Chris told me later that his own mum was very ill and had schizophrenia. His mum and dad didn't marry, but they were together and they loved each other. At one point his mum was suicidal and threatened to take Chris with her and at that point he went into care. The dad had the problem of do I send my child into care or I'll take care of my partner. Chris went into care. The story was presented to us in a different way by my parents, that no-body wanted him and he was too difficult. I think I'd heard that his mum wasn't well, but there was no kind version of the story.
43. When we were in Auchterhouse there were three incidents that took place that were about Chris and I told the police about them when I spoke to them twenty-five years ago. At first, we were being mischievous children and we said that Chris had told us the previous night that he wanted to dress up like a girl. We told this to my mum and we thought it would be funny to tell her and see what happened. When she asked him about it, Chris denied he'd ever said it and she told him he was a liar. She dressed him as a girl and put Kirby grips in his hair. That was in the house with us, he wasn't taken outside like that.
44. We did another thing and told my mum that Chris said he wanted to go outside naked and there was snow on the ground. I don't know why we did it. When mum asked him about it, Chris denied ever having said it and again he was called a liar. She put him outside naked. Me and my brother lived with these things for years that were so nasty of us. I don't remember how long Chris was outside for. I just knew it was wrong that she put him outside with no clothes on.
45. I always knew there were three stories about Chris and I couldn't remember what the third one was. There is some talk in the family now, and my dad is furious, because Chris has said something along the lines of my mum pushed him into her naked breast. My mum's a prude so when I heard this I just knew it wasn't true. I asked Chris why my dad was going round telling people that Chris touched Avril's breast. Chris denied it had happened. He didn't have many memories of being put outside naked but he

did remember that me and [REDACTED] told my mum, after Chris had stood outside naked, that he wanted to see her naked. I think we did say that just to see what she would do. There's a story that she then pulled her bra down and pushed him into it, this is according to Chris and I don't remember it, but there was the story.

46. Christopher was in more trouble than we were with my mum in particular. My dad would lose his temper. My mum would complain and get irritated she would get my dad to do physical punishments and get the belt out. He can be aggressive, but my mum is cruel. I remember Chris getting the belt and seeing the red burst blood vessel and thinking he'd got the marks from the belt. The marks were on his bottom. Normally my dad was stronger with the belt and it was probably him who'd belted Chris.
47. My dad had this rage and aggression and could really deal out the hits, but in some ways he wasn't as bad as my mum who had a cruel and nasty side. It really came out strongly around Christopher. She was gentler on [REDACTED] as one of the younger ones so when we were getting the belt, [REDACTED] would kick with her feet protecting her bottom. We wouldn't do that and we'd take it. I didn't want to let them see me cry and that didn't do me any favours and would make it worse. [REDACTED] would just do the big tears and [REDACTED] would just say sorry over and over and get away with a bit more. Christopher was the scapegoat and all trouble led to him.
48. My mum and dad would always be overly critical. We would be in trouble just for having poor handwriting and our homework could be ripped up. Christopher would get the brunt of that as well. When you're a child and you don't know what's wrong and right and what's abuse. When Chris spoke to me later about what happened to him I realised it was really bad. When I told my husband about my childhood it was like I was just telling stories about being a kid and he'd point out what happened wasn't right. I thought other people physically punished their kids and the strap was still used at my school as my brother got it at school.

Christopher leaving foster care

49. Christopher was gone by the time I was in high school. I think it was round that time that he left us. We were in Park Place primary and I was in P7 around the time that he was leaving and I was just about to start in S1. Chris would have been in the year below with my brother [REDACTED]. I repeated by first year in high school and my second year of S1 I did with my brother and not with Chris. We went to Dundee High which is a private school.
50. We were just told Chris was leaving, by either my mum or dad, or both of them. I don't think it happened on the same day, but I don't remember. It wasn't a long period between being told Chris was going and him leaving. We never had any period of adjustment in the family after having had him with us for five years. He was just gone. There's a story that when he was sixteen or seventeen that he came back to visit us and I have no memory of that. Maybe I wasn't there that day. I remember hearing about it, but I don't recall him visiting. My sister had said this, and my mum and dad did too, but more recently.
51. I think I heard he was going to a children's home. I don't think it was said in a negative way about the family. It was just that he was going there. I did think that we were close when Chris lived with us and we were all together. It was me, [REDACTED] and Christopher together a lot. We even got dressed in the same clothes.
52. After he left, anything bad was always my fault. I never knew this was abuse until much later as I thought at the time all kids get battered by their parents. Physical punishments like this was our life, if someone said something wrong they were in trouble. It was definitely at least a weekly occurrence. If you were not in trouble that was good, but somebody would be in trouble and their way of dealing with it was with physical punishments. I don't have many happy memories of my childhood and the ones I do have are about spending time outside of the house in the countryside. We had to take the smaller siblings out to play in the park and be out a lot.

