

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

Witness Statement of

LRR

Support person present: Yes

1. My name is LRR my date of birth is the 1949. I am 68 years old. My contact details are known to the Inquiry.
2. The institutions I want to tell you about are (1) Larch Grove remand Home where I was in 1959, (2) Balrossie Approved School where I was between 1960 and 1962, (3) Balgowan Approved School where I was between 1963 and 1964, (4) Thornly Park Approved School, Paisley 1965 (5) Kibble Senior Approved School where I was in 1965, (6) Castle Huntly Borstal where I was between 1966 and 1967 and (7) Barlinnie Young Offenders Unit 1968 and finally transferred to (8) Saughton Young Offenders Unit in 1968 - 1969. I cannot be certain about these dates but they are approximate.

Background

3. My father and mother were called and . I was the third oldest in a family of six. My elder brother and sister were called and and my younger siblings were called , and . My parents were both alcoholics and we were all looked after by my oldest sister . passed away last year.

Life before care

4. I was brought up in Glasgow near to Rangers Football stadium at Ibrox. The street where I was born is now demolished. I was meant to be getting educated at the local school called Bellahouston Primary School which was [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I didn't attend the school as I didn't like it. My parents were alcoholic and so they were unaware I was missing school.
5. I drifted into a life of petty crime and would steal lead and other petty items. I was eventually caught by the police and I recall the first offence I was charged with was assault and robbery when I took tuppence ha'penny off a boy scout.
6. I think that I appeared at Govan Magistrates Court and was sentenced to fourteen days in Larch Grove Remand Centre. I would estimate that this would be in 1959 and I would be about ten years old.
7. I recall that my aunty [REDACTED] who was my mother's sister tried to get the court to pass custody to her but they wouldn't listen to her pleas. I don't think that there was any social work involvement at this time. My aunty [REDACTED] was more of a mother to us.

Two periods of care at Larch Grove Remand Centre, Glasgow 1959

8. I was to do two spells at Larch Grove Remand Centre. On the first occasion I completed a fourteen day sentence and the second time I was remanded for background reports.
9. The first time I was in Larch Grove was for fourteen days whilst I completed the sentence the court had given me. I am fairly sure that I should not have been sent there as I was too young. I was kept away from the other boys who were there. I think that the reason I was sent there was because of my religion. I was Church of Scotland and the institution was run by the church.
10. I was put into a room on my own and the only time that I saw the other boys was when I went to church. All I can remember was there was a long corridor. When I

arrived at Larch Grove I do remember I was given some sort of treatment for my hair for head lice. I remember feeling terrible as I just wanted home. It was a horrible place.

11. I can't remember this clearly but I think that I may have run away when I was taken to the church. I was miserable and just wanted to get home to my family. I really have very little memory of Larch Grove.
12. The second period of care at Larch Grove was at the back end of 1959. I was remanded to the home for stealing lead and this time I was treated as a normal inmate. When I appeared before the court I have a memory of trying to hold on to my aunty [REDACTED] while the authorities physically pulled me away. They knew about my mother and father and were not going to allow me to stay with them.

Routine

First day at Larch Grove

13. I think that I was taken there by the police. I was met by one of the staff who I think was called ^{GVB}[REDACTED]. All I can remember about him was that he had a very red nose. I think that I would have spent most of the first day there crying.
14. Larch Grove was all on one level. It was beside St John's Home which was the Catholic school. I can remember seeing the Brothers at St John's hitting the boys with sticks when they were in the playground.
15. I was put into a dormitory and I think that there were between fifteen and twenty boys in the dorm. I suspect that Larch Grove housed about 100 boys at any one time. I think that the age range went from ten to fifteen and all the boys came from Glasgow. On the second occasion I was there it was only for a month. My total time at Larch Grove would be about six weeks.

Mornings and bedtime

16. You would be woken up early and had to shower. You would then have a responsibility for cleaning an area of the home and also look after the area where you slept. You would then go for breakfast.
17. You ate your lunch in the home and then also had your evening meal there. I think that bed time was quite early. You had to go to church on a Sunday.

Uniform

18. On my first occasion in Larch Grove I was able to wear my own clothes but on the second occasion I had to wear the uniform which was khaki shorts and plimsolls.

Pocket money

19. .I don't remember getting pocket money.

