

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

Witness Statement of

William QUIGG

Support person present: No

1. My name is William Marshall Quigg. I am known as Bill. My date of birth is [REDACTED] 1941. My contact details are known to the Inquiry.

Career history

2. I left school at fifteen in 1956 and started work with Albion Motors as an office boy. At the age of sixteen I started a five year apprenticeship. After I finished my apprenticeship I became an engineering inspector. I was with Albion Motors for eighteen or twenty years and left between 1974 and 1976.
3. When I was 34 or 35 years old, Jim Johnstone suggested to me that I become involved with working in childcare. I had been involved in the Scout movement for a number of years. Jim Johnstone was the boss of Glasgow Corporation social work department and we had a mutual friend who was involved with the Scout movement. One thing led to another and I was invited to apply for a role in childcare.
4. Between 1976 and 1977, I worked as a recreation officer for about a year in children's homes. I worked in Haggbows in Pollockshields, Glasgow and Cleveden Drive in the Kelvinbridge area of Glasgow. The guy in charge of Haggbow was a crippled guy by the name of Webster. Both homes were run by Glasgow Corporation. I didn't have any qualifications or need to have any qualifications for the roles I held. I wasn't involved with the day to day care of the children. My job was to provide activities for the children during school hours. I really didn't like the way the children were being

treated when I held those roles. I soon realised that working in children's homes wasn't my stuff at all so I got out of that.

5. I went back to Albion Motors. I stuck that out for another few years before moving to Community Industry as a scheme consultant. Community Industry was set up by the government for unemployable teenagers. I held that role for nine years. Towards the end of my time with Community Industry the personnel officer from there moved to Dumbarton as the manager of a community programme. She took me with her as her deputy manager and project manager. I was there two or three years before the government decided to stop funding community programmes.
6. My boss had started a free newspaper and offered me the chance to learn how to work a computer. I eventually had a role typesetting a couple of free newspapers and I did that for a few years. During that time I adopted [REDACTED] later [REDACTED] and fostered FZZ [REDACTED]
7. In 1990 or 1991, I moved to [REDACTED] with my wife, FHE [REDACTED] and left the newspaper to take up a role in contract fostering. The contract fostering role involved working with difficult children. The social work department had just introduced us to two potential foster children prior to allegations being formally made against me. At that time things changed. My wife became concerned that I might end up in prison. I was left without a job because contract fostering was no longer possible for me. Within a week of discovering the allegations my former boss at the newspaper offered me my old job back and I went back. FHE [REDACTED] and I ended up giving up our house in [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
8. In 1991 or 1992, a very good friend of mine, who worked in a Salvation Army Hostel, showed me vacancy for a role as an assistant manager of a hostel in Jersey. I made the phone call, flew over to Jersey, was interviewed and got the job. I was about fifty years old. The hostel was for men and I worked there for about eighteen months. The hostel was owned by a Catholic organisation but operated by The Salvation Army. It was during this period that FHE [REDACTED] put in for a divorce. By that time we had separated.

9. My boss in Jersey was a Salvation Army Officer. When he got moved to Blackburn in Lancashire to run a hostel I moved with him to be his assistant again. I was there a year or two. When I was 52 or 53 years old, my friend who had showed me the job in Jersey was by this time the manager of a hostel in Liverpool so I joined him there as his deputy.
10. I was in Liverpool for about a year before being appointed a manager of a hostel in the east end of London. I spent five years doing that. I became a computer consultant for the organisation, which perhaps tells you how bad the rest of the people were in the organisation with computers. I travelled around the country sorting out computers here and there across the organisation. I spent about nine years managing hostels.
11. At the end of my nine years working in hostels I had had enough. My nephew at this time ran an estate in Eaglesham in East Renfrewshire. I stayed in a cottage on the grounds for a year or so whilst I managed the estate. In 2001, my nephew's business got into trouble and for the first time in my life I found myself unemployed. I was nearly sixty. I got a job as an assistant manager of a YMCA hostel in East Kilbride which hadn't yet been built. While that was being built, I took a job as manager of the YMCA holiday centre in Skelmorlie. I spent four years building that up before retiring. I retired at the age of 64 in 2005 or 2006.
12. Looking back on my career after the allegations started, the only positive thing that came out of the mess was that I was forced into different jobs. That allowed me to see different parts of the country and experience some very interesting roles. In a way, out of the bad came some good.

Involvement with voluntary organisations

The Life Boys and The Salvation Army

13. When I was a child I was involved with The Life Boys. The Life Boys were what the Junior Boys Brigade were originally called. My involvement with The Salvation Army began before I was nineteen years old in either 1960 or 1961. I had been taken to the Salvation Army as a child by my neighbours.

The Cub and Scout Movement

14. I had no involvement with the Scout movement at all until I was nineteen years old, in 1960 or 1961. I became involved with the Scout movement when the Salvation Army started the 218th Cub Pack. The girl in charge asked me whether I could be her assistant. The Cub Pack didn't last long.
15. My involvement with the Scout movement became a bit of a love affair. My whole life revolved around either the Cubs or the Scouts. I hadn't a clue what I was doing when I began because I had never had any involvement with the Scouts. Later, I became involved with the Districts and I was asked to run the 204 Glasgow Scout Troop in Old Drumchapel. Boys came from all over to the Troop and I built it up to one of the biggest Troops in Glasgow.
16. The posts I held were Assistant Cub Leader, Cub Leader, Scout Leader, Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs and District Commissioner. I was basically running the whole thing. The way I approached things was to run it more as a youth group rather than a Scout troop. I was involved twenty years with the Scouts. I was out almost every night of the week doing that.
17. In the end I did too much. It felt like the Scouts were running me rather than the other way round. The numbers dropped and I was tired of it. There was a lot of repetition. I became burnt out and that was it for me. I ended my involvement with the Scouts just

before I got married. I was 39 or 40 years old. I was busy with fostering, marriage and doing up houses. I went back into the Scouts when a friend asked me to run 20th Glasgow 1st Milngavie. The leader had left. I only went for a few weeks.

Involvement with Blairvadoch Children's Home

Background

18. When I was 38 years old and working with Community Industry, the manager of Dunbartonshire Social Work Department asked for a team to be sent to Blairvadoch Children's Home. There were Nissan huts from the Second World War which he wanted renovated for use as an outward bound place. I was in charge.
19. It was at Blairvadoch that I got to know [ECW] I remember a lot about [ECW]. He was about nine years old. He and the other kids came in from Rhu Primary School and came to the huts to chat with the Community Industry boys and me. This went on for some time. I started to think the kids and [ECW] shouldn't be there. I spoke to [ECV] who was the matron of the home. [ECV] said not to worry about it and the kids were just wanting to play at the huts. It didn't bother me but I was always conscious of youngsters hanging about. The kids wanted to play with the boys and the boys were supposed to be working. The boys who worked with me were nutcases. They were into vandalism and drinking. They were with Community Industry because they couldn't get jobs anywhere else.

Considering fostering and adoption of [ECW]

20. I have spoken to the Inquiry twice. I didn't mention [ECW] the first time because I was asked about children I had fostered and I never fostered [ECW]. [ECW] was a nice wee boy and I got friendly with him. [ECW] asked me if I was married. I asked him why and [ECW] asked if I would foster him. I'd never thought about anything like that. I was a single man and never thought it was possible. As it turned out, it wasn't possible. I said to [ECV] that [ECW] asked me to foster him and it would be nice to get him

out of a home. **ECW** was a very likeable wee boy and I liked the idea that somebody liked me. **ECV** said we would ask about it. That's as far as I thought it would go. An Asian chap called **ECV** came from the social work department to see me. He said I couldn't foster but I could adopt. I thought that was strange.

21. Not long after that, there was a weekend Cub camp at Auchengillan in Glasgow. I took two or three kids from Blairvadoch to the camp and **ECV** was delighted to get rid of some of them for the weekend. I don't remember who the other boys were. That was how it started. **ECV** said if I wanted to give it a try then **ECW** could come home with me for the weekend. My mother and father were still at **ECV**. My mother thought **ECW** was a wee gem and my father never bothered one way or another.
22. Everybody said **ECW** was like me and I could see it. **ECW** was a screwball. When I drove him back to Blairvadoch, he sung daft songs. He was in the cubs in Rhu and knew the score. Everything he did was the same zany sense of humour that I had. I was one of those that never grew up. I really enjoyed **ECW**'s company. **ECW** looked as if he really wanted to be involved.
23. I went to Canada about 26 or 27 times. About six or seven times were taking scouts. **ECW** came as a treat to Port Colborne about sixty miles south of Toronto. It wasn't a big group, just twelve of us. **ECV** gave permission for **ECW** to go. They had to sort out a passport for him. I don't think there were any checks done on who was taking him or where he would stay. I think that was because I was well known with the Scout movement and got hit with all the troublesome youngsters.
24. All the scouts paid for the trip. I always took a couple of youngsters who couldn't afford it. That was subsidised by the other scouts paying a bit extra and not knowing about it. I don't remember the social work department or Blairvadoch paying anything. It wasn't a huge amount of money and you could do a flight for £40. It didn't cost us anything once we were there because the boys stayed with families of the local scouts. I didn't see **ECW** in Canada and he was with a family.

25. After **ECW** came to Canada with me, social work found his mother in Birkenhead. That was it and the adoption never went ahead. I felt I had done some good because I had got **ECW** out of the children's home and back with his mother. Fostering went completely out of my mind. I adopted **██████████** two or three years later.

Experiences as a Foster Carer

*Background behind adopting **██████████***

26. I had never considered fostering or adopting a child until I was about 38 years old, in 1978 or 1979. My sister, **██████████** had been a long term foster parent for a number of years in the Paisley area. She is eighty two now. By the time my sister stopped she had been a foster parent for over forty years and had fostered a lot of kids. Towards the end she was recognised by the Lord Provost as foster carer of the year.
27. At the time of me starting to consider adopting, my sister's senior in the Renfrewshire Social Work Department was a woman called Frances Hamilton. Being considered a suitable candidate to adopt was completely separate from my involvement with the Scouts. Frances Hamilton, around 1979, was looking to have the first single male adopt a child in Scotland. Through Frances Hamilton and my sister, a proposal was made to me that I would adopt a child.
28. My sister had been a foster carer for years and my mother thought me fostering was great. My father never had any opinion about anything. He was out to work, back in, and didn't interfere with anything to do with my adopting or fostering. I never thought about anything to do with adopting or fostering. It came to me. I didn't specify an age of child or gender. The first one was **ECW** **██████████** but I didn't foster or adopt him.
29. I adopted **██████████** in 1981 when he was thirteen years old. It was a straight adoption rather than there being any foster care element. At that time I wanted to foster but couldn't do that because I wasn't married. As a single man you just couldn't foster. I

wanted to foster because I could hand the child back if things went wrong. [REDACTED] wanted adopted anyway and at that time it suited me.

