

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

Witness Statement of

EUU

Support person present: Yes

1. My name is EUU My date of birth is 1986. My contact details are known to the Inquiry.

Life before going into care

2. I was born in Cardiff. My father was and my mother is I have one younger brother called He is two years younger than me and we have always been close. We came to the Isle of Lewis when I was six months old because my father wanted to move there. My father died in 1994 when I was eight years old. My mother was drinking and had mental health problems. There were all sorts of not nice things going on. My mother was very violent towards me when she was drinking and she didn't look after me or my brother.
3. We lived in the middle of nowhere. The neighbours were within half a mile and they had to look after us a lot. I could phone them and sometimes they would take me and my brother away to stay with them for a few days. I was in a lot of trouble at school and got excluded.
4. The way I behaved was because of boredom. I'd throw things across the room and be disruptive. When I was eight years old, I saw a psychiatrist called Roderick Beasley at Raigmore Hospital in Inverness. I was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and put on a drug called Ritalin. Ritalin turned me into a zombie. I was out of sight and out of mind. That's the way it's been my whole life. I got stuck

with a label and was put on medication for it. My mother started that by making me out to be something I'm not and it's gone on from there.

5. I attended [REDACTED] Bayble High School and Lews Castle High School. In Bayble High School the headmaster was George Moodie. I was isolated and away from the other children sitting in the headmaster's office all day. Sometimes I was out messing about with cars and the school mini-bus.
6. Every school I went to gave me Ritalin in front of all the other pupils and that alienated me. The schools didn't show any discretion. That's one of the reasons I played up in school. I found it hard to make friendships unless I was up to no good. I don't think anybody liked me and I didn't go to school much. I didn't see the point because I'd go there and get suspended.
7. Me and my brother got put into foster care when I was about eight years old. My mother pushed for it. The situation with my mother was really bad and we hated each other. Social work were involved with us. The first social worker I had was Sandra Smith, the others were Chrissy Smith, Maria MacKay, Jack Libby, Donald MacIver, Emma Stark and Sue Twist. Keith Harper was in charge of the Children's and Families Department. When he left Jack Libby took over. Jack Libby had a lot of involvement with me. I didn't get on with any of them. There were a lot of meetings in the council office and I had care plans.
8. There were a lot of Children's Hearings because I was in trouble with the police. The police were always at the door. I would be referred to the Sheriff Court and I would be sent back to the Children's Panel from there.

Foster Care — EUQ-EUV [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Isle of Harris

9. [REDACTED] and I went to the EUQ-EUV [REDACTED] back and forward, from when I was eight until I was eleven or twelve years old. It was called respite care. When we weren't at the EUQ-EUV [REDACTED] then we were with our mother. It started off that I'd go for weekends.

Then it could be for weeks if I was suspended from school or during the holidays. We were there a lot. [REDACTED] was a good few miles from the nearest town. It was in the middle of nowhere. Another wee boy called [REDACTED] was fostered there sometimes. He was a toddler and had ginger hair.

10. EUV [REDACTED] and EUQ [REDACTED] were in their late forties or early fifties. EUV [REDACTED] drove lorries for Hovis bread and was away a lot. The EUQ-EUV [REDACTED] had sons called [REDACTED] and EUR [REDACTED] a daughter called [REDACTED] and an adopted daughter called [REDACTED]. We never saw [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] because they had left home. [REDACTED] was a teenager. EUR [REDACTED] was in his twenties and he was a lorry driver for [REDACTED] EUR [REDACTED] lived in the house but he was away working most of the time. [REDACTED] was severely physically disabled. Her attitude and the way she spoke to me and my brother wasn't nice. [REDACTED] hated us and didn't want us there.

Routine in Foster Care – EUQ-EUV [REDACTED]

First day

11. My social worker, Sandra Smith, took me and my brother to the EUQ-EUV [REDACTED] the first time. After that, we were taken there by taxi and we always got travel sick. The first day at the EUQ-EUV [REDACTED] me and my brother got sent outside and we were left to do what we wanted.

General Routine

12. Me and my brother shared a room. If the EUQ-EUV [REDACTED] said we were playing up then we'd be put in different rooms. It was just us being us. We went to bed at about 9pm. When we got up depended on when the EUQ-EUV [REDACTED] got up.
13. I've never wet the bed. My brother did when he was younger but he grew out of that.