Food

20. The food was fine and I didn't have any problems with it.

Bed-wetting

21. I was a bedwetter when I was at Larch Grove. I was treated differently. I wasn't punished but I had to put up with a lot of peer bullying and teasing.

School and recreation

22. I can't remember going to school when I was at Larch Grove. There was a lot of recreation as we all had a lot of time on our hands. I can remember playing a lot of table tennis and becoming quite good at it.

Running away

23. All the institutions I was in I ran away from. I must have run away more than 100 times. In the early days I always made my way to my mother's where I would be picked up by the police. I have a memory of running away from Larch Grove when I was at the church.

Discipline

24. Whilst I was at Larch Grove I can't recall ever being hit or formally disciplined. The regime was very strict and Mr ^{GVB} [REDACTED] was feared by the boys. There was a lot of peer bullying, but because of my connections to the Govan area of Glasgow I didn't suffer from the bullies. I didn't speak to any adults about my bed-wetting problem as I didn't trust anyone.

Leaving Larch Grove Assessment Centre

25. After I had been there for the month, a report on my progress had been done. I would describe the background report as being poor. I was not attending school and I was involved in petty crime. My parents were not able to look after me and my Aunt [REDACTED] was unable to convince the court that she could look after me. The report was done by the staff at Larch Grove while the social workers called at my mothers and did a report on my home environment.
26. The court decided that I should be sent to Balrossie Approved School, Kilmalcolm. I was to spend eighteen months to two years months there and I think it was between 1960 and 1962. I know that I was in Balrossie in 1962 when my brother was killed while trying to save the life of another worker at [REDACTED] My brother was awarded a bravery medal from the Queen and I still display it proudly in my house.

Balrossie Approved School 1960 – 1962

First day at Balrossie

27. I was taken to Balrossie straight from the court by the police officers. I can remember sitting at the window in the home and seeing the other boys getting visitors coming to see them. My mother never came and I remember how heart-breaking that was.
28. The school was run by the Church of Scotland. I think that we must have been met by the matron who issued us with our uniform. The uniform was khaki shorts, a shirt and two pairs of shoes. One pair was for wearing to church.
29. I think that there must have been over a hundred boys at the school. We were again in dormitories of about twenty boys. The ages ranged between twelve and fourteen years.
30. There were only two residential staff who were the matron and the night watchman. The rest of the staff including the teachers used to come in through the day. You were educated at classrooms in the building at Balrossie. I think that there were about 10 pupils per class.
31. There were no locked doors or bars on the windows. We were never locked in and could come and go as we pleased.
32. The school was ^{SNR} [REDACTED] Mr ^{GKF} [REDACTED] and he was a massive man. I can't remember the name of the other teachers or staff. I can remember Mr ^{GKF} [REDACTED] because he was a very big man and hard to forget.

Routine

Mornings and bedtime

33. I was placed in a dormitory where there were some boys who were also bed-wetters. The bed-wetting condition did not improve and the whole time I remained in the dorm. We would all be woken up and then taken to the washroom where we would wash our sheets and pyjamas. I would then take my sheets and pyjamas and hang them on the wash line behind the main building. I was never punished for bed-wetting.
34. We had to clean and tidy the dormitory first thing in the morning and then we would have breakfast. After that it was off to the classroom where we would receive our education. Once school was over we were able to play for the rest of the day.
35. At night time you would clean your teeth and then head for bed. I can't recall what time I would have to go to bed.
36. Most of my problems in care and the reasons I ran away were because I was addicted to cigarettes and I had the bed-wetting problem. I needed cigarettes and I was very embarrassed about the bed-wetting problem.

Food

37. I had no complaints about the food and I don't recall being made to eat or being force fed. You were hungry so you ate it. I remember that there was a tuck shop in the home because on one of the occasions I broke into before I ran away. I stole all the sweeties.

Pocket money

38. You were given pocket money while you were in the home. You could use the money to buy sweeties at the tuck shop. The money was not given to you if you were being punished for any reason.

Running away

39. I think that I ran away the first week that I was there with my mate at the home called [REDACTED]. Usually I would make my way to my mother's but we often stayed in the ladies toilets at Ibrox football stadium. We were never away for more than four or five days. We used to get the belt for running away. The strange thing about [REDACTED] being there was his only crime was that he was an orphan and had no parents to live with. In the early days he had not committed any criminal acts but was still placed in an approved school.

