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SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDIX 1 - Queen Victoria School, Dunblane

Part D — Abuse and Response

Queen Victoria School acknowledge that the nature of abuse and/or alleged abuse of children cared for at the establishment included sexual abuse, emotional abuse, physical abuse, bullying, inappropriate relationships and inappropriate touching.

This is based on the information provided in the Part D response (February 2021) and the witness statements of CZL, QYH, CRR, CRV, CVH, CFK, CYY, QPG, ZLE, DQL, QYF, BXP, FPT, QYD, ZPA, and YXL all former pupils at the school and YNT, QRS, YXL, CKC, Wendy Bellars, Evelyn Smith, Brian Raine, Graeme Beattie, Steven Laing, Glenn Harrison and Alice Hainey all staff or former staff of the school cited to give evidence or have their evidence heard at the Phase 2 Hearings in October 2021. These statements were not available when the original Part D was completed. Queen Victoria School have now considered these statements.

These statements do not identify any further incidents where any complaint was made to Queen Victoria School, beyond those which are referred to in the Part D submission (February 2021). These statements identify a potential pattern of note (Part D, 5.3. iv). The pattern is that once the behaviour of the abuser is exposed/disclosed it can act as a catalyst for others to come forward with their own concerns.

The aforementioned witness statements have allowed Queen Victoria School access to some information on the impact of the abuse or alleged abuse on those witnesses and their families. The school, and the Ministry of Defence, will be in attendance at the next phase of hearings, to listen to the witnesses' evidence carefully to learn more regarding the impact of abuse or alleged abuse on them.

We attach a supplementary Table 5.8 with information taken from the aforementioned statements to supplement the Part D response already submitted.

We have reviewed the three Police Scotland Documents PSS-000007307 CF0343741211 SPR.pdf; PSS-000013061 Extract of PSS-000007337 (pages 1-7) and PSS-000013062 Extract of PSS-000007569 (pages 1-19) which are items 3, 8 and 9 in the Bundle of documents intimated on 31.8.21. These documents identify two incidents which had not been referred to within Part D (February 2021). Queen Victoria School have located records relating to one of those incidents. In 2011, a number of S1 girls made allegations of inappropriate touching by another S1 girl. The school's records state that "Central Scotland Police CID are going to be investigating". The school's own investigations concluded with no further actions. The Police investigation also concluded with no further action. Queen Victoria School reported the incident through the Care Inspectorate and called social work for advice.

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The previous Part D response submitted set out that Queen Victoria School and the MOD had no confirmation of any criminal injuries compensation being awarded in respect of abuse, or alleged abuse, of children cared for at the school. There is mention of a CICB award in the former pupil witness statement of CVH and another in the statement of Alice Hainey. Queen Victoria School and the MOD have no knowledge of this.

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