30. I got on with [REDACTED] when I first met him. It was a case of getting him out of a children's home. He was old enough to think for himself. I had always lived with my mother and father at [REDACTED] Glasgow. My father got on well with [REDACTED]. Later, my father had cancer and it was all getting a bit too much for my mother. [REDACTED] and I moved in as lodgers with my future wife, FHE [REDACTED] to her house at [REDACTED] Clydebank.
31. FHE [REDACTED] was a big flamboyant type of woman who was very opinionated. I had been friendly with her for a number of years. She was involved with the Cubs and her parents lived on the same street as my parents.

Becoming a foster carer

32. Around the time of moving into Clydebank FHE [REDACTED] started saying "[REDACTED] is yours, I want one for me." That sounds daft but that was how deciding to foster came about. I wasn't against fostering at the time but I wasn't the one who pushed it either. FHE [REDACTED] and I agreed that it was something that would be worth trying. Looking back, I think FHE [REDACTED] saw it all as a bit of a novelty that she would have somebody that was hers. We did talk to [REDACTED] before FZZ [REDACTED] moving in and asked him whether he had any objections and he said "no bother." Both [REDACTED] and FZZ [REDACTED] had grown up in children's homes and were used to someone moving in and moving into new places.
33. There wasn't a great romance between FHE [REDACTED] and I or anything like that. It was just one of these things that I moved into. One of the officers at The Salvation Army said it didn't look good that I was coming and going from a single lady's house. It was really [REDACTED] who pushed things. [REDACTED] said that he would love to have a mother. All that led to FHE [REDACTED] and me deciding that we should get married. It looked the right thing to do at that time. All FHE [REDACTED] wanted out of married life was a ring on her finger and a change of title. That didn't bother me because I wasn't all that amorous or anything else.

34. FHE and I needed to be married to allow us to foster. I don't know whether FHE could have fostered as a single woman. I think FHE thought that once we were married it was time for her to make a move. Fostering was a joint decision and I don't want to appear like I am trying to shove everything on FHE. During the trial we were accused of only getting married so that I could foster. That wasn't the case. It all just came at the same time. I suppose there was an element in me asking her to marry me in order to make an honest woman of her.

The process of becoming a foster carer / training

35. The lead up to fostering FZZ didn't seem to take very long at all. There weren't any inspections or looking around our house in Clydebank by Renfrewshire Council to see whether the house was suitable. I can't remember the process I went through to become a foster carer. I don't know whether it was all done through Frances Hamilton or not. It could have been that we just applied to Renfrewshire Council.
36. FHE and I had to be interviewed in Paisley and someone came to visit us at our home to do that. I don't know whether they checked the house. The interview was a cup of tea with the social workers so they could see what you were like. It was decided after that, because I had adopted it may work out. Both FHE and I were named as FZZ's foster carers.
37. Someone from Renfrewshire Council brought FZZ over for a visit. I don't remember the exact details of the lead up to fostering FZZ. I don't think there was much of a process surrounding being considered for fostering. To me it almost just happened. We didn't receive any training on how to be a foster carer. I didn't see any social work records for FZZ before we met him or around the time we met him. If there was a care plan put in place for FZZ then I didn't see it.
38. I don't know why FZZ was selected for us. In hindsight, it seems to me that Renfrewshire Council picked the worst one and sent them over. I know I am being a wee bit nasty in saying that but that is how it eventually seemed to me. I just wish we

had known a little bit more about FZZ before he came over to us than we did. We were told a little bit about FZZ before he came round by Renfrewshire Council.

39. We were told that FZZ was from ██████████ Paisley and that was where his mother and family were living. I don't know whether there was a father on the scene. I only knew about his mother. We were also told that FZZ had previously been with a foster family called ██████ and, because of FZZ that family had split up. We weren't given any more detail than that. I was told by the social worker that we would never come across a bigger liar than FZZ
40. I didn't hear about the circumstances surrounding the breakup of the ██████ family. All I knew was that was the reason that FZZ had to be moved out to a children's home in Ardrossan or somewhere in that direction. Whether FHE ██████ learnt more through contact elsewhere, I don't know. Hearing that FZZ's last foster family had split up because of FZZ gave us a wee bit of a worry. However, FHE ██████ and I were that full of ourselves that we thought things would be fine. We thought, because of our experience, that wouldn't happen to us and we could look after children because of our backgrounds. We were maybe a bit conceited in thinking that way. It probably didn't bother me because I realised everybody has different reactions to things. For all I knew, FZZ might have done something but the previous foster parents might have been heading towards splitting up anyway.

Meeting FZZ for the first time

41. FZZ came to visit us and the next time FHE ██████ and I saw him was at our wedding. He didn't stay with us for a trial weekend or anything like that. I'm fairly sure we only met him once before we started to foster him. FZZ came over and we had a chat. I know FZZ talks about seeing a social worker called Mr Duffy who was from the social work department in Drumchapel but I don't remember Mr Duffy. I never had any involvement with Mr Duffy at all other than the one time he visited ██████████ to do an inspection. That was much later on in about 1984 or 1985.

42. If Mr Duffy was at the initial meeting when we first met FZZ then I don't remember that. There obviously must have been someone there but I don't remember who that was. That first visit didn't last very long at all. It was maybe only half an hour to an hour at most. I'm very vague on that. All I remember is sitting talking to them. I don't remember much being discussed at all.
43. We started fostering two or three years after I adopted ██████ in 1981 or 1982. I remained a foster carer until FZZ left us when he was about seventeen or eighteen years old, in 1987 or 1988. It wasn't that long after meeting him that FZZ came to live with us permanently in Clydebank. FHE ██████ and I got married and FZZ moved in with us about the same time. FZZ was thirteen years old. I don't remember who brought FZZ over to us.
44. Looking back at the speed everything was done, and how it was done, it was maybe a bit of a mistake. It was almost a case of, if you will take somebody else, here. It might have been better for FHE ██████ and me to have met FZZ a couple more times or had him over for a weekend or something like that. Then we could have got a better feel for what FZZ was like.

Foster care support and arrangements

45. I don't believe that there was anyone in the social work department we could speak to for help. Dave McAleer from Renfrewshire Council was involved when we were going to do the contract fostering. He is the only contact I remember having at Renfrewshire Council. I don't know whether we had any contact with him before we started thinking about contract fostering. I don't remember ever contacting him until we were ready to do the contract fostering.
46. There wasn't really any support for FHE ██████ and me. My sister was never away from Renfrewshire Council's social work department and she kept notes. We never heard about any of that kind of stuff. We had ██████ and FZZ and were left to get on with it. I remember FZZ was always good at saying he didn't like this or that to people but there

was never any official contact with us from Renfrewshire Council. I would only hear about the things he was saying via hearsay or innuendo.

47. I don't know who I could have spoken to if I needed support. My sister, [REDACTED] was probably the only person I could turn to. We could talk about anything and still are very close. Looking back, it feels to me that Renfrewshire Council had two of the most difficult boys on their books, they'd seen that I knew how to treat teenage boys and they decided to shove them over to me. It was as if the council were saying 'they're over there and they're alright. Just leave them there.' I am being blunt when I say that but that is what it looked like to me.
48. I can't remember anything cropping up where we needed to ask anyone anything. We just got on with it. Looking back at FHE [REDACTED] and me, our vanity and egos made us feel that we were as good as anyone was going to get. We felt that we were both pretty expert at looking after youngsters and it would be a doddle because of our experience working with children. We wouldn't have felt that there was anyone out there who knew more than us. In hindsight, given what happened, we were wrong that it was going to be a doddle.
49. I never thought about what my status was when fostering. I never looked on my role as being an employee. I know a lot of people view it as a job but that never entered my head. If I had looked at it that way then I don't think I should have been doing the job the way that I was doing it. By that I mean I didn't treat it as being an employee. I saw FZZ [REDACTED] as staying with us virtually as our son. I didn't look at it from the point of view of how much would we be getting for something or whether we should do something. To me FZZ [REDACTED] lived with us and that was it.

Financial support

50. I have tried to look back on fostering FZZ [REDACTED] to see what was going on with regards to finances and funding. There would have been a payment for fostering but I don't know if we ever received that. If that was something we received it must have gone to FHE [REDACTED] I don't know anything about that at all. I wasn't bothered about any of that

at the time. I did as much as I could do day to day but I didn't have an awful lot to do with the financial side of things. I didn't go out for the groceries or buy anything. All I bought was petrol for the car to run about in. I haven't a clue whether we were still being paid a foster care allowance by Renfrewshire Council for FZZ between the ages of seventeen and when he left. I certainly didn't see any money. I don't know whether they sent money to FHE

Foster home households

51. Over the time we fostered FZZ we lived in three properties. The first was Clydebank, the second was a house in Blackwood near Lanark and the third was Glasgow, . Clydebank was a flat FHE had but it was a big attic conversion. It had two bedrooms. The house in Blackwood was brand new. It had two bedrooms, a living-room, kitchenette and bathroom. FHE and I shared all the bills. The house was small and I came to realise that we were living in FHE's house. I thought we should have a house that we could both call our own and FHE and I bought the house in Blackwood.
52. We were only in the house in Blackwood a couple of months. It was a mistake because it was too far to travel to work. FHE, FZZ and I moved into my mother's place at . By that time my father had passed away so my mother was on her own. My mother was renting the house as a council house. We decided to buy the house and renovate it. We built a ground floor extension for my mother and did up the kitchen. FZZ never really knew my father and he never got on with my mother.
53. The house at was a normal council house in a cul-de-sac of twelve houses. It was an end terrace of four houses in a row. Downstairs there was a good sized living room with an entrance hall that ran the whole length of it. Halfway down the hall were the stairs that led upstairs. Beyond that on the ground floor was the bathroom. Off the living room was the kitchen. Upstairs there were three bedrooms.