14. The food was things me and my brother hadn't come across before and we didn't know what it was. It was things like mutton. We didn't like the food and we didn't eat it. Looking back there was nothing wrong with it.
15. There was a shower available to us whenever we wanted. The house was immaculate.
16. The EUQ-EUV gave me and my brother 50p each every Saturday. A mobile shop came to [REDACTED] and you could buy sweets there. There were no kids near us to make friends with.
17. We didn't go on holiday with the EUQ-EUV
18. When I was suspended from school, I'd be sent to the EUQ-EUV for weeks at a time. It was probably to get me out of the way. EUQ had books and things and tried to teach me at home. That didn't work.
19. Me and my brother were told to go outside and find something to do. We weren't allowed back in our room until bedtime. We would be running riot outside all the time and running over the hills. EUQ would come and find us in the car.
20. Me and my brother were made to help with the sheep. We helped with the sheep dipping and got covered in chemicals. We had to drag the sheep over for shearing. In the summertime, the EUQ-EUV made us go and cut the peats for the open fire with them. They made us stay outside all day. We'd be bitten all over by midges and there was nowhere to go to get away from them. EUQ and EUV told us we were not there for a holiday. We made our own beds.
21. My birthday wasn't celebrated. We weren't at the EUQ-EUV at Christmas.
22. I was at the children's hearing quite a bit. I don't remember anyone asking me anything at the hearings. The hearing was just seeing what was going to happen to me.

23. My social worker didn't come back to the EUQ-EUV to see me but she was in contact with EUQ
24. The EUQ-EUV treated me and my brother differently from Our rooms were different, what we had was different and the things we did were different. had access to everything in the house, like the computer, music and videos but we didn't. If I wanted to use the computer I wouldn't get to.
25. I didn't run away because there was nowhere to run away to.

Abuse in Foster Care – EUQ-EUV

26. EUQ hit me and my brother quite a bit. She said we were playing up but we were just being wee boys. EUQ hit us with her hand, anything she had in her hand or anything she could reach. She booted me in the arse a few times. One time she did that when I got ashes on the rug from the open fire. I was cleaning the fire out. I can't remember if she injured me. EUV shouted at us all the time.
27. If we wouldn't eat our food at lunchtime or tea-time then EUQ made us sit at the table until 10pm or 11pm. We weren't allowed to leave the table until we ate it. Most of the time we didn't eat it. She was a control freak.
28. EUQ got up late at the weekend and me and my brother had to stay in our room. We'd get bored and we'd be messing about. EUQ would come to our room and pin us down on the bed when we were getting changed. We were naked. She shouted and screamed at us.
29. EUR didn't like me and my brother. Nobody did. On many occasions he grabbed me or my brother by the ears and lifted us up off the ground. He picked us up in both hands and pinned us to the ceiling. EUR threw stuff at us.

30. One time my brother was laughing at [REDACTED] EUQ [REDACTED] came in and hit my brother over the head with a heavy, rubber toy shark. My brother was crying for ages had a lump on his head after. He was about six years old.

Reporting of abuse in Foster Care—EUQ-EUV [REDACTED]

31. I didn't complain about what happened at the EUQ-EUV [REDACTED]. Nobody would listen to me and nobody took me seriously. I tried to tell Sue Twist and said we didn't want to live with the EUQ-EUV [REDACTED] and they weren't nice to us. I was deemed a pain in the arse. I didn't know how to put across what was happening.

Leaving Foster Care—EUQ-EUV [REDACTED]

32. When I was eleven or twelve years old, the EUQ-EUV [REDACTED] didn't want to take me and my brother anymore. I don't know why. My mother was saying we were out of control. Nobody talked to us about why we were leaving. Nobody talked to us about anything.

Foster Care —EUS-SPO [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Isle of Lewis

33. Me and Christopher stayed with the EUS-SPO [REDACTED] for two or three weeks. I was eleven or twelve years old. [REDACTED] was kind to us. [REDACTED] and EUS [REDACTED] had two daughters and a son. [REDACTED] was four or five years old and [REDACTED] was in her late teens. [REDACTED] was in his twenties.
34. [REDACTED] and EUS [REDACTED] took us to the beach and things like that. They were good with us. They had a dog and I was always out messing around with the dog.
35. I was still seeing the psychiatrist Roderick Beasley. He came to Stornoway. I don't think anyone would have fancied taking me on a plane or a ferry to get to Inverness.

Either my mum or a social worker would take me to see him. I saw Rurdhi Martin who assessed me once every year or two years. He was based in Stornoway.

Abuse in Foster Care - [REDACTED] EUS-SPO

36. [REDACTED] was alright but [REDACTED] EUS shouted at me and [REDACTED] all the time. We were out of control.