Incidents described by Christopher to the inquiry

53. I wasn't aware that Christopher was always hungry, but in retrospect we probably all were. My memories of living in Auchterhouse are about playing in the hay, building igloos and stealing apples from the headmaster's tree and it sounds idyllic. We were outside a lot. For me, I wasn't aware of hunger. Me and [REDACTED] would never have said we were hungry. I don't think I remember either being full or being hungry.
54. I don't remember me and [REDACTED] getting new clothes that Christopher didn't get, but I do think Chris got money for clothes. It's possible it was the other way round, but I don't know.
55. Christopher has said he was punished by my mum and he had to stand facing a wall. I have seen him stand against a wall and I think I have at times been made to stand against a wall. I don't know how long he had to stand against the wall for as I can't remember that.
56. Christopher has said if he didn't eat the food put in front of him that he'd be given the same food again. He has said that to me and it could be true that mum would say 'you're gonna eat it, you're gonna eat it' to him, and she was highly irritated by him. My mum was not nice. She was cruel and she wasn't nice to me, but she was worse to him. The food could well have been re-presented to Christopher, I don't really remember it. It's hard to explain, but it was obvious to us that she was highly irritated by Chris. She was easily angered by him and had a shorter fuse with him.
57. Chris has said he was made to sleep on a stone floor. He told me about this and I don't remember it, but when he did tell me I remembered we did have a stone floor as I hadn't realised that before. I guess the reason I don't remember it was that I never slept on a stone floor, but we could roller skate on the kitchen floor as it was a concrete floor. There were definitely issues around the bed wetting and she was really irritated by him because of that.

58. My parents, but predominately my dad, used the belt on all of us. Chris was in trouble more so he'd get more of the belt, but often it was a group thing and we would tell on each other. The fact that me and [REDACTED] did this cruel thing to Chris shows how easy it was to push something on to Chris.
59. Towards the end of his time with us, when we were living in [REDACTED], Chris got sent into the bedroom to get a nappy for [REDACTED] and when he came back he was in trouble. I didn't fully understand it, but the reason was they'd put money out thinking he'd steal it and he didn't steal it. My dad said it was because he'd seen him hiding in the wardrobe to witness him stealing the money. They were irritated that he didn't steal it so they said it was because he'd seen my dad hiding. I don't know why they set up this up to catch out Chris. This was them trying to prove how bad a child they thought he was.
60. I remember them doing this, but I don't remember what the consequences were for Christopher. I must have been aged eleven or twelve as Chris didn't live in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for long before he left us. Our lives were like that. Me and my brother got caught tasting peanut butter straight from the jar with our fingers and my dad got a spoon and made us eat it and you can't eat peanut butter like that.
61. Chris has told the Inquiry that my mum punched, slapped and kicked him. There would be numerous incidents of him being slapped. I wouldn't say my mum would punch, but I have been kicked by her and if you ended up on the ground you'd get kicked. I saw him being hit several times. I can't give specific incidents as it was so familiar to me. There were just incidents when I was in trouble and he was in trouble and if you were getting hit by her you'd be getting kicked as well. There was nothing you could do.
62. I don't remember Chris being punished by being put into a cold bath, but I think that sometimes we didn't have hot water. I think I've had a cold bath, but I couldn't say it was as a punishment. It would just be cold water if the immersion heater couldn't cope.
63. Christopher has told the inquiry that he had to eat soap and that definitely happened. I don't know if both him and [REDACTED] had been swearing and they were made to eat soap.

He says it was a whole bar and I don't know if I believe that, but they were both made to eat soap. I didn't swear but I remember tasting the soap, but I must have tried it to see what it tasted like because they'd had to do it.

After Christopher left the family home

Other foster children

64. After Christopher left I don't know how long it was before the next foster child arrived. They did emergency fostering and kids would come in for a week or a couple of days. There were foster kids called [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. They were there for a year or so. They were brother and sister. My mum really liked [REDACTED] because she had dark hair and dark skin and brown eyes like my mum. None of us looked like that. [REDACTED] was a bit of a trouble maker.
65. I was around sixteen or seventeen when they were with us and I could even have been older and married and not living with my mum and dad. They were aged around ten or eleven. I didn't witness any abuse of them. [REDACTED] probably got smacked or even belted because that was the punishment. [REDACTED] was always in trouble along with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] ran away at one point and we all went out to find her.