54. FHE initially lived at [REDACTED] with us but that changed after two or three years and she moved over to her mother's at [REDACTED]. The first reason was because when I started renovating [REDACTED] the whole place became a building site. It was that bad that even I would have liked to have moved out. The second reason was that FHE hated my mother and my mother hated her. I didn't see that coming at the time we moved in together. I suspected that at the time but it was only at my trial that FHE admitted that.
55. Although FHE and I lived in different houses we were still on the same wavelength. Both FZZ and I were never out of [REDACTED] visiting. In 1987 or 1988, FHE moved back into [REDACTED]. That was a year or two before FZZ moved away. FHE moved back when FZZ started to cause trouble, mainly with my mother, and later started making accusations. It was because of those things that I said to FHE that she better get over to [REDACTED]. I didn't want to live with that going on, on my own. Looking back, it was a mistake taking over my mother's house. In the end, not only FHE moved out but my mother did also. After FZZ had left, my sister organised for my mother to have her own council house. I didn't know anything about that until that happened.

Children fostered

56. FHE and I only ever fostered FZZ. That was enough. We weren't interested in bringing somebody else in. We were never asked whether we wanted to foster any further children. I wasn't going about looking for other kids. Somebody once asked why I hadn't considered fostering a girl. That was when I was single and before I married FHE. I didn't think that was appropriate. I had enough bother with the boys never mind being around a girl growing up.
57. There was an occasion when FZZ asked whether we would consider adopting his brother, [REDACTED]. That to me that was a joke. FZZ's brother was older than him and he looked to me to be more trouble than FZZ ever was. We didn't have the room for

anyone else. [REDACTED] and FZZ were unrelated and they had to share a room as it was. As far as I know that wouldn't be allowed now.

Placement Preparation

58. I can't remember the first day that FZZ came to stay with us at Clydebank. I can't think of us doing anything in particular to settle FZZ in. Everything was laid on and arranged. The room had been prepared and so on. FHE [REDACTED] and I initially liked FZZ although we could see that there could be problems. After a few days of FZZ arriving FHE [REDACTED] said that she thought FZZ was a nice wee boy. I remember vividly saying to her in response "trouble". She looked at me and said he was alright. I said that we could cope and FZZ wouldn't split us up.
59. Although I thought FZZ may be trouble I didn't treat it that way. I treated it like, let's get on with this. I wanted to let him settle in and all the rest of it. I paint a bad picture of FZZ but in many cases he wasn't that way. He was a wee charmer in a lot of ways. FZZ could easily fool people into thinking that he was a lovely wee boy. He was, to a certain extent, but he had a real nasty streak in him. That came out at certain times.
60. [REDACTED] didn't seem to have any complaints. [REDACTED] and FZZ kind of clicked together and got on reasonably well. There was no animosity or fighting. It seemed to be alright at first. FHE [REDACTED] and I approached it as a couple of boys who had come out of children's homes and needed somewhere to stay. Looking back on the early days and settling FZZ in, it seemed a natural progression from when [REDACTED] was living with me and FHE [REDACTED]. I don't know what else we could have been done to settle FZZ in. Had there been some sort of class or training then we might have done things differently but I don't know what that would have been.

Daily Routine

Sleeping arrangements

61. In Clydebank and Blackwood, the boys shared a room with two separate beds. At [REDACTED] there were three bedrooms. My mother had her own bedroom, FHE [REDACTED] and I had our own and the two boys had a room which had bunkbeds. It wasn't just bunkbeds though. I had salvaged some platforms which beds could go on from the Scout Camp in Auchengillan. The room was divided up with one bed lower down and one bed higher up. Underneath and above each bed were cupboards and an area for them to keep their things like a television or a stereo. It meant that each boy had their own space and they weren't looking at each other or side by side in the same room.
62. If needed, FHE [REDACTED] got the boys up because at that time I would be away early at work in Clydebank. That was especially the case when we were in Blackwood because we were more than an hour away on the motorway. I don't think anyone needed to get them up as they got older. The boys were good in that respect and that was one side of them that never caused us any problems. I never had to go into their room and say that it was time to get up.
63. When FZZ [REDACTED] was about sixteen years old he asked me to put a lock on his bedroom door. I put on a sliding bolt that could be locked from the inside. I think by this time he had realised he was gay and wanted to have friends in his room. It would have been after he started attending Bennett's nightclub in Glasgow. If FZZ [REDACTED] wanted to bring a pal back by that age then that was okay by me.

Washing and bathing

64. In Clydebank there was a room that used to be a small bedroom that had been turned into a bathroom. I don't remember there being a bath in there and there was just a shower cubicle. In Blackwood there was a shower and a bath. I wouldn't allow the

boys to use the bath because the water was heated up by the immersion heater and that was expensive.

65. In [REDACTED] there was one bathroom downstairs and no shower because it was an old council house. That is significant because during the trial [FZZ] claimed to be hauled out of a shower in [REDACTED]. That wouldn't have been possible because there was no shower there. The bathroom was the last thing to be renovated and that happened after [FZZ] moved out. Even then we didn't put in a new bathroom suite. It was too expensive and by that time we were getting offers for the house.
66. [REDACTED] and [FZZ] just did what they wanted to do when it came to washing and bathing because they were thirteen years old or older. It was entirely up to them as long as they didn't use too much hot water. I am certain that both [REDACTED] and [FZZ] had privacy when they were bathing and showering. That was one of the things that really bugged me at the trial. In all the years with [REDACTED] and [FZZ] never did I see either of the boys in a shower or a bath. If anyone had walked in on me I would have done my nut so I certainly wasn't ever going to walk in on them.

Clothing

67. [FHE] provided the money for [FZZ] to buy his own clothes because she was the banker. I thought that was perfectly good for a boy of his age and I wasn't involved in that. I wouldn't even know what clothes he had. The only time when I had anything to do with [FZZ]'s clothes was after one of the trips I made to Canada. [FZZ] was seventeen years old. Before the trip [FZZ] tried to modernise me and told me to get a chino jacket. When I came back from the trip he took the jacket from me because he liked it. We were nowhere near the same size but everything they wore back then was baggy.

Possessions / pocket money

68. [FZZ] had all the same as the rest of the kids at the time had, things like a Walkman and so on. [REDACTED] had a wee television. The boys had a stereo and a television in their room. If it was something that was interesting to young people they probably had it.

69. I don't ever remember giving either [REDACTED] or FZZ pocket money. I was the typical Glasgow male and saw that as FHE's job. She was the purse. FHE must have given them pocket money but I can't remember the slightest thing about it. FZZ must have been getting pocket money otherwise I would have heard plenty about it. I remember FHE giving the boys money when we were on holiday in Spain.

Mealtimes

70. In Blackwood FHE usually made the meals and we all ate at the same time. At [REDACTED] my mother did all the cooking. I took the occasional turn at cooking too. My mother doing most of the cooking might have started some of the trouble between FHE and my mother because FHE thought she was the best cook. We didn't all eat together at [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] was in and out. He was working and we always had to leave something for him. We didn't have a table in the house so whoever wanted to eat together, ate together. It was a case of grabbing the food, sitting down and getting on with it.
71. Whenever the boys wanted food it was there. I don't remember an occasion when one of the boys didn't like the food that was served. There was usually something in the house to eat. I am the world's worst eater so whatever was served was always simple and plain, like egg and chips. The boys would eat anything like that. FHE did make more fancy stuff, like stroganoff, from time to time but that it was for herself.

Leisure time

72. [REDACTED] was in the Scouts when he was in the children's home so he carried on with that after I adopted him. He then joined my Scouts. At my Scouts we did something nearly every night of the week. It was more like a youth club. There were things to do like swimming, a judo club or table tennis. Later on [REDACTED] went to a youth club run by The Salvation Army because I knew the people who ran it. He eventually met up with a girl down there.

73. FZZ went with the flow. He turned up a few times at the Scout group I ran in Milngavie. I was involved with the band of The Salvation Army and there was a time when we were doing concerts in the big concert venues in Glasgow. FZZ would come along to those sometimes. Most of the time FZZ went to visit his pals in Clydebank. He was never away from there. He had a close pal down there and the two of them got on well together. █████ and FZZ were never really great home birds. If they were in they went into their own room and watched the telly. FZZ would be across at FHE █████s during the time she lived at █████

Trips and holidays

74. We had a decent holiday almost once a year. The first holiday with FZZ was connected to the Community Industry project I was involved with at the time. I took between four and six boys to Raasay House, on the Isle of Raasay for nearly a year. The boys were between 16 and 21 years old and worked ten days on and four days off. I was sent because I dealt with all the difficult youngsters. One of the people I was working with there had a caravan and he let us use the caravan over the Easter week. I took FZZ and █████ there. FHE █████ couldn't come because she was working. The first holiday abroad was to France and all four of us stayed in a big caravan. The next holiday was to Spain. It was a long journey because we went by bus and we stayed in a flat. We later went up to the centre in Aviemore.
75. Before FZZ left us I took him to Canada for three weeks. I knew a group of people who had helped us in the past and we went to stay with them. I had become fed up with a site I had taken a Scout troop to previously and was wondering where to take the troop I was looking after in Milngavie. I wanted to check out the lay of the land. It coincided with when FZZ was just about to move away so I took him with me. I never saw FZZ whilst I was there. He disappeared and went to stay with a married couple and their daughter, who ran the caravan site we were staying on.

Schooling

76. FZZ initially attended St Andrew's High School in Clydebank. The school was right next to the office that I worked in. He moved schools when we moved to Blackwood and attended Lesmahagow High School in Lesmahagow. When we moved to ██████████ Place FZZ transferred back to St Andrew's High School. FZZ claimed during the trial that we made him walk from ██████████ to his school in Clydebank each day. I can't see that as happening. I am very vague about that though. I certainly wouldn't have said to him that he wasn't coming with me. I think I would have dropped him off.
77. I know what FZZ has written on his CV (Curriculum Vitae) concerning his time at school because I saw that during the trial. My solicitor showed it to me. We all do up our CVs but his was something else. According to FZZ's CV he was the school captain and top of this and that. I don't even remember him going to school. I don't think he did very well. Educationally I don't think he was up to much. FZZ was as thick as two short planks except when he wanted to be the smart guy.
78. I can't criticise too much because I don't really know what happened at school. I was never told about anything. I never heard from FZZ about homework or anything like that. I didn't go to any parent's nights and wasn't told about any parent's nights. I didn't contact his schools to ask about that or to ask how he was getting on at school.
79. ██████████ was at Knightswood Secondary School when he was first with us and the school notified us that he had been skipping school. My mother went down and spoke to someone at the school. That was the one and only time that we heard from a school concerning either ██████████ or FZZ. I couldn't say whether FHE ██████████ knew anything about what was going on at school with FZZ. The communication there was non-existent.
80. I hadn't clue about FZZ leaving day from school. It just happened. I don't know how he got on in his exams. I really knew nothing about him at school. I didn't even know whether he attended. By the time FZZ was fourteen or fifteen years old we had decided that he could go his own way. After a couple of years FHE ██████████ and I realised FZZ had

his own life and we just decided to put up with him. That was okay with us as long as it was controllable. It was not a good situation but, in a sense, we got through it.