Holidays and leave periods.

40. The only time that I got out of the home was to attend my brother [REDACTED] funeral in Cardonald. It was an old fashioned protestant funeral and the women were not allowed in the church or at the graveside. I was taken to the funeral by an escort from the home. The only visit I had from my family was my aunt coming to visit.
41. I do remember being taken on a holiday to a school in Aberdeen where I was hosed down by the janitor who had travelled from Balrossie with us. It was because I had wet the bed.

Discipline at Balrossie

42. There was a system of punishment when you would get the belt from [REDACTED]^{SNR} [REDACTED]^{SNR} Mr [REDACTED]^{GKF}. It was a leather tawse and Mr [REDACTED]^{GKF} certainly knew how to wield it. You would have to go to his office where he would administer it to you.
43. I knew that when I ran away and was brought back I would get the belt from Mr [REDACTED]^{GKF}. It was a punishment that I accepted. There was no love given out as far as the staff there were concerned. We were bad boys and needed to be treated strictly.
44. There was also an informal method of punishment which you could get from all the members of staff which was a cuff round the ear if you were doing something wrong.

It was accepted by all the boys and was never excessive. It was what happened in those days and probably no different from other schools.

Religious education

45. We used to attend church in Kilmalcolm every Sunday. Mr ^{GKF} ^{SNR} was a religious man and ensured that everyone went. This was often the time I would run away so I wasn't there that often.

Medical care

46. There was always medical care available through matron or the local doctors or hospital. We also received dental care with regular visits to the dentist. Whilst I was at the home I never consulted with a doctor about my bed-wetting problems. I do remember my mother seeking help, but she was not happy with the medication. The medication kept me awake. They also wanted me to get up in the night and to wash my sheets as a sort of punishment.

Visits and inspection

47. I don't recall any visits from social workers or official visits to the home. I was never interviewed by the staff when I was there. I was never seen by a psychologist and no attempts were made by health professionals to deal with my bed-wetting problem.
48. I can remember some visitors coming to the home including Lord Wheatley. He came to see a show that had been put on. I remember I had to present his wife with flowers. I remember he joked with me about appearing before him. The irony was that in later life I appeared before his son and he sentenced me to a prison term

Abuse at Balrossie Approved School 1960 -1962

49. There was one bad incident that happened to me when I was a Balrossie. I was assaulted by another boy called [REDACTED]. He hit me with an army belt and I got seven stitches above my ear. I was fighting another boy and [REDACTED] jumped in on his behalf. [REDACTED] is now deceased. He was a violent man in the gang scene in Glasgow and was eventually murdered. He was known as '[REDACTED]'. [REDACTED].
50. At night time all the bed wetters would be told to go to Mr ^{GKF} [REDACTED] Office. We would all be lined up outside. He would take us in one at a time and tell us to take our trousers down. He would then get a bit of paper like litmus paper and would rub it against my penis. I found the whole thing very embarrassing and when I think about it now it is very inappropriate for ^{SNR} [REDACTED] of the school to do this.
51. Matron was not a nice person. I remember her taking me to the annexe where she stayed. She put me to bed and one of the sheets underneath had a series of wires which were connected to a bell. If you wet the bed the urine would cause the bell to ring which woke you up. Matron would come in. She would strip the bed and make you wash the sheets. She would then bath you in a cold bath and put you back to bed. I was quite capable of bathing myself at that age but she insisted on doing it. On reflection I think that this was inappropriate behaviour.
52. There was another incident when I went on holiday with the other boys to a school in Aberdeen. We were put into camp beds. The night shift watchman from Balrossie had also come with us. When we woke in the morning my bed was wet. He told me to follow him and then after washing the sheets he turned a hose on me. I must admit that at the time I thought it was fun but can see now that it was further abusive behaviour.

Leaving Balrossie Approved School

53. I was not an easy boy to deal with and I was giving huge problems to the staff at Balrossie because I was running away so much. The reasons I was running away were that I missed my mother, I needed to smoke and I was bed-wetting. None of my issues were ever discussed with anyone. No one asked me why I was running away. I don't think I would have told them anyway because I didn't trust the establishment and there was a code of silence among the boys.