Leaving Foster Care - [REDACTED] EUS-SPO

37. After two or three weeks, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] EUS said they couldn't handle me and my brother. We were mad. I went to Hillcrest Children's Home and my brother went to stay with our mother.

Hillcrest Children's Home, Goathill Road, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis

Secondary Institutions - to be published later

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Leaving Hillcrest Children's Home

40. I was sent to live with my mother's neighbours, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. That was meant to be temporary.

Foster care – [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Stornoway, Isle of Lewis

41. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] lived four or five houses away from my mother. My brother was friends with their son and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] knew us. I was still in my early teens. Me and my brother stayed with the [REDACTED] for a couple of months. It doesn't make sense, since they were so near to our mother. We weren't allowed to go near our mother's house. There was a point where my brother was at home with our mother.
42. The [REDACTED] had a daughter the same age as myself and a son the same age as my brother. They were good to us. I got on great with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] especially [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] messed about with bits of cars and old machinery. He would give me a part to fix and I was good at that.

Leaving Foster Care – [REDACTED]

43. We left the [REDACTED] because it was temporary and because of something to do with our mother. The social workers and children's hearing were listening to what our mother was saying. Nobody asked what I thought. What could I say? No matter what I said, what happened would happen anyway. Social work just wanted me out of the way. That's the way it's been my whole life.

44. I stayed with EUT from 2001 when I was thirteen or fourteen years old until 2010 when I was 24 years old. EUT nickname was EUT or EUT means EUT in Gaelic. I called him EUT. At first, I was back and forward. There were a few times I stayed with my mother until I totally fell out with her. EUT lived alone and didn't have any children of his own. He was five foot tall and in his fifties. EUT and he was EUT an alcoholic. He'd been an alcoholic for most of his life. EUT a recovered alcoholic EUT. In EUT later days, he trained as a counsellor EUT.
45. EUT worked in a place in Stornoway called EUT. He was in charge of befriending schemes for disabled and old, vulnerable people. That's where he got involved with my brother. My brother went from school for lunch at a hotel near there and met EUT. EUT gave my brother money and bought him guitars and other things. Social work sent my brother stay at EUT when he was fifteen or sixteen years old and later he just stayed there with me.
46. Other children were sent by social work to stay at EUT. EUT was fourteen years old, EUT was twelve or thirteen years old. EUT and EUT were around twelve and nine years old and EUT was about thirteen years old. EUT was there when I first arrived. The others all stayed at different times, when I was sixteen or seventeen. EUT killed himself not that long ago. EUT would stay in the flat and sleep on the couch. The other boys stayed in the house when it wasn't rented out. Two or three boys would stay at any one time.
47. EUT I was meant to be there for one weekend and stayed for nine years. Everywhere I went was meant to be temporary. There was a house which was rented out as four star self-catering and a big byre that had upstairs and downstairs. It was sixty foot by forty foot downstairs and had a small, open-plan flat upstairs that we stayed in. The flat only had one window. There was no planning permission for the flat in the byre.

48. The downstairs was divided into three sections. I used one section as a garage for the cars that EUT gave me. We killed sheep and skinned and hung deer in another section. In the third section, four dogs were kept. Outside the door was the biggest pile of dog shit I'd ever seen. It was horrible. Every morning EUT would scoop it up from inside the byre and put it out. It was stinking in the summertime. You had to walk through all that to get up to the flat.
49. There were firearms in the house. The gun locker was in a cavity wall in the flat. I screwed the gun locker to the wall. When I was fourteen or fifteen, a policeman called Brian Harper from Tarbet came to inspect where the guns were kept and register them. I showed him where the keys and the gun locker were. I showed him the rifles inside and where all the ammunition was kept. I had access to everything. That happened a couple of times.

Routine in Foster Care – EUT

First day

50. Emma Stark was my social worker and she took me to the byre at EUT. We walked past the pile of dog shit and up into the flat. Emma Stark saw the dog shit and said nothing. She saw that on other, later visits too. One other boy called EUT was there. I knew him for years from different places. Emma Stark knew that I was sharing a bedroom with EUT. EUT slept in the house.

General Routine

51. In the flat in the byre, there was one bedroom with two beds in it. The beds were side by side. Me and EUT both slept in that room. There wasn't a bath or a shower but just a sink with a hot water geezer. I washed in the sink. There was a worktop with a fridge under it. There was a toilet and the only walls were wardrobes around it. There was no privacy. The only privacy I got was when I sat in one of my cars.