Chores

81. My mother did all the housework in the house. She didn't see it as right to have anyone else doing her work. When we were with my mother she did all of the washing and the ironing. At any other time it was FHE who did all of that. FZZ didn't do anything around the house.

Learning trades and life skills

82. I renovated and modernised two flats that the woman I worked with at the newspaper bought. was a great help with that and he was a good worker. FZZ was always at Clydebank with his pals or across the road with FHE. He was never ever in If he was in the house, he was in and going to his bed. The only time I remember FZZ hanging around the house was during the time that there was a brickie employed to build the extension. FZZ was interested in what the brickie was doing.
83. I didn't go out of my way to say to FZZ that we will do this or that, when it came to teaching him things. That was the way things were with me when I was growing up. I just picked up how to do things as I went along the way. I'd like to think that FZZ picked up some tips along the way. certainly did.

Healthcare

84. FZZ kept to himself and never really had a problem with his health. was the same. The only health problem I remember concerning FZZ was when he reported to me that he only had one descended testicle. I had a friend called through the Scout movement who was also my doctor. FZZ didn't know who the doctor was and he lived about five miles away from where we lived. I took FZZ down to see and examined him. Within a few weeks FZZ was taken into hospital and a procedure was done. FHE and I visited FZZ in hospital and he took great pleasure

in showing us how all this had developed. That was the only time I contacted the doctor for FZZ. As far as I know he was never registered with a doctor. If FZZ was registered then he would have been registered at that point.

85. During the trial FZZ claimed that he found the doctor and arranged the operation concerning his undescended testicle. To say that we had nothing to do with that is an insult to me. In my opinion someone of the age he was wouldn't have been able to arrange that without guardian approval and that was a lie. Fortunately for FZZ many of the people he discussed at trial were dead, meaning they couldn't be witnesses. That was the case with ██████████. That worked a wee bit in FZZ favour.
86. I don't think either ██████████ or FZZ were registered with a dentist. I don't think either ██████████ or FZZ went to a dentist.

FZZ *emotional development and sexuality*

87. I would have thought there were things in place for FZZ to express his thoughts and feelings whilst in care. With FZZ things may have been happening emotionally but you couldn't really tell. It wasn't something that was open for discussion. Things must have been happening because of his attitude. He resented it if you did anything for him. It is difficult to explain. FZZ wanted things done but he resented us doing them for him. As far as I was concerned, we provided FZZ a place and as long as he didn't wreck the place and act stupid we would just get on with it.
88. The only time I tried to help FZZ emotionally was when he ran away then returned from the Stopover Hostel in Glasgow and told FHE ██████████ that he was gay. After he returned I was in Queen Street Station and I saw a poster for a club at Glasgow University who were holding a meeting once a month for parents of gay children. I spoke to FZZ about that and went to one of the meetings with him. We wanted to support him and let him know that we didn't care what he was. We just wanted to get on with it. When FZZ was about seventeen years old, he wanted to go to Bennett's nightclub in Glasgow and a pub down that area. Some nights at Bennett's were gay and some weren't. I wouldn't allow FZZ go to these places when it suited him. I took him and sat outside

waiting in the car until 1:00 am, for his own safety. FZZ knew that we cared about him in that respect.

89. One evening, I went to one of the evenings. A girl had qualified as a social worker and she was holding a celebration for some of the people that she knew at Bennett's. Because FZZ was there I was invited in. I had been outside because I was waiting for FZZ in the car. I went in and sat down. It was an open night not just for gay people. I realised that Bennett's was a nice place and that I needn't have worried. It was full of very nice people.

Christmas and birthdays

90. Christmas was where I started to have disagreements with FHE. The first Christmas we got his presents and decided to go to a restaurant on Christmas Day itself. We never had a sit down family Christmas with FZZ where we were all there because the next year FHE decided to go to her mother's house. FHE's mother always had a family do and we didn't get to go out. I would have loved to have had a Christmas together. I had seen lovely Christmases in Canada and wanted to copy that. Unfortunately, that didn't happen.
91. and FZZ got a birthday present on their birthdays and that was about it. FZZ was quite happy to receive presents but he wasn't happy about receiving them from outsiders who were in charge of him. We would get the boys what they wanted and that would be it. I never considered that as being wrong. I never had a party in my life. Glasgow boys don't expect too much. and FZZ didn't seem the least bit interested either.

Discipline

92. I never really had any problems with . was a very ordinary wee guy. He was a bit promiscuous but so are a lot of teenagers at that age. I only ever disciplined him verbally. One time, when was sixteen, I gave him a telling off when I caught him in the kitchen with a girl on the floor. I was half smiling at the time.

They were involved with each other sexually. I basically told ██████ that what he was doing shouldn't be done there.

93. I can't remember a time when I sanctioned FZZ or disciplined him. If I did it would have been done verbally. There was never anything that FZZ did that you could reprimand him on. He didn't cause us any problems in that way. He only did wee sneaky things in the background like talking to other people about me. I made it very clear to him that that stuff wasn't on and that if I caught him doing that then he would be in trouble. However, I was never a great one for confrontation. I have always been good at talking. If anything cropped up then both ██████ and FZZ knew I was unhappy when I spoke to them. That didn't happen very often and I can't remember an actual incident. Whether they were frightened of me or not I don't know.
94. I saw the worst of FZZ behaviour when compared to FHE ██████ because she got on well with him up to a point. There were incidents surrounding FZZ and my mother which required me disciplining him. The first occasion when I became aware there were problems between FZZ and my mother was when I discovered my mother was terrified of him. My sister told me that. It was obvious that my mother was disappearing as often as she could. FZZ was fifteen or sixteen at that time. My mother asked me to put a lock on her door and I put a Yale lock on her bedroom door. The trouble with that was that if my mother's door was shut, and she couldn't find the key, she wouldn't be able to get back into her bedroom.
95. Later on I received a phone call at 2:30 am at work from my mother. That day, as I often did, I was out until the early hours of the morning helping with the newspaper. My mother told me that FZZ had locked her out of her bedroom. She had got up to go to the toilet and FZZ had heard her, jumped out of his bed and slammed the door shut. She said that after doing that FZZ just stood there. He just shut the door. He didn't touch her or anything like that. I think he did that to make her homeless for the night. I ended up having to go back to ██████ to open the door.
96. I gave FZZ a row for what he had done and that was that. I was really angry. It wasn't the worst thing that happened. It was annoying more than anything else. The following

day FZZ disappeared so there wasn't much point in trying to do anything about it. FHE wasn't in the house when the incident happened but there was no lack of communication with her. She would have known about it just afterwards because FZZ did a runner. I didn't contact the social work department. Whether FHE notified people of what was happening I really don't know. She handled all that type of thing. Communication wasn't a strong point on that front.

97. Just before the occasion when FZZ ran away and ended up in Stopover, FZZ hit my mother. I wasn't there when he did that. According to FZZ during the trial I was there but I was at work. By the time I got back to the house it was past 2:30 am. After FZZ assaulted my mother I tried to figure out what I could do about it. What happened was that he ran away to stay at Stopover. He maybe thought we were going to get the police.

My relationship with [REDACTED] and FZZ

98. I felt I had got them both out of children's homes and was trying to make a reasonable life for both of them. I showed the boys affection but there was nothing like touching or anything like that. I think [REDACTED] would have battered me if I had given him a cuddle or anything like that. At that time I thought the boys were too old for all that type of stuff. I'd like to think they knew that I liked them and what I felt about them. On the whole we just got on with things. On the whole everything was good with [REDACTED]. He treated my parents as his granny and grandpa and I was his father and his dad.
99. Generally speaking FZZ and I got on great. It was just that sneakiness in the background. I find it difficult to describe. If I were to say he was a snidey wee git then that comes close. It was as if he did everything surreptitiously. FZZ was the opposite to [REDACTED] when it came to our relationship. He couldn't take to any of us.
100. I am not sure that I was even a father to either of the boys. I was more of an older friend. I tried, for at least some of the time, to be a surrogate father to FZZ. He didn't want that. I accepted that and tried to make things as best as I could in the situation. We thought we did quite well and FZZ could have been in a lot worse of a situation. FZZ

was never happy. He couldn't be. He was a young boy. He hated being in foster care with a vengeance. ██████ accepted his situation but FZZ hated it. FZZ hated the idea that he had to rely on somebody else for what his own mother should be doing. I'm not aware of anyone helping him with those feelings and I didn't help him.

101. We tried in many ways to help FZZ but he just wouldn't accept it. In a lot of ways he was entitled to be angry. I wouldn't have wanted to have been in his situation. I felt sorry for FZZ and that was the only reason that I put up with him. I felt that he needed a break. I don't think he necessarily needed somebody but he needed somewhere to call his home. I felt at least I could provide that. I would say that I treated FZZ pretty well. We took him on holidays and things like that. However, FZZ was also someone who we had to treat with caution. I always felt we were walking on egg shells around him. You needed to watch him.

102. I don't think FZZ had a temper. You always had to be aware what you said in front of him and be aware of what he was saying about me and FHE ██████. He would play FHE ██████ and me off against one another. One minute FZZ would be sucking up to her and the next he would be turning on her and crawling up to me. He could be quite nasty to FHE ██████ at times, particularly when making fun of the way she dressed. That only happened a couple of times when we had gone out for some reason into town. FZZ would quite often walk behind us so that he wasn't seen with her.

FHE ██████ relationship with ██████ and FZZ

103. Initially FHE ██████ appeared to be keen to foster when it came to FZZ. However, when she moved to ██████ she didn't take FZZ with her. That has always surprised me, particularly in the event of things that were supposed to have happened. I've always questioned why FZZ didn't want to go across and remained at my place. There was never any mention of him moving in there either by FHE ██████ or FZZ. That was even with FZZ never being out at ██████ up until bedtime. I found that strange. It wasn't a good situation for him never mind us.