Balgowan List D School, Dundee, 1963 – 1964

54. The reason I was sent to Balgowan in Dundee was because it was further from Glasgow and I think the feeling was that it would be much harder for me to get back to my mother's in Glasgow. They hoped that I would stop running away. I was literally "ghosted", which means that I was given no warning and was told to get dressed and then taken to Balgowan. There was no consultation with me and no advance warning.
55. The home was run by the Church of Scotland. There were no locked doors or bars on the windows. It was a very big school and I suspect that there were over a hundred boys there. Once again we were in dormitories. The age range was slightly older. The boys came from different parts of Scotland. We were educated on the premises as the classrooms were situated there.
56. I can recall that ^{SNR} [REDACTED] was called Mr ^{LIF} [REDACTED] Mr ^{LIF} [REDACTED] was a very religious man. He had a large staff of teachers to deal with all the boys. ^{SNR} [REDACTED] was called Mr ^{LSB} [REDACTED]. The cobbler there was called Mr ^{LID} [REDACTED] he was an ex – sergeant major from the army. He would also do the haircuts and other odd jobs. He was not good at cutting hair. Because we were running away Mr ^{LID} [REDACTED] was told to shave a cross into our hair.

Routine*Day to day at Balgowan Approved School.*

57. The routine was no different than Balrossie. There was an assembly at the school every morning when you said prayers. You got up in the morning then had breakfast. You would then have to tidy the dormitory and head off to school. There was no segregation of the bed wetters and you were put into the dorm which was age appropriate. It was the same with the classrooms during the day.
58. [REDACTED] also joined me at the home. Him and I ran away on a regular basis. Balgowan tried to stop this from happening by putting us as far from each other as possible. [REDACTED] was in the dormitory and I was put into a cupboard which they locked at night. Whilst I was in the cupboard I heard someone at the door and when it opened it was [REDACTED] and we were on the run again. He had managed to force the door.
59. There were about 12 boys to a school classroom and the education was very good. We were able to play football in the grounds. I think that we were sent to bed at eight o'clock. I think that we may have been locked in the bedrooms at night but I can't remember.
60. Because Balgowan was a junior approved school I was not allowed to smoke. We were treated quite well and the food was alright. The only thing was that because I had less time to eat breakfast in the morning through having to wash my sheets I would force the food down very quickly. I am still to this day a very quick eater.
61. I was with the Glasgow boys and as a result there was no bullying. There was safety in numbers. There was the odd fight between the boys as you would expect.

Discipline

62. Mr ^{LIF} used to give you the school belt for different reasons when you had been misbehaving. The worst occasion was when [REDACTED] and me broke into a nearby shop and stole the cigarettes. The police caught us very quickly and recovered the cigarettes under our mattresses. What a hiding we got from Mr ^{LIF}

Visits and inspections

63. I didn't have any visits apart from the odd one from my aunt [REDACTED]. My mother or father never managed to visit me. I did not speak to social workers and any inspectors that may have called at the school. I don't remember any inspections.

Medical

64. There was plenty of medical help available if it was needed. I don't remember it being a problem.

Abuse at Balgowan Approved School, Dundee.

65. There was one occasion when Mr ^{LIF} went overboard with a punishment. [REDACTED] and me broke into the local shop and stole all the cigarettes. We were quickly caught and the cigarettes were recovered hidden under our mattress. The police left it up to Mr ^{LIF} to deal with us and he set about us with the school belt. He accused us of being sinners and not respecting religion. From that day I stopped believing in religion.
66. I was a cheeky boy and I remember Mr ^{LIF} assaulting me about my head. One of my problems was that I wouldn't cry and I used to look defiantly at someone who was causing me pain. I think that it made people angrier and they would hit me harder. I didn't require medical treatment but it was a vicious assault.

Reporting abuse at Balgowan

67. I did not report this abuse to anyone. There was also peer abuse and some bullying but I was never subjected to it.

Leaving Balgowan Approved School. 1964

68. I was sent to Thornly park Approved School in Paisley because of the problems I had running away all the time. My friend [REDACTED] did not come with me because we ran away together so often and I think we were seen as conspirators.
69. I was "ghosted" away from Balgowan. This meant that there was no consultation with me and they only told me a short time before I had to go. I was sent to Thornly Intermediate Approved School in Paisley near Glasgow.