52. There was a couch and an electric fire. There was no TV. There was a computer in a corner that EUT used as his office. There was a freezer full of sheep, deer and fish. From when I went to [REDACTED], whatever you wanted to eat, you made yourself. We grew some vegetables but didn't really eat any. I don't know if EUT was paid for fostering. I never knew where he got his money from but he always had money.
53. I always had some piece of machinery to repair and got money from fixing people's cars. I had scrap cars around the place and sold parts off them. At one time I had 26 cars. EUT had about 300 sheep on the common grazings. It was me looking after the sheep from when I went to [REDACTED]. I killed sheep and deer from the same time. I always had dogs and training sheepdogs was a hobby I had.
54. EUT didn't take me away on any trips or holidays. One time, social work made me go to a conference in Aviemore. We stayed in the Hilton Hotel.
55. When I lived at [REDACTED] I didn't go to school and there was no home schooling. My brother went to the Nicholson Institute in Stornoway. That was about 25 miles away and sometimes EUT would take him to school.
56. When I was seventeen years old, I found Sir E. Scott School in Tarbet in Harris and I went there to learn to read and write and do basic maths. They taught me how to do basic maths on my calculator on my phone.
57. I was still taking Ritalin when I first went to [REDACTED]. After six months I decided to stop taking it. When I was fourteen years old I was taken off Ritalin by Roderick Beasley. He said I don't have ADHD.
58. Nothing happened for my birthday or at Christmas. EUT wasn't bothered.
59. When I was about sixteen years old, EUT got a caravan for me to stay in and put it beside the house. A new road was being built above the house and they were blasting through the rock. One day a big boulder came through the side of the caravan and

there were holes in the roof. EUT made me stay there for six months. There was no electricity in the caravan.

Visits / Inspections

60. Emma Stark visited me regularly at the byre and saw me once or twice at the caravan. A few times, I was asleep in my bed and I had to get up. When I was fourteen years old, she witnessed EUT giving me tobacco and lit cigarettes. She was sitting on the couch in the flat. Emma Stark stopped coming when I was about sixteen years old. I was getting into trouble with the police all the time that I stayed at EUT. It was mostly to do with driving cars.
61. Donald McIver was a social worker. I think he was in charge of adoptions. He was a regular visitor to EUT from when I first went there. The visits were social visits. EUT made me go away and they would sit and talk.
62. There were other regular visitors to EUT. EUT was EUT nephew. EUT lived at EUT before I did. He was an adult. EUT also hung around a lot. They have all been convicted of offences involving child sexual abuse, like having indecent images. At the time, EUT would send me away when they visited.

Abuse in Foster Care – EUT

63. At first it was alright staying at EUT. The first thing EUT did was give me the keys to an old Ford Fiesta car to mess around with. Then the abuse started with mental abuse. EUT tried to control everything I did and threatened to send me back to my mum in Stornoway, if I didn't do what he wanted.
64. It wasn't what EUT said but what he did. He gave me a dog that was a cross between a collie and a Labrador. The dog was called Shadow and I had it for a while. One day I was in my bed and the dog was on the floor, between the two beds. EUT came in

and shot the dog in the head with a .22 bsa rifle because the dog had killed my pet lamb.

65. In the first couple of weeks that I stayed with EUT we were out in the car. EUT drove to the garage and bought a half bottle of whisky. He made me drink the bottle and threatened to send me to my mum's if I didn't.
66. When I was about fourteen years old, I had twelve pet ducks that I'd got from all over the island. One day EUT cut all the heads off the ducks when I was there. When we were out in the car, he would stop on the road if he saw a sheep that had been hit. EUT would get out of the car and cut the sheep's throat. Blood was everywhere and he was covered in it. I had never seen anything like that in my life and it really upset me. My brother saw him do that too. I was made to skin and gut sheep at the byre from when I was fourteen years old.
67. EUT threatened me with the guns. He had the guns out all the time and would point a gun at me. I didn't know if it was loaded or not. This was to make me do sexual things to him and for him to do sexual things to me.
68. EUT gave me cars and let me and my brother drive his car. Then he took them away or threatened to put me back where I'd come from, if I didn't do what he wanted me to do. EUT raped me in the bedroom in the byre, at night. That happened a few times a week to start with.
69. We had a neighbour called [REDACTED] and EUT would have to call [REDACTED] up because I was going off my head. [REDACTED] was massive. EUT didn't tell [REDACTED] I was going off my head because he was abusing me. [REDACTED] would calm me down. There were holes in the wall that I had made. The holes had to be repaired and social work were aware of that. When I was fifteen or sixteen, I beat EUT up. That stopped the sexual abuse but there was more mental abuse. EUT belittled me in front of other people.

