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2 (10.00 am)

3 LADY SMITH: Good morning. Now, today is the last day in  
4 this chapter of Phase 8, and we have three witnesses to  
5 hear from, the first one will be coming through by video  
6 link and is ready; is that correct, Ms Forbes?

7 MS FORBES: Yes, my Lady, that's correct. The next witness  
8 is an applicant and she has waived her anonymity. Her  
9 name is Dee Buchanan.

10 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

11 Good morning. Is it okay if I call you Dee or would  
12 you prefer me to call you Ms Buchanan?

13 A. Yes, please, Dee.

14 LADY SMITH: Let me introduce myself, I am Lady Smith,  
15 I chair the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry here, in  
16 Edinburgh. I am very grateful to you for being able to  
17 give evidence today over the video link, and help us  
18 with our learning in this chapter of the case study.  
19 Could I begin by asking you to raise your right hand,  
20 please, and repeat after me.

21 Dee Buchanan (affirmed)

22 (Evidence given via video link)

23 LADY SMITH: Dee, thank you for that. Before I hand over to  
24 Ms Forbes to take your evidence, can I just say one or  
25 two things. Firstly, obviously, if there is any problem

1 with the link at your end, don't hesitate to let us  
2 know. I hope it is now going to be all right, but  
3 sometimes I know that Wi-Fi in other buildings can be  
4 problematic.

5 Apart from that, Dee, I also know that however well  
6 prepared anybody is for giving evidence, and whatever  
7 the norms in their life of having to be professional and  
8 organised, when it comes to talking about your own life  
9 and things that happened when you were very young, it  
10 can be really difficult and your own emotions may take  
11 you by surprise. It is not a problem. If you need  
12 a break at any time or if there is anything else that  
13 you would ask me to do that will help you to give your  
14 evidence as comfortably as possible, please don't  
15 hesitate to let me know.

16 A. Okay, thank you.

17 LADY SMITH: Otherwise, any questions, speak up. If you  
18 don't understand what we are asking you, that's our  
19 problem, our fault, not yours. So, again, speak up and  
20 we will try harder.

21 A. Okay.

22 LADY SMITH: Dee, if you are ready, I will hand over to  
23 Ms Forbes and she will take it from there; is that all  
24 right?

25 A. Yes.

1 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

2 Questions by Ms Forbes

3 MS FORBES: Thank you, my Lady. Good morning, Dee. I think  
4 you have a folder in front of you with your statement;  
5 is that right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. That's the statement you gave to the Inquiry. If you  
8 could go to the last page of that statement for me, Dee,  
9 page 16, and I think the last paragraph there is  
10 paragraph 77.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. I think this is where there is a declaration that says:  
13 'I have no objection to my witness statement being  
14 published as part of the evidence to the Inquiry.  
15 I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are  
16 true.'

17 Then it is signed, and the date of that signature is  
18 31 February 2018, I think that's a 2 anyway.

19 A. 31st? It can't be. There is not a 31st in February.

20 Q. Yes, perhaps that's a 7. 31 July, my apologies. Is  
21 that still the position, then? That's the declaration  
22 you made and you signed your statement?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. If you could go back to the first page of your  
25 statement, Dee, I am just going to start by asking you

1 a bit about your life before you ended up going into  
2 care.

3 LADY SMITH: Dee, just before we go into that, when we were  
4 looking at the date -- you may appreciate this already,  
5 but can I just assure you the fact that it is now  
6 almost, well, more than six years on from when you  
7 signed your statement doesn't mean that your evidence is  
8 any less important than the evidence that we have been  
9 hearing between then and now. It is simply the way the  
10 scheduling of different case studies with different  
11 subject matter has worked out. So please be assured we  
12 want to hear from you as much as we did want to hear  
13 from anybody we were hearing from in 2018 and since  
14 then.

15 A. Okay.

16 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

17 Ms Forbes.

18 MS FORBES: Thank you, my Lady.

19 Dee, I think you tell us you were born in 1964?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And I think you talk about your life before going into  
22 care at the beginning of your statement and you give us  
23 some background information. You were born in Aberdeen;  
24 is that right?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. You lived there with, I think, really, your mum, but it  
2 was your parents initially. But your dad worked away;  
3 is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. You had an older brother as well at the time?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. I think he was 7 years older, so quite a bit of an age  
8 gap; is that right?

9 A. It's nearly 8. It's a couple of months under 8 years  
10 older, yes.

11 Q. Dee, life at home; what was that like when you were  
12 growing up with your mum and your brother?

13 A. Not good.

14 Q. And why was that?

15 A. Er, well, my brother, obviously, hated me coming along  
16 and interfering with him having been the blue eyed boy,  
17 all the attention. And of course mother changed quite  
18 dramatically, because when she had me she got really bad  
19 post-natal depression, which was my fault for being  
20 born, apparently. That was made very clear.

21 Mother was actually a very soft, easy going sort of  
22 person, but she just couldn't cope with life, you know.  
23 It was -- you know, life was stressful for her and she  
24 would take to her bed a lot. That was fine, because  
25 I was in and out of school when I was young. I was able

1 to go out and down the river, in the fields, our house  
2 was beside there.