Life at Thornly Park Approved School, Paisley 1964

70. I can't remember my first day there. Thornly Park was described as an intermediate approved school. It was run by the Church of Scotland and was for boys only. There must have been about eighty boys. We were in dormitories of about ten or twelve boys. The age range would be between thirteen and sixteen.
71. There was communal showering and bathing as well as cleaning teeth. There were no problems in the cleanliness area.
72. I think that I would be at Thornly Park when I was about fourteen. I still had the same problem with bed-wetting and an addiction to nicotine. I was still running away. I am not sure what the legal situation was with me still being there as I must have served the one to three years sentence that I had received initially.

Routine

73. The routine was the same as all the other places and the only difference was that the schooling included practical things rather than book learning. I recall being taught how to darn my socks.
74. There was an assembly every morning where we used to sing hymns and say prayers. We would then have breakfast and off to school. I recall that I learned to swim when I was at Thornly Park and managed to pass some life saving awards. We were taught woodwork and painting and other useful crafts. There was very little academic work.

Staff

75. Mr ^{KGE} [REDACTED] was ^{SNR} [REDACTED] and he is one of the only members of staff that I can remember. There was another member of staff who left. I can't recall his name but I always remember him saying to me that he was jealous of me as I had fitted a lot more into my short life than he had in his entire life.
76. There was a Matron but I can't remember much about her. She did try and treat my boils by melting candle wax into a glass jar and putting them over the boils to try and draw them. It was very painful but I suspect that there was some medical reason why she did it and it was not abusive.

Schooling

77. The schools were all trade workshops that taught you joinery, painting, metalwork and the like. There were very few academic classes and I didn't sit any qualifications when I was there.

Discipline

78. There was a method of discipline where you would be laid over a medical couch. One of the teachers would make you change into gym pants. They would then pull the pants tight while Mr ^{KGE} gave you six of the belt on your backside. Six was the maximum that they could give you.

Uniform

79. There was a uniform of sorts which I think consisted of day clothes and good clothes for a Sunday. It was the usual khaki shorts and jumpers.

Running away

80. I was still running away any chance that I got. I knew that the punishment for running away was six of the belt. I ran away so often that my backside became very tough with all the punishment I received.
81. I honestly don't think that I was in any of the institutions for more than a two week period before I ran away. I knew that the punishment wasn't too bad and I could live with that. No one ever asked me why I was running away. I was usually brought back by the police and as long as I was brought back there were no problems for the staff.

Food

82. I have no complaint about the food although as in the other institutions you had to eat it quickly.

Visits and inspections.

83. I don't recall any official inspections or visits from social workers. I don't recall any family visits. I think that the authorities had given up on me because I was running away so often.

Abuse at Thornly Park

84. There was one occasion when I ran away and I broke into what I thought was an empty house. As we were going into the bedroom there was an old lady in bed. I got the fright of my life and ran off. When we were caught we were taken back to the home. The police had been called and the old lady told them that we had stolen twenty pounds which was not true.
85. Mr. ^{KGE} took me to the medical couch and pulled down my trousers. He thought that we had stolen the money from the old lady. Mr. ^{KGE} set about me with the belt on my bare backside. He went over eight strokes and drew blood until the other member of staff stopped him. It was excessive and not permitted. I wouldn't cry and that annoyed him. I protested that I never took the money from the old lady.

Reporting Abuse at Thornly Park

86. There was no one to report what had happened to me at Thornly Park. I think that the people in charge had given up on me and I felt that speaking to them was not an option as there was no trust.

Leaving Thornly Park. 1965

87. It was the same as my last move. I was ghosted away with no consultation. I think it was the same old story. They couldn't keep me there as I would run away at every opportunity. I still had the bed-wetting problem and I just didn't want to be there. I was taken to The Kibble Senior Approved School in Paisley.

The Kibble Senior Approved School, Paisley 1965

88. My memories of the Kibble are all good. The establishment had been donated to the Church of Scotland by Lady Kibble. It was run by the church. The very first day I was there I was taken into the office by ^{SNR} [REDACTED] Mr ^{GHK} [REDACTED]. He told me that this conversation was between him and me. He said that I could smoke and if I didn't run away for six months I would be out of the Kibble and free.
89. It was a big house situated in its own grounds. It was not a locked building and you could come and go without any problem. All the classrooms were on site. The approved school was for males only.
90. I didn't know what to think as I was very suspicious of people that were being nice to me. I had built a wall around myself and that was to keep people out. But as it turned out he was a lovely man who kept his word.