104. In a lot of ways I was the stereotypical Glasgow man when it came to things and my wife. I would think, let her worry about it. FHE had a high powered well paid job. Her hours were more suitable if she was needed for something regarding FZZ. However, FZZ was of an age to not need that. I don't think FHE was really suited to be a mother figure any more than I was suitable to be a father figure. I was a Scout leader who had experience of looking after kids. I'm not sure I thought FHE wouldn't become a mother figure before we fostered but I discovered that later on. I thought she would be alright for that type of thing. She was fantastic with her own family and her sister's kids. She did cling onto FZZ.
105. irritated FHE more than anyone else and she had an attitude around him. If there was a family event on her side of the family then was never invited. It was as if he didn't exist and that was a worry to me. When was sixteen or seventeen he asked what we were having for tea and she said fish. When asked what type of fish it was she threw the fish at him. I thought at that time that there was something not right here. I could never treat kids like that. All that said, the four of us did go on holiday altogether. We did that a few times.

Contact with family and siblings

106. I don't know much about FZZ or s family. When I worked in the homes and the hostels working with people I never really asked them stuff. If someone wants to tell me something then I will listen. As far as I was concerned it was a case of when they were ready to talk to me about their families then that was fine.
107. FZZ brother, came to visit FZZ. I only really remember that happening once but it could have been a couple of times. FZZ talked in the trial of that happening all the time but I don't remember it like that. was older than FZZ and was fifteen or sixteen years old when he visited. I think FZZ had met in Clydebank. All I remember about those visits was that came up to the house so FZZ could show him where he was living then he went away again. FZZ might have had contact with his family through I don't know what went on there because we never talked about it.

Visits / inspections by social worker

108. When FHE and I fostered FZZ we only saw a social worker once at between 1981 and 1987. The visit happened after had moved away. FZZ was about fourteen years old so that would be between 1984 and 1985. It was fairly early on. The social worker who visited the house was called Mr Duffy. I assumed he came to do a check. Whether FZZ had said something, I don't know. I never had any contact with Mr Duffy to arrange anything regarding FZZ. He may well have been in the house at a time I wasn't there but I wouldn't know anything about that.
109. What I got from Mr Duffy was that he had come to see FZZ. FZZ was talking away to him and FZZ had come out with a complaint about clothes not being bought for him. When Mr Duffy went up to FZZ room, he opened up the wardrobe and saw that it was full of clothes. He then asked FZZ where he got the clothes from and FZZ told him he had bought the clothes with money FHE and I had given him.
110. Mr Duffy and I had a wee bit of a laugh. He made a remark along the lines of children all being like that if they had been in children's homes and they all had an attitude that everything isn't right and everybody is against them. FZZ thought because he was going out with the money to buy clothes then he was the one who was having to pay for them all. FZZ couldn't join up the fact that we were giving him the money so that he could go out and buy nice things.
111. FHE might have had contact with social workers but I don't know about that. If she did she never talked to me about that and I never saw her with a social worker. Looking back, that was probably negligent on the part of Renfrewshire Council.

Reporting of abuse in foster care

112. FZZ had a lot of people who he could speak to if he wanted to. There was FHE my mother or the people he hung around with at the youth club. I wasn't aware of

anyone completely independent FZZ could go and speak to. FZZ had contact with a social worker, probably Mr Duffy.

113. According to FZZ he reported abuse to a social worker during his time in foster care. I wasn't aware of that at the time, if it happened, and only discovered that at the trial. That to me sounds fabricated because if a social worker had been reported something then they would have done something about it. To me, that was a lie.

Review of care / placement

114. There were never any children's hearings or anything like that involving FZZ. He never got himself into any trouble. I never knew of any other meetings surrounding FZZ. I'm not aware of there being any reviews concerning FZZ care or a care plan being in place. FHE would be the one in contact with social services but she would have told me if there was something like a review. If that happened I would have left that for FHE to handle because I would have been out at work.

Records

115. I didn't receive any instruction or guidance about keeping records for FZZ. That is the one thing that I am angry about. I learnt after stopping fostering, that my sister kept records of every child who stayed with her. She has piles of books. I never thought about doing any of that. At the time I was fostering FZZ I didn't think that was necessary and I never discussed that with my sister. I think keeping records would have been really good. The importance of taking notes of every wee thing that is said or done should be one of the first things that is said to people who are fostering.

Complaints

116. We never had any information about what we needed to do to make a complaint to Renfrewshire Council about anything. I would have assumed that we phoned them up if we wanted to make a complaint. I am not aware of there being any other complaints about me and my behaviour towards foster children or any other children.

Nobody has ever come to me with a complaint. I am only aware of there ever being complaints made by [REDACTED] and FZZ. Even then nobody came to me directly with a complaint from FZZ. The first I knew exactly what he was saying was when I was asked by the police to provide an interview.

[REDACTED] and FZZ leaving my care

117. By the time [REDACTED] was eighteen or nineteen he had got fed up with FZZ and had decided to try and find his mother. He had been born in [REDACTED] England and his mother had abandoned him as a baby. He found his mother and moved out of [REDACTED] when he was eighteen or nineteen years old, between 1984 and 1986. It was a year or two after I put him through his driving test. [REDACTED] got a job, found his mother, moved in with her and that was it.
118. When FZZ turned sixteen it was the conclusion of the foster care arrangement. He could have then left and got married if he had wanted to. There were no discussions about what would be happening next with FZZ in the lead up to him leaving or turning sixteen. We didn't approach social work to discuss next steps. We did sort of talk about what FZZ wanted to do next and he didn't have any idea. As far as we were concerned he could stay as long as he wanted to stay. FZZ was reasonably well behaved by that time.
119. The first time FZZ left us was after he belted my mother. FZZ definitely attacked my mother around the time we were going to move him on and he ran away to Stopover. It built up and every time I was out then FZZ would annoy my mother in some fashion. I had to work a lot at night producing the free newspapers. I came home and my mother said FZZ punched her. I said to my mother we should get the police. Calling the police wasn't really a threat. I spoke to FZZ and he said my mother was annoying him and it was an accident. It might have been an accident, I don't know. My mother didn't want to report the incident and had no interest in following it through. Things happen when you're living together. I just let it go.

120. I didn't go to the social work or the police because FZZ disappeared off the scene. My mother was terrified that if I reported things FZZ would come back again so we just let it go. We let him get out of the house and that was the end of the story. In hindsight, the chance of FZZ coming back probably was more of a reason to contact the police but my mother didn't want that to happen and it was her house. My mother was frightened of him. There are so many things when you look back that were stupid but that's the way it was.
121. He moved into Stopover and managed to stay there even though he wasn't yet sixteen. I wanted to get the police after him but my mother wouldn't let me. She was frightened of him. I thought, good luck to him, and decided that I wasn't going to run after him. However, FHE kept in touch with FZZ and met with him at Stopover. He told FHE that he was gay and had known he was gay since he was eight years old.
122. FHE told me what FZZ had said. I said if FZZ had been fighting with his sexuality then that might be why he had been the way he had been with my mother. I decided that we needed to give FZZ another chance and we did. It was a big mistake because FZZ attitude got worse and a while later he came out with the accusations.
123. FHE and I always wanted FZZ to leave the house in a controlled way. It would have had to have been something really drastic for us to have thrown him out. When FZZ eventually moved away for good we thought it was a nice way of moving on. When FZZ was seventeen or eighteen he saw an advert for a job working in a hotel down in Reading. FZZ applied for that and, although he denied it at my trial, I took him down for the interview. He got the job then left.
124. When FZZ left, it was beyond the point that social work were showing any interest in him. We thought it was time to let him go and he wanted to go so that was it. There was no legal reason why we would have to report FZZ leaving to anybody. If he wanted to leave then we could just let him go.

Awareness of allegations during time FZZ was fostered

125. It wasn't long after FZZ came to us that FHE and I realised that we had to watch what we were saying in front of him. That is the same with anybody who is staying with you. FZZ was constantly going behind my back and speaking to anybody who would listen to him. We laughed it off because most people knew us and they knew what FZZ was like. I remember a neighbour called [REDACTED] who stayed opposite saying "I don't know how you put up with him. It's in their blood." People saw what FZZ was like and they shrugged him off. In a lot of ways so did I. I put up with an awful lot worse with the boys I was working with. There was a certain amount you could learn before letting them know how you felt about it. That is what we tried to do with FZZ but I don't think it worked.
126. FZZ told neighbours or whoever else quite openly what he thought was happening. He told them that I was touching him and I was this, that and the other. Whenever FZZ made accusations he always made them behind my back and never to my face. He never ever confronted us with things. We always heard things second hand. There were different stories wherever he went. I heard from FHE's brother who lived in Aberdeen that FZZ had spoken to him about being unhappy. If you ever confronted FZZ about things and asked him what he was saying he would just say "Nothing." I did confront him to ask what was worrying him and causing all of this chit chat behind my back. He said "Not me, I don't do that."
127. I don't know whether FZZ making accusations to his social worker definitely happened. I assume that he had talked about everything with his social worker and other people. I heard from my solicitor during the trial that FZZ said that he had done that. I asked why he was allowed to stay with me, if that was the case.
128. I heard during the time FZZ was in foster care that he said to FHE "There are things there that you don't know anything about." That happened just before he was getting ready to leave. When FHE asked FZZ what it was about he said that he couldn't tell her. I don't know what that was supposed to be about. FHE told me what FZZ

had said but it was some time later on. She must have mentioned it to me around that time because I did question FZZ why he was saying things like that to FHE

129. At the time, I didn't know what FZZ was going on about and I thought he didn't know what he was going on about. I thought that if he knew what was going on then he should come out with some kind of statement to say what he was thinking. I automatically thought that it would be something sexual he was inferring because I couldn't think of anything else. It was the only thing that I could think of. What else would any teenage boy say about any adult he is living with if he wanted to stir things up?

Speaking to others following awareness of allegations

130. I wasn't just upset by all of the allegations, I was terrified. By the time FZZ started talking like that it was just before he was moving down to Reading to get a job. It wasn't a happy situation. There was my mother, there was FHE there was FZZ and I was stuck in the middle of it. I used to say that it was "the eternal triangle." I don't want to say that we were all sitting in terror of FZZ or something like that. We had some good laughs and enjoyed ourselves. Even though I felt that way in my own house I didn't speak to anyone about it. I just put up with it.
131. I did confide in my sister. She had an idea of what FZZ was saying. Me and her have always talked together. I spoke to her about just about everything. I spoke to my sister about what FZZ had said to FHE on the occasion where he said "there are things there that you don't know anything about." She basically said "he's just about leaving just let him go." It wasn't really advice, it was more an acceptance on her part that I should just let it go.
132. We didn't go to the social work department to say that this was what was being said and ask what we could do about it. We didn't go to FZZ social worker and say to him that I had concerns about FZZ saying things or to ask him advice on how to deal with things. We didn't have any contact with him anyway. We had nothing to do with them because FZZ was sixteen or seventeen. Looking back, that was a mistake. I probably

didn't do that because there was a bit of conceit on my part and I thought I could handle everything myself.