Abuse

66. Years later, my dad smashed my sister [REDACTED]'s face into a wall because there were soap bubbles in the glass she was drying. I wasn't in the house when it happened. The children had to do the dishes and there were still bubbles in this glass and they were dancing to music at the time on a Sunday night. One sister was doing more work than the other and my dad came in the room and opened the cupboard and was looking for fault. He found there were bubbles in a glass and got irritated at the one who was doing all the work and he slapped her with the dishcloth across her face.

67. [REDACTED] stood up and told him 'no, don't do that' and he grabbed her by the pony tail and banged her head on the kitchen wall. She said there was a dent in the kitchen wall and little bits of plaster came down. Later on she went away on her Mormon mission she discovered she'd had a broken nose as she had to get a medical for the trip and the medical said she had a deviated septum which she found out was a broken nose. She knew instantly where that came from. I have discussed this story with [REDACTED] as an adult quite a lot.

Bullying

68. I went to Dundee High thanks to the Assisted Places Scheme for the private schools. Me, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went there which had a certain kind of uniform that we got from a thrift shop. It was dry clean only. By this stage I was wetting myself most of the time. They were all aware of it in the family and in the church and it was really embarrassing and humiliating, but I didn't recognise what it was until the last few years. I was permanently anxious and a little hysterical and I'd laugh in a high-pitched way and wet myself. It wasn't really mentioned apart from the fact that I smelled and nobody did anything about it.
69. This went on all the way through my teenage years even as a young adult in family situations. More recently I said it to my sister because a lot of what happened to me was coming out in the open and I was in therapy. I said to my sister I think wetting myself was a sign of anxiety and she phoned me and said what I'd told her was haunting her. She knew it too and it was true.
70. We were bullied at school and in the church a little, there were a lot of kids in the family and we were called mice as we were small and sometimes our play piece was cheese. We'd get hit by this kid who went through each one of us and hitting us on the way home from school for a while. We didn't tell mum and dad as we were always the ones in the wrong. There was no point in telling anyone. I was getting bullied at church as well for going to Dundee High and I was considered a good Mormon girl and also they were all taller than me. My dad was also a bishop in the church. One time three kids got me in the toilets at church and they were hitting me. Some of the youth leaders

saw this and they took me home and told mum and dad I was being bullied. Mum and dad asked in response what had I been doing, like I was the problem.

71. I think some of the church leaders spoke to my parents to say they were being too strict with their children. There were some children from the church at our house and they were messing around. I remember my dad saying how dare they criticise him for how he was bringing up his children when they were allowed to behave in that way. We still got the belt from my dad when we were teenagers and I remember a time when [REDACTED] was being belted. I know I was aged sixteen as that was when I started my periods and I was wearing a sanitary towel at this time and I was fearful we would all have to drop our pants for my dad to belt us on bare flesh. I remember thinking at what stage is this going to end when we were all going through puberty.

Sexual abuse

72. When I was seventeen a boy from church, called [REDACTED], who was one year older, had done creepy things to both me and [REDACTED]. At a video night in the youth group he took my hand and put it on his crotch and put a cushion over my hand. I just sat there thinking what am I meant to do. I was completely naïve and he knew this and he knew I didn't have anyone to talk to.
73. I had a baby sitting job by then and it was close to where we lived and it was on Friday and Saturday nights. [REDACTED] from church had a bedsit across the road. I wasn't interested in him at all, but he came over to the house. He was kissing me and somehow I ended up on the wooden floor and he raped me. I was silent and frozen and I said no to him and I was crying. I didn't know what to do. Within a week or so he sent his friend to do the same thing. His friend was another Mormon boy. He used the excuse that he'd missed his bus home to Perth and wanted to stay in the house. He tried to have sex with me.
74. I had another horrible incident with [REDACTED] son. That was in our house and he was friends with my brother. He came through to my room when my brother [REDACTED] was sleeping and lay on the floor beside me. He took my hand and put

it on his penis. I was upset. Years later he came to me and apologised for this situation. I've since reported the three incidents to the police.