Routine days at The Kibble

91. I would say that the school was very well run although there was still a punishment system. I did get punished for getting a tattoo as you were not allowed to deform your body. Mr ^{GHK} [REDACTED] gave me six of the belt but I deserved it.
92. There were about forty boys at the school all around the age of fifteen. There were workshops where you could learn different skills. I don't think that I left any of the institutions with any qualifications although I did learn some skills.
93. The routine was similar to the other establishments I attended. The food was fine. I don't recall any visits from social workers or the likes. I didn't get any family visits. I stopped running away. I still had a problem with bed-wetting but I was treated well by the staff who tolerated this. I didn't have medical problems. There was no abuse.

Leaving The Kibble, 1966

94. I did my six months at the Kibble and was then released back home. I was home for about six weeks when I was sentenced to a spell at Castle Huntley Borstal for an offence that I had committed. I would be about 16 years old at this stage.

Castle Huntly Borstal, Dundee 1966 – 1967. Barlinnie Young Offenders 1968

95. I was sentenced to a years imprisonment at Castle Huntly. While I was under eighteen I also received a sentence of fifteen months which I served at Barlinnie Prison Young Offenders in Glasgow. These were establishments run by the prison service and I had no issues with them at all. There was a lot of peer fighting but no abuse by the prison staff. These places were violent institutions but you learned how to cope with what went on. I have no complaints about the prison system at that time.

Leaving Castle Huntley Borstal and Barlinnie Young Offenders 1968 and transfer to Saughton Young Offenders Unit 1968 - 1969

96. I also served part of my sentence at Saughton Young Offenders Unit in Edinburgh where I was transferred from Barlinnie Young Offenders. I think I was in Saughton Young Offenders for about a year between 1968 – 1969.
97. After I served my sentence I drifted in to a life of crime but that all changed when I met my wife. I met and married her in 1974. I have not been in trouble with the law since. We have three children and an adopted daughter. I must have changed my way of life because the courts agreed that my adopted daughter could be fostered by us because I was a reformed character.

98. I have eight grandchildren and a great grandchild on the way. I have also been involved in voluntary work in London helping children from troubled backgrounds. I ran that youth club in partnership with the local police till the 14th of May 1992.

Reporting abuse while in care

99. My wife and I read a newspaper article about abuse at one of the children's homes that I had been in. The article was written by a journalist with an Italian sounding name. The article was appealing for other witnesses to come forward to be interviewed by the newspaper. I did have a telephone conversation with someone but didn't hear from him again so I didn't pursue it.
100. Last year we heard about the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry. There was an open meeting arranged at Lovett House in Perth which we went along to and met a whole load of people including lawyers and other survivors of abuse. I heard some terrible stories.
101. We then saw the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry had a telephone number which my wife and I called. We were phoned back and arrangements were made for this meeting today. As a result of the telephone call to the Inquiry the police also contacted me and I have given them a statement at Perth Police Station. The Inquiry had referred me to the police as part of their process.

Life after care

102. I was still wetting the bed after I got married and after I gave up drinking and smoking I sought medical help for the problem . I was told that the problem was a medical one and after treatment I have been cured. I just wish they had done something about it when I was in care and it may have helped me to accept the care that was being provided.

103. I have worked all my life and have now retired. I lived and worked in London for a long period before I came back to Scotland.

Impact

104. I would say that I cannot cry when I have been hurt. I have built a protective wall round about me which I do not allow many people inside. I have difficulty trusting people. I have a suspicion of the police and other people in authority. I still eat far too quickly. From the time I was a teenager till I was 25 I was never liberated from care or the prison system for a period of more than of six months.

Records

105. At this time I have not sought to obtain my records of my time in care but this is something I will consider for the future.

Other information

Lessons to be learned

106. The officials need to learn that there should be more people working in the care system like Mr ^{GHK} [REDACTED] at the Kibble. He listened. He knew my weaknesses and worked on them to strengthen them. It was a lesson I learned in later life when I helped at a youth club in London. I think I saw in the kids other strengths. I recall one day when I saw a kid trying to steal a car battery. I asked him if he would prefer to come with me and play some football. He came with me and went on to make a great career as a professional dancer instead of a car thief.

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

Signed..... 

Dated..... 13.12.17.....