133. At that time I didn't hold social workers in very high regard so I wouldn't have thought there was any great point in speaking to them. Having worked in children's homes and experienced social workers I thought some, not all, of them were a waste of space. They were all talk. To put it into perspective, after I worked in the children's homes I was offered a job in Drumchapel as an assistant social worker. I went up for the interview, listened to one guy behind a desk and walked out. I can't explain what I was thinking but maybe I was thinking I wasn't going to listen to this nonsense. I didn't think from hearing how the man spoke that he was handling things right. That's probably not fair and he had probably had the day meeting people shouting their mouths off at him. I thought this wasn't for me and went back to work as an engineer.
134. Around the time I was fostering [FZZ] I was also affected by some of the things my sister was saying and her experiences of dealing with social workers. My views about social workers didn't change after I became involved in fostering. I came into contact with them through meetings I attended during the time I was working in hostels. I would think, oh my God I wouldn't want to have anything to do with you.
135. Looking back, we should have done more about it and we were wrong not to. It was a case of, he's leaving so let's be done with it. We thought that the best move was to just get him out of the house. We were glad that he was moving onto a job and it wasn't coming to anything else so we just let it go. It's easy to say in hindsight that I should have gone to the police and I should have spoken with social workers but I didn't. I just thought that [FZZ] was talking a lot of nonsense so why make a big issue out of it. I thought by speaking to him it would be the end of it.
136. The allegations came when it was getting time for [FZZ] to leave. I think it was all part of the big build up to get compensation, as was [FZZ] saying what he did to [FHE] I say that because I recall an incident around that time when I was taking [FZZ] and a female friend into town to go to Bennett's. The girl was a fostered child and [FZZ] would have been sixteen or seventeen. It was about the time of the Cleveland Child Abuse

Inquiry. They were sitting in the back of my car and the girl was talking about how she could make a big claim against her foster care parents. That was the first time I heard anything about the Cleveland Inquiry.

Moving to [REDACTED] and becoming a contract foster carer

137. After FZZ left in 1987 or 1988 FHE [REDACTED] and I spent two or three years renovating [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. We stopped fostering because we were doing up the house ready for sale. FHE [REDACTED] was back living with my mother and me. There was no point fostering because the house was full of rubble. There was a lot of friction between FHE [REDACTED] and my mother and things were not happy. I felt trapped between the both of them. That's partly why we moved. It was a new house and a fresh start for everybody. I was about 49 years old when we moved to [REDACTED].
138. My mother was supposed to move to [REDACTED] with us and we sold [REDACTED]. Shortly before the move, my mother said she was leaving. She got my sister to get her a flat along from my sister. FHE [REDACTED] had accepted my mother would come with us and I was planning to make a granny flat in [REDACTED].

Involvement with Contract Fostering

139. FHE [REDACTED] and I looked into becoming contract foster carers after moving to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in 1990 or 1991. The lead up to us becoming contract foster carers was definitely more organised than in the lead up to fostering FZZ [REDACTED]. I didn't know anything about contract fostering so somebody must have asked us whether it was something we would like to do.
140. The contract fostering was different to the arrangement we had with FZZ [REDACTED] for a number of reasons. For example, FHE [REDACTED] wasn't to be involved because she had a job that paid a high wage and wasn't going to be the one in the house. She was quite happy about that because I don't think it really suited her. Also, I was to be paid a proper allowance by Renfrewshire Council and would be the one who was looking after the

children in the house. Because of the allowance I was able to give up my job to solely doing the caring. I viewed my role differently then. In many ways it was going to be a profession because that was going to be my income. I looked on it as being my job.

Becoming a Contract Foster Carer

141. There was a lot more communication than when we considered becoming foster carers, before FZZ arrived. It could be that because everything was happening over a period of a few weeks that it seemed a lot more. Renfrewshire Council paid us a visit at [REDACTED] in the lead up to us being accepted as contract foster carers. There was one get together where we met with social workers and other foster carers where we talked about fostering in general and chatted to the people. That was the only thing like that. That was the only time I ever met any other foster carers, other than my sister, in all the years I was a foster carer.
142. We were told by Renfrewshire Council that we would be working with difficult children and we would get all the support we needed. I didn't really know what that meant. I interpreted that as being if there was trouble with the child, or they were acting up, there would be someone ready at the end of a phone. There was never any talk of that in the lead up and during the time we fostered FZZ. That's not to say that didn't happen. That may have been dealt with through FHE [REDACTED] but was something that I didn't experience. I don't remember there being a training course. I don't know whether that would have made a difference.
143. FHE [REDACTED] and I didn't specify the age of children we would foster. We were told by social work that they had a couple of young kids. I thought that would be a change rather than teenagers. We didn't pick anybody. I don't know whether we thought that we would be able to cope better with younger children because we would be able to mould them into a wee family. It was either that or FHE [REDACTED] and I were in cloud cuckoo land when it came to everything.
144. Looking back at the lead up to being approved to be a contract foster carer it did seem like a fait accompli that we would be accepted. I don't know why, what with all the

problems we had with FZZ I thought at that time that they must have known that there had been some kind of problems. Becoming a contract foster carer seemed to be straightforward.

Children fostered under Contract Fostering

145. David McAleer was the social worker that was handling everything. He introduced us to the two wee boys we fostered. They were six and seven years old. The boys stayed with us for a weekend. By the time I became a contract foster carer FHE showed a bit more interest in the children because they were wee and we would be able to handle them better. FHE and I talked about it together and she was dead excited about it. I thought at the time that that was a nice change.
146. Unfortunately FHE didn't have a chance to prove it. The contract foster children were with us only one night and I took the children back to school the following day. The boys didn't stay longer because it all blew up. During the following week someone from Renfrewshire Council came to our door and said that they had received complaints or accusations. The accusation was that I had touched FZZ inappropriately. At that point the social work department said FHE and I weren't getting any youngsters.

Awareness of allegations after FZZ left our care

147. The next time I saw FZZ after he left for Reading was three years later, in 1990 or 1991. We had just bought the house in [REDACTED] and FZZ appeared at our door. He wanted to stay. FHE had kept in contact with him and that was how he knew how to get to us. I find that strange considering the allegations he later went on to make. I don't know why he would have wanted to do that if what he was saying was true.
148. We had started contract fostering and had the two boys. There was no way that FZZ could stay with us. FHE explained that to him. I was in the process of turning the garage into a wee bedsit. I did say to him that he could come up and stay for the

weekend if he wanted to, once that was done. FZZ had a wee sports car at the time and off he went. That was the last we heard of him before the allegations started to appear.

149. After FZZ left the allegations started to appear. It was within weeks of us moving to Wemyss Bay. It was being alleged that I touched FZZ inappropriately. Dave McAleer and another woman from Renfrewshire Council came to Weymss Bay to tell us that.
150. I initially thought the allegation was about the two wee boys we had had over for the night during the weeks before. I had gone nowhere near the boys during their visit because they were shy. I remember FHE making sure I wasn't in the bathroom when they were getting bathed. She did that so nobody could say that I had done this, that or the other. FHE said that after the allegation appeared. That would have come to our minds because the allegation that was made concerned something happening during a bath time. I think FZZ had talked to FHE's sister and it had come back to FHE that FZZ was talking about me.
151. Dave McAleer clarified that the allegation concerned FZZ and he asked me who I thought had made the allegation. That was the first time I heard any sexual allegation being made against me. I thought it was FHE's sister but then I realised that it must have been Kate McFarlane. She was my former boss who owned the newspaper company I had worked at prior to deciding to do the contract fostering. I believed she had made the allegation because she was upset I had left my job for fostering, wanted me back and realised that if I could no longer foster then I would take my old job back.
152. I think FZZ had been out to visit Kate McFarlane at the newspaper and was sticking his nose into things. That was confirmed to me during preparation for the trial. My solicitor showed me correspondence showing Kate McFarlane had reported the allegation to a social work office in Kirkintilloch where she had formerly been a social worker. At the end of the meeting Dave McAleer told us that we wouldn't be allowed to foster, that was the end of our contact with the boys and that was the end of our involvement with contract fostering.

153. The police didn't make contact with me at that point and I wasn't interviewed. That first came about ten years later. After the allegations surfaced I heard that the police went down to London to try and locate FZZ. We believed FZZ was in London because FHE's niece was married to a vicar in London and FZZ had made contact with them. I don't remember the exact details but I heard through FHE that FZZ had stayed with them before he was booted out.
154. It was FHE who provided her niece's address to the police in the hope they would find FZZ. Seemingly, when the police went to FHE's niece's address to speak to FZZ they found that he had already done a runner. A report was passed back to the social work department by the police that they couldn't get hold of FZZ and there was no evidence of anything. As far as I was concerned, that was it all done at that time.

Involvement with the police and lead up to being charged

155. Nothing happened for a number of years. About nine or ten years later, between 1999 and 2001, I heard from the police. I provided my statement to the police at a police station in Paisley concerning allegations made by FZZ. By that time I had moved back to Scotland and was living in Bridge of Weir. When I met with the police I denied everything. The police just asked me the general stuff about whether I had done these things or not. I possibly let the police know what FZZ was like in terms of carrying on behind my back and the lies that he came out with. The police then contacted my sister and FHE. After the police spoke to them they told me that there was nothing they could do and they weren't taking further action. They didn't charge me with anything.
156. In about 2018, [REDACTED] approached the police and made a complaint. That led to me being interviewed about the allegations [REDACTED] was making, charged and ultimately the trial in 2019. I haven't provided any statements to anyone other than the ones to the police highlighted above or this statement itself.