Pregnancy and adoption

75. What I didn't know was I was pregnant from the rape. By the time I was seven months pregnant there was a fall out at home. We were having Sunday dinner with a friend from church. I was told off for being cheeky to mum and dad and I ran away and slammed the door. The lady chased me up the stairs and started hitting me and my parents were egging her on for this. My brother [REDACTED] had to get the lady off me and make her stop. My parents were then annoyed at him for getting her to stop.
76. A week later I was at church and John Clancy, who had been a bishop, came up to me in the car park and asked me if I was pregnant. I had not acknowledged that I was. I told him it was [REDACTED] who got me pregnant in [REDACTED] seven and half months earlier. I had to admit I'd not told my mum and dad. He arranged for them to be told that day.
77. The church handbook of instructions told them that any unwed pregnant women should get married and, if not, the baby was to be raised by parents sealed in the Mormon Temple or the baby should be adopted through the church. My parents called the church's own adoption agency that night. I hadn't even been to see a doctor.
78. The church said they were going to ex-communicate [REDACTED] and they called him a sexual predator and they sent a letter out to all other congregations in Scotland to ban him from attending church events and dances where there would be youth members. He now is in jail for the rape of two teenage girls in Edinburgh. The church has since claimed that he left the church of his own accord. My case has never come to court, and [REDACTED] doesn't want to come forward.

Leaving the family home and life after

79. I was aged nineteen and close to twenty by the time I left the family home in Dundee after my dad slapped me across the face. I moved to Nottingham for a year before coming back to Dundee. Then I met my husband Roy who was also a member of the Mormon church. At times my siblings were not allowed by my parents to visit us as I was saying my parents were abusive and this was becoming known in the church community. It was a way of them trying to make me conform. Instead I was trying to be everything I was expected to be by having a large family.

Impact

80. When I had my own children I said I would never raise my hands to them. My dad was furious at me for saying we were not going to hit our kids. He would go round the church telling people that me and my husband don't discipline our kids. He saw it as something against him. He was really cruel about me to other people. We looked to have a chaotic family as our own kids were not scared in the way we were.
81. Me and my husband moved to America to get away from my parents and make a new start. Our children were brought up as Mormon, but we have all now left the Mormon Church and only one of them has a loose connection with the church. Some of the children were seeing the issues before me and my husband did and they are happy to have no contact with my siblings and parents. Their shunning of me was an attempt to bring me back into line and it didn't work.
82. The recent years have been some of the worst of my life having to deal with all the issues around my family and those years have also been some of the most healing. I know I'm doing better. My mum and dad have absolutely destroyed my name and I can see that my own family with my own kids are my priority, and I've tried to stay dignified. If nothing comes of the investigation and trial, it might destroy me, then I won't have any belief in the legal system at all.

83. I just hope that somebody says they did wrong, all of them, nobody is saying that just now. If they don't do that, then what's the point because this has been hard. I don't want my mum and dad to go to jail. I don't think they deserve that and I don't believe they are at risk of abusing anyone just now. All of the people I grew up with and who are part of my social group believe my mum and dad, but they don't know my side of the story and what it's done to me. It's had an impact on my children as they've lost contact with their aunts and uncles as a result. All I've done is tell the truth.

Reporting of abuse

First investigation

84. I spoke to the police about twenty-five years ago after Chris first raised the issue of abuse. I told them what I remembered and that I'd had my own issues with my parents. I said I didn't want to make my own statement against them describing abuse. Also I was in the process of moving to the US. The police spoke to myself, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. My other siblings were too young to have remembered Chris. We all had had to go to Seymour Lodge on the Perth road. It's a property that the police own. I think I went with my sister. I don't have a vivid memory of it.
85. It happened at the tail end of having had a huge war with my parents for several years over the question of their behaviour towards me being called abuse or not. The church and my parents were meeting with me and Roy every few weeks about this problem. My parents were saying I had to take it back. Me talking to the police happened just after it had settled and we'd made the decision to move to America.
86. The police showed up at my mum and dad's house, when I was there, to ask about Christopher as he'd made a report of abuse to them. Then it came along that my mum was being investigated by the police about Chris. The church leaders had been saying if someone else came forward [to tell them about abuse in the family home] then maybe they'd do something about what I'd said about my parent's behaviour and now

my foster brother was speaking up. My siblings wouldn't say anything against them and most of them still lived at home.