70. I was in the Western Isles Hospital in Stornoway twice, when I was about fifteen or sixteen years old. That was just before I beat EUT up. I was bleeding after EUT sexually assaulted me. EUT took me to the hospital and waited outside while the doctor examined me. I told the doctor I was bleeding but not how it happened. It's not the kind of thing you want to tell anybody. The doctor didn't ask me much. Emma Stark probably knew I'd been at hospital. She would have seen everything that happened to me up until I was sixteen years old. She never asked me about going to hospital. Emma Stark wasn't interested in me at all. It was a case of out of sight, out of mind.

Abuse of others

71. I know there were things going on with the other boys but I didn't know the exact details of what was happening. I think EUT sexually assaulted my brother. We talked about it.
72. EUT was involved with [REDACTED] A few people came to stay at the house to get sober or recover from drug use. They were in such a state they couldn't feed themselves. I had to look after them from when I was fourteen years old. Some were suicidal. We'd mash up food for them and give them alcohol so they wouldn't have seizures. Those people have said to me that EUT would stare at them when he washed them. The people couldn't move because they were mangled.

Living in [REDACTED] as an adult

73. EUT moved to the house and started putting the boys he fostered in there. I was about seventeen years old. I had the byre to myself. [REDACTED] worked at Talk Talk and came back to stay sometimes. EUT continued to emotionally abuse me as an adult by killing three dogs that were mine and turning up where I was working and making a fool out of me.
74. I went to college through the Construction Industry Training Board when I was twenty years old. I had no qualifications and I was determined to get something against my

name. I got different qualifications for all sorts of things involving construction and heavy plant. I worked with diggers to pay for college.

75. I got married when I was 23 years old in 2009 and continued to live at [REDACTED] with my wife. We stayed in the byre. [REDACTED] my brother and his partner were staying in the house. [REDACTED] was really horrible to my brother's partner and he wasn't nice to my wife either. [REDACTED] tried to keep me away from my son when he was born.

Reporting of abuse in Foster Care – [REDACTED]

76. When I was about fourteen years old, I tried to tell Emma Stark about [REDACTED] trying to control everything I did and threatening to send me back to my mum in Stornoway. Emma Stark never listened to me and brushed me away. I never felt I could tell her about the abuse.

Reporting of abuse by others

77. Our doctor lived in a house nearby. There was a river between the byre and the doctor's house. When I was about sixteen or seventeen years old, our doctor's wife reported to the police that she heard one of us screaming in the byre one night. Brian Harper was the police officer who came from Tarbet. Nothing much happened. He didn't really ask us or pay attention to what we were saying. I can't remember what I said, probably that something happened. I wouldn't have known how to put it into words. I have severe trouble communicating with people. He spoke to [REDACTED] but I don't know what he said. It was brushed under the carpet.
78. The two [REDACTED] boys, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] made a complaint about [REDACTED] around the same time. [REDACTED] was ten or eleven years old and [REDACTED] was twelve years old. One of them complained about sexual abuse, it might have been [REDACTED]. Brian Harper came and saw them about that. Emma Stark and Keith Harper came at a different times. They spoke to me and asked me a few questions but I can't remember much about that. This was a year or so after I had been at the hospital. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stopped

coming to [REDACTED] for a while. Then they came back again because there was nowhere else to put them as a placement.

Leaving Foster Care – [REDACTED]

79. I finally left [REDACTED] in 2010 when [REDACTED] died. I was 24 years old. Brian Harper came to the byre and told me to destroy the hard drive on [REDACTED] computer. He told neighbours to make sure it was destroyed as well. I smashed the computer with the digger, got the hard drive and burnt it. I don't know what was on the computer. [REDACTED] used the computer as an excuse for the counselling work he was doing but he never had anything on that computer. He had a laptop.

Life after being in care

80. When I left [REDACTED] I moved to Tarbet with my wife and son. I have two children with my first wife. I had very little to do with [REDACTED] because I didn't want to. My wife visited him and I would drop her off. I worked on the fishing boats. I started off doing maintenance on the engines and then went out on the boats because they were stuck for people. I had one child with my second partner and I have one with my third partner and one with my fourth partner. I was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome in 2005 or 2006.