Criminal Convictions

157. The only conviction I ever had, before the convictions for which I am now serving a prison sentence, was for a driving offence. When I was 23 years old I hit a guy who ran in front of me on a scooter. I was fined £4 and had three points added to my licence. I would have thought that Renfrewshire Council asked me whether I had any convictions prior to me fostering but I don't remember that. I haven't a clue what checks, if any, were done by Renfrewshire Council to see whether I was suitable to become a foster carer.
158. I was not aware of any abuse in my house that I would consider to be abuse of FZZ. His testimony in the lead up and during the trial was a complete pack of lies. It's all about money. I was however aware of abuse in my house that I would consider to be abuse of [REDACTED]. There was a stupid carry on with [REDACTED] and I accepted guilt for that.
159. At a Preliminary Hearing on 7th August 2018 I pled guilty to the charges involving [REDACTED]. I pled guilty to charge one on the indictment taking out "and masturbate your penis in his presence". I pled guilty to charge two, taking out "place your penis in his mouth and induce him to masturbate your penis" and I pled guilty to charge three. I pled not guilty to charges four, five and six. Those charges involved FZZ. The prosecutor did not accept my pleas of guilty to charges one, two and three.
160. The trial began on 7th February 2019 at Glasgow High Court. I pled guilty to charges one, two and three, as I had at the Preliminary Diet. Again, the prosecutor did not accept my pleas and the trial was about all of the charges on the indictment. I had hoped to prevent that but [REDACTED] was dragged up to give evidence anyway. [REDACTED] FZZ and FHE [REDACTED] all gave evidence. I am told the prosecutor made some changes to the charges but I don't remember that. I lost track of it all. You get to the stage where you don't listen. After a few hours, the jury found me guilty of all of the charges numbered one to six. The verdict was unanimous.
161. On 13th March 2019 I was sentenced to ten years imprisonment. The sentence was backdated to 13th February 2019. An appeal was put in three times. The lawyers felt

they didn't get enough time to cross-examine and the sentence was too long and that was all the lawyers put in. There were many things I'd have liked to put in the appeal but they never went in it. I'd given up by then and I left it to the lawyers. I wasn't happy with the lawyer's performance.

162. The following are the charges on the indictment that I was found guilty of, after changes were made by the prosecutor. The charges are followed by my responses to them to the Inquiry.

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163. *(001) on various occasions between 4 July 1980 and 14 October 1980, both dates inclusive, in Canada, the precise location to the Prosecutor unknown and at ██████████ ██████████ Glasgow you WILLIAM QUIGG did use lewd, indecent and libidinous practices and behaviour towards ██████████ born ██████████ ██████████ 1966, c/o Police Service of Scotland, Barloch Street, Glasgow and did pull down his underpants, handle his penis and testicles, masturbate his naked penis and masturbate your penis in his presence;*

164. I did abuse ██████████ It wasn't exactly in the way the charge is drafted but I did do that. I accept that in the lead up to the trial I did admit to the charge except "and masturbate your penis in his presence". The bit in Canada is not true at all. When we went across to Canada they stuck us both in the same double bed. I threw my arm around him in the middle of the night and he assumed that something was going on. Other than those parts of the charges, I have to be ashamed of myself because it is true.

165. *(002) on various occasions between 15 October 1980 and 15 October 1982, both dates inclusive, at ██████████ ██████████ Glasgow you WILLIAM QUIGG did indecently assault ██████████ your adopted son, born ██████████ ██████████ 1966, c/o Police Service of Scotland, Barloch Street, Glasgow and did take down or remove his trousers and underpants, masturbate his penis, induce him to place his penis into your mouth, and induce him to masturbate your penis;*

166. The part saying where I induced ██████ to masturbate my penis did not happen. Never at any time did he touch me. However, the rest of it did happen.
167. (003) on two occasions between 16 October 1980 and 14 October 1984, both dates inclusive, at ██████ Glasgow and ██████ Clydebank, you WILLIAM QUIGG did indecently assault ██████ your adopted son, born ██████ 1966, c/o Police Service of Scotland, Barloch Street, Glasgow and penetrate his anus with your penis and have unnatural carnal connection with him, to his injury;
168. I don't know about injury but the rest of it is true. I did offer to plead guilty to that whole charge.
169. The only way I can put it with regards to the above three charges was that ██████ wanted money and he wanted to mess about. That isn't an excuse but it is a reason. I take full responsibility. I was the adult in the situation and it should never have happened. Let's just say that ██████ made it easy. I can't be more ashamed but that's the way it is.
170. ██████ said in the trial when he was asked whether I paid him for it that I paid him between £100 and £150 a time. I wasn't even earning £100 a week. ██████ saying that was an exaggeration. I never paid him anything other buying him a packet of fags but there was an inducement there. It was definitely ██████ who suggested payment and he wanted a packet of fags. I really don't want to talk about how he addressed it.
171. All I'm saying is that ██████ was in a sense, innocent but he did provoke it. That's why I say it's my fault and I take it all on board. The simplest way I can put it is that ██████ was never forced into anything. I would never have done that to him. There was a willingness that shouldn't have been there. As a young man ██████ didn't care and wanted whatever he wanted.
172. There was nobody else there when these things happened. At ██████ my mother and father were in their bed and that was it. It first came about during a time

when [REDACTED] had athlete's foot. He used to wear white socks to bed but he would then rip them off and scratch his feet. I got into the habit of going up to [REDACTED]'s room after he had fallen asleep, putting cream on his feet then putting his socks on. That was when the next thing happened and my hand explored. I can't explain it any other way. Temptation got in the road and I wanted to see how [REDACTED] was developing. I find it very difficult to explain. I played about with him. It came from me to start with.

173. For forty odd years I have thought about the impact on [REDACTED]. The trouble is that you don't think it at the time. I'm disgusted with myself. I did spend a lot of time over the years trying to atone. [REDACTED] and I were always great friends until this all came about. [REDACTED] and his mother had a business breeding dogs in [REDACTED] Lincolnshire and [REDACTED] made very good quality engineering case things. When I lived in London, I would go to [REDACTED] every weekend and help him at his workshop. I produced the advertising documents and tried to help him along. It would never make up for it but it was my way of doing something.
174. [REDACTED] asked me to go and live with him and his mother. They had a big mobile home in the grounds and gave me £1000 to do it all up. We got on great and I was there virtually every weekend. It was going to be my home after I retired. [REDACTED] then fell out with his mother and went to live with his now wife. I moved back to Glasgow.
175. [REDACTED] and I kept in touch and I went to his wedding and children's christenings. [REDACTED] got married to this woman who obviously found out about what was going on. It was obviously her who raised concerns. I'm not blaming her and I'm just stating facts. The only time [REDACTED] mentioned it was when he got married. I was talking to him in the car park and apologising. I said all that nonsense should never ever have happened. All [REDACTED] said was that I shouldn't be worried about it and he was just as bad as me. That made me feel a wee bit better but that didn't matter. I was still the adult in the situation.

FZZ

176. (004) on various occasions between 16 August 1983 and 26 December 1984, both dates inclusive, at ██████████ Clydebank, and ██████████ Glasgow you WILLIAM QUIGG did use lewd, indecent and libidinous practices and behaviour towards FZZ ██████████ born ██████████ 1970, your foster-son, c/o Police Service of Scotland, Barloch Street, Glasgow then a boy who had not attained the age of 14 years, and did bathe and wash his naked body, handle his naked penis and buttocks, handle your penis in his presence, induce ██████████ ██████████ your adopted son, born ██████████ 1966, c/o Police Service of Scotland, Barloch Street, Glasgow to expose his penis in his presence, handle FZZ ██████████ FZZ ██████████'s penis over his clothing, remove his lower clothing, handle his penis, handle his naked body, masturbate your penis in his presence, grab his thigh, restrain him, seize hold of him, pin him against a wall, strike him on the head, and penetrate his mouth with your penis and ejaculate in his mouth;
177. Total fabrication. FZZ is after money. If they took away the compensation then this wouldn't have happened. FZZ is a money grabber. All this is totally made up. Regarding ██████████ being brought onto the scene, ██████████ stated very clearly that he never ever witnessed anything happening with FZZ. That was one lie for a start but it's all lies.
178. (005) on various occasions between 27 December 1984 and 1 February 1987, both dates inclusive, at ██████████ Glasgow you WILLIAM QUIGG did indecently assault FZZ ██████████ your foster-son, born ██████████ 1970, c/o Police service of Scotland, Barloch Street, Glasgow and did bathe and wash his naked body, handle his naked penis and buttocks, handle your penis in his presence, induce ██████████ your adopted son, born ██████████ 1966, c/o Police Service of Scotland, Barloch Street, Glasgow to expose his penis in his presence, handle FZZ ██████████'s penis over his clothing, remove his lower clothing, handle his penis, handle his naked body, masturbate your penis in his presence, grab his thigh, restrain him, seize hold of him, pin him against a wall, strike him on the head, forcibly penetrate his mouth with your penis and ejaculate in his mouth;

179. (006) on an occasion between 27 December 1984 and 26 December 1986, both dates inclusive, at ██████████ Glasgow you WILLIAM QUIGG did indecently assault FZZ ██████████ your foster-son, born ██████████ 1970, c/o Police Service of Scotland, Barloch Street, Glasgow and did knock him onto the floor, insert washing up liquid into his anus, forcibly penetrate his anus with an unknown object and your penis and have unnatural carnal connection with him, to his injury.
180. To both these charges, my response is that this is the same as the other charges concerning FZZ. It is lies. Total fabrication. When we first heard those charges when I was talking about it with FHE ██████████ we said that it was wishful thinking on FZZ ██████████ part. Anyone that passed that he liked the look of, he would say, "Oh, I'd love him." It was fanciful thinking of what he would have liked to have happened. I'm not talking about a belt across the head but the sexual aspect. He would have loved that but it didn't happen with me. I didn't think that at the time FZZ ██████████ was living with me but only when I heard the charges. FZZ ██████████ sounded like he wanted to be involved in that kind of scenario. If I had thought that at the time then I definitely would have made movement towards a police station because I couldn't have listened to that kind of thing.
181. When all this came out and you read the reports, FZZ ██████████ said that I "beat him around the head" and ██████████ in his report put "he never beat me". I've never heard of any Glasgow boy saying "he beat me." They would say "he belted me around the head" or "he thumped me". How much has been fed into FZZ ██████████ if you like, FZZ ██████████ being groomed to say? I can only say it didn't happen.
182. I admit what happened with ██████████ but it just didn't happen with FZZ ██████████ and I were stupid. There was no way that I would have tried anything with FZZ ██████████ I didn't want to anyway. People assume because you did it with ██████████ so you must have done it with FZZ ██████████ There was not a chance of that. Even if I was inclined to think of that we knew that FZZ ██████████ could be a dangerous boy. We knew he would go and talk so I wasn't going to get the opportunity. It did not happen.