87. I went to the church to point out there was now a second witness to abuse, Chris Scott. Paul Clancy, who is senior in the church, and also in Dundee Council said that Christopher's report was a 'red herring'. That really frustrated me.
88. I didn't see Christopher when I gave a statement to the police around twenty-five years ago. I think he lived in England then. I was told at first by my mum and dad that Chris had been in jail and he'd had therapy and this was why they were investigating my mum. Then they made out he was causing trouble for them because of me, and because I'd been talking about the abuse. My parents then decided to twist things to say that as [REDACTED] who raped me as a teenager was from [REDACTED] and Chris was from [REDACTED] that they knew each other. My mum also decided I was the go-between for these people and I was thinking I didn't think I was and I wasn't. I'd not had contact with any of them, but it was confusing. That was their way of making it better for themselves and they put it all down to me.
89. The police asked me and I told them what I remembered about Chris, but I think I didn't corroborate all the things he said, but I did say things he hadn't said. I told them about him being dressed as a girl and being put outside with no clothes on. Then my sister, [REDACTED], I don't know if she was in the room with me, said she remembered nothing. My brother [REDACTED] was interviewed at a different time, but at a later date one of my other sisters overheard my brother shouting at my dad in an argument that he'd perjured himself about Christopher. So he knew he wasn't being honest.

Meeting Chris Scott more recently

90. After Chris left the family house, the next time I spoke to him was probably when I met him as an adult. That was four or five years ago when the Dundee Refugee Support was set up. When I met Christopher, by chance, I nervously told family members that I'd met him, but not my parents. My brother and sister were keen to get to meet him which was bizarre because he'd caused trouble all those years ago.

91. My brother [REDACTED] that he'd met his bro' again when we all met up and I thought my mum and dad would go insane. But [REDACTED] felt strongly about it and we all met up for lunch. For the first time I heard my brother telling Christopher things in a jokey way about remembering being in the attic eating Oxo cubes. Chris seemed to think it was like a little survivor group. Later on he went to the police again after my dad's apology as described below.

Second investigation into abuse

92. Much later on my brother [REDACTED] set things up for my dad to apologise to Christopher, and all of the siblings. We knew my mum was never going to do that and Chris has bigger issues with her. Chris phoned me to say he'd got a weird answer machine message from my dad. Then there was a meet-up in Chris's studio, and Chris had said he would only do it if I was there. It was me, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Chris and my dad.
93. My dad said Chris wanted to be put outside naked and that's why mum did it. We told him that we did it to Chris and he hadn't lied. Dad still couldn't grasp that. My whole life, my dad said 'you have no understanding and you don't know who your mum is. If God was looking for another Mary or another Eve it's her' and 'your mum's an angel'. My mum would sit there and cry and say 'they don't know what they've got Dennis, they just don't know'.
94. By the time of the meeting my dad was not being humble about things and had come along with an attitude. He was telling Chris he was a tough kid and Chris was agreeing he was pretty fucked up. By the end of it Chris had decided he was going back to the police. Sometime after this meeting, the police came to my house to take evidence from me about Chris. Then mum and dad got charged sometime after that.
95. The police, according to Chris, who's chasing them up about what they're doing, are now preparing a warrant to get information. The Church, in my view, are lying about certain aspects around my story. My brother has put it out there in the public domain, more than me or Chris and I think it's in an effort to shame me. My parents have gone

round all the members of the Church telling them their story and that I'm taking them to court. They haven't mentioned it's their foster son who is taking them to court, it's just about me. They've put it out publically more than we have, especially on social media and trying to make me respond so it will cause problems for the court case.

96. Now there is to be a criminal trial of my mum and dad coming to court in March 2022 in relation to Christopher and I am due to give evidence in support of him.

Speaking to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

97. Christopher has asked me a couple of times to speak to the Inquiry. I phoned up once and it sounded like a complicated process and I was told it was about kids in care. Then I called in myself more recently when I heard there was a child abuse inquiry in England and Wales around religion and I wanted to know why that wasn't happening here. I told my story to the person I spoke to at the Inquiry and I was told it wasn't looking into religion yet, but it is in care and I'm going to put your story to our legal team to see what they think. Then she got back to me to say the Inquiry wanted to speak to me. For me, I hope there will be an inquiry into the Mormon Church. The police are investigating in Dundee, but the Church has shut down and have involved their own lawyers and are not co-operating.

Records

98. Chris had a concern as the Head of Family Services at Dundee Council is a Mormon and a friend of my parents and he thinks that records have been destroyed. Chris has his own lawyer and somebody has told him recently that there doesn't seem to have ever been a record of my parents being foster parents. After Chris left, my parents did emergency fostering and they did short-term fostering. In my view the short-term fostering was not as difficult for them to deal with as long term.

Other information

99. I have no objection to my witness statement being published as part of the evidence to the Inquiry. I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed..........

Dated.....11 January 2022.....