Impact

81. I've struggled with everything. I struggle with day to day living. I didn't see my children after a few years because they are all in care, apart from the youngest one. My youngest child is in the social work system just now. Jack Libby is in charge of my children as head of social services. When I read the reports prepared by social workers, I feel my past is being used against me.

82. I find it hard to be around people and I have a diagnosis of severe social anxiety. I like to be by myself. I'm anti-social. I struggle to eat or drink in front of people. I can't have eye contact with people. That really annoys me and I've tried to do something about it. I just can't seem to change that. I can't trust and there is a really small amount of people who I trust. For the last ten years, I've struggled with depression and suicidal thoughts. When I feel like that then I self-destruct. I've recently been diagnosed with Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorder.
83. My doctors in Tarbet were Mr and Mr Latham. Mrs Latham diagnosed me with Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in 2009 when I was 22 years old. I was put on medication for that. I was self-medicating in my twenties by taking a lot of different drugs. I took drugs to feel normal. It came to a point where, if I wasn't taking drugs then people thought there was something wrong with me. Working on the fishing boats, you could get drugs from anywhere and I was addicted to heroin. Every time I've stopped, I've done it cold turkey. I've been clean for five years, since 16th August 2016.
84. I suffer from insomnia and most of the time I can't sleep. If I have slept at all then it has been in a car or a van. Everywhere I go, I have to have a set of car keys in my pocket because a car is the only place I feel secure. Anything, like music, sounds and lights, can trigger me and I shut down.
85. I have flashbacks. They can happen anytime. I have flashbacks to being raped and interfered with, to the threats, to the deaths of my dogs and being threatened with a rifle. I have flashbacks to being made to kill sheep and seeing my ducks slaughtered.
86. I disassociate. Most of the time I feel I'm standing beside myself or watching from afar. I can't switch off and feel constantly on edge, ready to run. I have held all of the abuse in for years. I bottled it up. I have self-harmed by taking drugs, doing dangerous jobs and thrashing my cars and bikes to their limits.

87. I've been in trouble with the police and I'm in prison just now. I've really struggled with that. Everything that has gone on in my past has led me to be here in prison today. It's all part of it.
88. My care experience had a negative impact on my education. I would have been able to do something more than what I have done, if that hadn't happened. I'm quite clever. I feel I've been cheated out of a lot.
89. My mother has tried hard to repair everything, since I've been in prison. She's really made an effort. I'm still close to my brother. Me and my brother have talked about [REDACTED] but we really don't want to talk about it.
90. I want to be able to do simple things, like hold eye contact when I speak to others. I don't want to fight with myself constantly to not let my mood get low. I don't want to live the way I have for so many years. I have nothing to hide anymore. I'm ready to fight for the life I want and deserve.

Reporting to the police

91. In 2012, I tried to report to the police what [REDACTED]^{EUT} had done to me. [REDACTED]^{EUT} had died in 2010. The police fobbed me off. I went to Stornoway Police Station and spoke to a police officer called Donnie. He's from Scalpay. I told him what had happened to me and that I suspected [REDACTED]^{EUT} was a paedo. I had written a diary of everything that [REDACTED]^{EUT} had done to me, the sexual and mental abuse. I gave the diary to the police and they photocopied it.

Reporting of Abuse

92. I went to social services in 2012 to complain about what happened to me in care but no-one took me seriously. Jack Libby is now one of the heads of the social work

department in Stornoway. I told Jack Libby what happened to me in more detail than what I've said today and on top of what social services knew already.

93. Jack Libby took a photocopy of my diary. He apologised to me and said they couldn't have done any more. I asked for the apology in writing but he wouldn't give it to me in writing. Jack Libby just verbally said it. This was around the same time that I asked for my records the first time. Social services gave me a number for a counselling telephone line. I haven't claimed any compensation for what happened to me in care. A written apology is all I wanted.

Treatment / support

94. The only help I've had is from the psychologist in HMP Barlinnie. I've told her some of the things that have happened to me in the past. I'm desperate to change my life around.

Records

95. I asked for my records in 2012 and social work refused to give them to me. I've requested them many times since then and they have fobbed me off every time. Jack Libby said if I got my records then they couldn't stop other organisations or people getting a hold of them. I want to see what's on my records.

Lessons to be Learned

96. Prospective foster carers have to be screened a lot better than they have been in the past. A lot more checks should be done on them. Social workers should really look into the places they send foster children to and children shouldn't be sent to just any foster place that comes up. Kids should be listened to a lot more, instead of listening to the parents, people in schools and social workers.
97. 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... 9/12/21