183. The time that has passed could not have affected my recollection of these things. Not at all. The guy who was supposed to be my advocate in the case, who I am sure was a plant by the prosecutor, asked me twice, two weeks in a row that I should go home and think whether there was anything I could say that I did to FZZ. People can believe what they like but I don't think it was right for my counsel to advise me to plead guilty to something that hadn't happened. I did not offer to plead guilty to any charges involving FZZ.
184. The reason FZZ made allegations was because of money. It is more complicated with ██████. I moved into a posh flat in Bridge of Weir that belonged to a boy called ██████ who I had as a surrogate from when he was fifteen years old. I wrote to ██████ to tell him not to think I had come into money because it was ██████ and his wife's flat. That triggered ██████ because after that I got a letter from him stirring up the things that had happened. He said he had to think about what he had to do next. ██████ was jealous of ██████ because ██████ thought he was my son.
185. I am asked if those things happened to FZZ would they be abuse. Well, why would I offer to plead guilty to one lot and not the other? The assumption is because it happened with one then it would happen with other. I had hundreds of boys through my hands through my involvement with the Scout movement. You can go and talk to anybody you like. It never happened before ██████ and it never happened again. ██████ was there and I was stupid and ██████ was willing, so that happened. FZZ knew how to play the system. I did not abuse FZZ.
186. FZZ claimed at the trial that I had bust open the bathroom door. I was a fanatical do-it-yourself merchant and I wouldn't have broken my bathroom door. FZZ said I hauled him from the shower and the shower didn't exist. He said he was terrified of me and he thought I would kill him. He didn't say when this was supposed to have happened so it has to be linked to the time when he admits to blacking my mother's eye. The fact is he had deliberately attacked my mother, a small elderly lady of nearly eighty, when I was at work. A fact verified by my sister who had been telephoned with the story.

187. It struck me as highly unlikely that a boy of that age, a young man if you like, was terrified of me, he thought I was going to kill him, I've just raped him and then he's just went up to his bed, when he had his foster mother living across the road and had a spare room. If that was true then surely he would have gone out to FHE [REDACTED]. The fact is he did attack my mother. That was a completely separate incident when I was at work. He's tried to blend what he did to my mother in with things that didn't happen. I think he tied in the two things together to try and make things look better for him.
188. It wasn't because there had been an incident involving FZZ [REDACTED] and I that we didn't contact the police about him belting my mother. Despite what FZZ [REDACTED] was like, he and I never had an incident. We got along. I put up with a lot of the things I heard from my mother who was moaning about him. My mother was an old moaner. She was a typical old woman.
189. I can't say anything more with regards to my convictions for the charges concerning FZZ [REDACTED]. It did not happen and FZZ [REDACTED] is looking for money.

Experience of the police and the courts

190. My experience of dealing with the police and the courts was acceptance. There was no point in arguing with them. I did what I was told by my lawyers during the trial and didn't show any emotion if I was looking at the jury or the judge. I just sat there the whole time throughout the trial. I remember that the lawyers were killing themselves laughing at what FZZ [REDACTED] was saying during the trial. It was farcical. My lawyer said to me during a break that he thought the jury didn't believe it and they didn't like FZZ [REDACTED]. It took the jury four hours to come back with their decision that I was guilty.
191. I watched a documentary recently where a lady was interviewed about her experiences in court during the holocaust. She said "I was honest but they shouted louder." That was what happened with me and that's my opinion of it. I was honest and nobody was listening. It would have been easier for me to plead innocent to everything. The reason I didn't do that was because I didn't want [REDACTED] dragged through everything and I had been convinced by the lawyers that I would get time off

because I was definitely going to jail. I was guilty for a lot of it and I thought I could save myself a bit of time. I didn't care whether I got thirty years in jail but I wasn't going to admit to FZZ lies.

Specific allegations against me that have been made to the Inquiry

ECW

192. I never abused ECW. That would have been the last thing on my mind. I would have liked to adopt him. I can't be accurate about how long I knew ECW for. The following are the allegations made by ECW to the Inquiry, followed by my responses to the allegations.
193. *There was a guy called Bill Quigg. He was from Glasgow and would have been about forty or fifty years old when I knew him. He worked for the council and he was in charge of the builders. He was a Scout leader as well. There was a hut in the grounds being fixed and I went over to see what was happening. Bill Quigg was there and he obviously liked me. He invited me to the Cubs. It was a bit of excitement to get out of the house. He bought me toys. He bought me a Six Million Dollar Man outfit. The toys he bought me were kept in his house, so I always wanted to go to his home. I suppose that was his method of grooming, and embarrassingly it worked. His house was in [REDACTED] I don't know why the staff at Blairvadach let me go off with him.*
194. ECW and four other boys were invited to a Cub camp for the weekend. ECW didn't come to the Cub Troop. That was during the week and he couldn't have come to that because it was too far away. When I took Scouts to Blairvadach for a fishing trip then ECW joined in. He didn't come back with us. After the Cub camp, ECW stayed two or three weekends at my house. I would be working at Blairvadach on a Friday. ECW came in from school and ECV would let him come home with me from Friday to Sunday. ECW thought it was great. I don't know if ECV made any checks on me

with my bosses. [REDACTED] never asked me if she could make any checks. [REDACTED] had the room that was eventually [REDACTED]'s room.

195. There was no sign [REDACTED] was going to be living with me permanently. The only thing I ever bought for him were some clothes when I was in Canada. Clothes there were cheap and good quality. [REDACTED] didn't like any of the clothes and they ended up in the bin. I never bought [REDACTED] toys because he was never at my house long enough to play with toys. I've never heard of the Six Million Dollar Man. I hate kids going about with dress-up clothes like dress-up dolls.
196. It is not possible that the passage of time has affected my recollection. I don't forget about things like that. If anyone is forgetful then it's [REDACTED] because I never bought him anything. My three nephews and my niece may have left stuff at the house. I don't remember any toys but that is a possibility. My nephews are the same age as [REDACTED]. They used to stay over every weekend. I don't know if they stayed over when [REDACTED] stayed. We had a garden shed and that was their gang hut. I don't remember [REDACTED] playing with anything because we were in and then out the house again.
197. *He used to make me masturbate him and perform oral sex. That started when I was eight or nine years old. He took me to Canada on holiday. I think that was through the Cubs or the Scouts. He never penetrated me, it was all to do with his penis and being a bit huggy. I think the incidents of abuse happened at his house. He lived with his mother and father.*
198. Whereas with [REDACTED] I was an absolute idiot, none of them ever touched me. With [REDACTED] we were like daft teenagers. [REDACTED] was a teenager and I wasn't. I was never good at close contact and I hate people touching me. What [REDACTED] says never happened. That is total memory lapse. [REDACTED] never touched me.
199. If something like that happened, I would hold my hands up and accept it was wrong. It did not happen. [REDACTED] is saying that now because he was nine years old and his imagination is running riot. I wouldn't have thought it about [REDACTED] but with the rest of them, it's all about money. This setup with the government where people know they're

automatically getting a pot of money means there's a lot of kids getting in there. That was the case with FZZ

200. Hugging, yes. ECW peed the bed terribly. The bed was flooded. ECW was all upset, crying his eyes out as a nine year old would. I knew how he felt because I was like that when I was young. I said not to worry about it and it was alright. I would calm ECW down. My mother did the same when I was a boy. That was the reason I hugged ECW and he loved it. I enjoyed doing it because I felt if ECW was going to be part of me then this is what would be needed at that age. I only hugged ECW if he was upset. I thought that was a natural thing to do. I don't deny hugging at all but the other part, absolutely not.

201. *Later, he took more kids to his house. In order to do so, he got married to a woman across the road. Her name was [FHE], but she was not the member of staff at Blairvadach called [ECU]. I don't think he was interested in women and I don't think she was interested in him, but it meant he was able to adopt.*

202. That tells me ECW is still thinking as a young boy and how he saw things at the time. I adopted █████ and took FZZ as a foster child. That was it. We had Patrol Leader meetings at the house and they would stay in the attic. The Patrol Leaders were fifteen to sixteen years old and they bunked in together. █████ was a Patrol Leader in the Scouts. I didn't meet any other children with a view to fostering or adoption.

203. With FHE it was never a straightforward, I love you. We were the best of friends for twenty years or more. What pushed us into getting married was what I have already said. When █████ and I lived in Clydebank with FHE the woman major from the Salvation Army said it didn't look good that I was leaving a single woman's house. Then FHE wanted to foster.

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204. Looking back on all the events that happened there were things that I think I should have reported. If I had been educated a wee bit better by my sister, I would have been

able to follow what she was doing because she was a good foster parent. FHE and I were playing it by ear and hoping for the best. There was a lot of pig-headedness and thinking that we knew best.

205. In most cases fostering should be treated like a job. It should be a profession. If someone is not good at it then they should get sacked. I don't know how anyone could do that job if they hadn't had any experience. It would be almost impossible for anyone to foster without that.
206. Foster carers should have a lot of training to do their job. There should be decent handbook provided with everything in it. It should talk about what to do when there are problems, how to make a complaint, how to keep records and all that kind of thing. That would have been a big help. Looking back, the absence of training was never in mine and FHE's heads. We felt we had a lot of experience and we could deal with things ourselves. A big problem is when you think you are good and think you can handle things yourself. That is wrong. There needs to be constant and regular supervision of foster carers.
207. There needs to be a regular sit down between a social worker and the foster carers. It shouldn't be that the social worker only speaks to the child because they then can complain about anything. If there was a regular visit to us then we could have discussed what was happening and whether we were doing the right thing. There was never anything like that with us.
208. There should have been more input from the social work department towards the end of FZZ foster care placement. Somebody from social services should have been involved with us and FZZ in the lead up to him leaving. Somebody should have sat down with us all and discussed our plans and how they could help us. That's what would have happened if it was the ideal situation but in the end FZZ just left.
209. It wouldn't do any harm to say before a child is in foster care, particularly if they are a teenager, that if anything happens they should report it. Someone like FZZ should also be warned that they shouldn't lie about things otherwise they will get found out. If the

child doesn't already know, they should be told not to get involved in anything without reporting it.

210. The judge at the trial said I fostered deliberately to access boys. That annoyed me. I had access to hundreds of boys and there was never ever a whiff of this sort of thing happening. I didn't go into it thinking I was going to abuse this boy. With [REDACTED] it was just stupidity and things happened at the time with a bit of encouragement. I am not making any excuses by any means but it is not something that I foresaw.
211. I feel its automatic what someone has to say from forty odd years ago is believed. That's something that has to be looked at carefully. I can understand if it's true. If I couldn't understand then I would have denied the things with [REDACTED] I'm no good at lying so I had to accept that, with a few bits that were exaggerated. I couldn't believe the others were making allegations, particularly [REDACTED] ECW [REDACTED] What does a nine year old recollect? I know it happens but it's not with me.
212. 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..... [REDACTED]

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