3 Q. Did your mum have to get treatment sometimes as well in  
4 hospital?

5 A. Aye, she was away quite often, staying in Cornhill for  
6 certainly days or weeks.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. That was just normal. I didn't know any better.  
9 I remember taking her there in my dad's car, you know,  
10 and I was just about 2 or something, yes. I remember  
11 that and occasional visits afterwards, but they were  
12 kept to a minimum.

13 Q. Your dad, you said, worked away from Glasgow, so he  
14 wasn't there all the time at the family home?

15 A. He was the fleet manager for a big tyre company, so he  
16 went all over Ayrshire, Highlands and Islands. It  
17 wasn't just Glasgow and the surrounding area. And he  
18 had people up in -- occasionally up in Aberdeen, but ...

19 Q. Did that mean sometimes there were neighbours looking  
20 after you and often you had to go into some temporary  
21 foster care?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. Neighbours a bit. But mum, when she was there, as  
25 I say, she would just take to her bed. But there was

1 always food, you know.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. And I just sort of carried on as normal.

4 Q. I think you mentioned that you would be out and you were  
5 near -- you were the last house and you were near the  
6 river?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. I think you tell us in your statement you built a den in  
9 the woods, and you would sometimes stay there?

10 A. Yes, I was about 7 or 8 before I built that, because my  
11 parents were getting a conservatory built and the  
12 builders left heavy duty plastic covering the roof and  
13 everything until it was all built, and bits and chunks  
14 of wood. So I managed to go and build myself this,  
15 really, just like a tent. Six feet, you know, sloped.  
16 And I remember 127 nails, very specifically. And that  
17 was fantastic, because otherwise I would go and sleep in  
18 people's sheds, garages, greenhouses. Sometimes people  
19 left tents up in the summer and just didn't take them  
20 down --

21 Q. So would that be overnight, Dee?

22 A. Oh, absolutely. It was more than overnight. I would  
23 often stay away for as many days -- until the police  
24 found me.

25 Q. The times you would do this; were you staying away from

1 your family home or was this the times you were in  
2 foster care?

3 A. No, no, no, I did this -- I had run away since  
4 pre-school age, yes.

5 Q. So this is just a habit you had got into of just running  
6 away?

7 A. Yes, if something was really uncomfortable to be around,  
8 I was off, and I am still the same. Except I have a lot  
9 more control over my life now, yes.

10 Q. When you say something would be uncomfortable; what was  
11 it that was happening at home that made you feel like  
12 that?

13 A. Well, if [REDACTED] was there, which was usually just  
14 a weekend, and then [REDACTED] would go to the golf and,  
15 again -- or hotels and, again, it was all in the name of  
16 business, you know? But [REDACTED] would come back pretty  
17 pissed, yeah. And obviously drink driving was not  
18 an issue then, apparently, because I can remember being  
19 terrified in [REDACTED] car sometimes of [REDACTED] overtaking and  
20 just being mental, you know?

21 But, yeah, [REDACTED] could often turn really nasty. [REDACTED] was  
22 very aggressive and [REDACTED] would hit me and my brother. In  
23 fact, [REDACTED] got it worst for hitting, but he got much, much  
24 better treatment all round. And when [REDACTED] was gone, [REDACTED]  
25 [REDACTED] was a bully. [REDACTED] took over from [REDACTED]. My



1 mother was scared of [REDACTED] yes. She never got hit. She  
2 just always behaved herself. But apparently we didn't,  
3 so we needed a good hiding.

4 Q. Okay. So, apart from [REDACTED], then, you say [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED] took over [REDACTED] role when [REDACTED] was away?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Was there physical abuse from [REDACTED] as well towards you?

8 A. Oh aye, yeah.

9 Q. So you're running away from [REDACTED]; was this also  
10 from [REDACTED] --

11 A. From [REDACTED].

12 Q. -- [REDACTED] as well? Okay.

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. I think you tell us, Dee, you don't remember any social  
15 work involvement when you were living in Aberdeen?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. I just wanted to ask: you talked about these temporary  
18 foster placements; how did that come about if there  
19 wasn't any social work involvement?

20 A. I don't know. But, yes, there must have been.  
21 I certainly can't remember it. There must have been --  
22 parents handed over. They always said that, 'We are  
23 going to hand you over to the authorities'. 'Who is the  
24 authorities?' I don't know.  
25 But that was just -- I would have to get taken

1           there, but I always ran away.

2   Q. Did there come a time, Dee, when there was a decision to  
3       move from Aberdeen down to Ayrshire?

4   A. Yeah.

5   Q. How old were you when that happened?

6   A. Er, I was either just before 13 or just after. It was  
7       very close because I did actually start secondary school  
8       at Kings Court Academy, but then that was very short  
9       lived. And then went to Largs Academy.

10           And then by that time I was your nightmare teenager,  
11       yeah. Up until then, I had -- I was quiet, well  
12       behaved, just wanted to stay in the countryside, down in  
13       the peace and quiet. But then when I'd need to go to  
14       school, I don't know, by that time I had gone into  
15       full-blown war with parents mode, instead of quietly  
16       shrinking away, you know? I'd say 'You'll need to kill  
17       me, okay, is it worth it?' So I became really annoying.

18   Q. Were you told that the move down to Ayrshire was  
19       anything to do with you and your running away behaviour?

20   A. Yes, totally.

21   Q. Okay, who told you that?

22   A. My father.

23   Q. Okay.

24   A. Yeah.

25   Q. At that time, then; do you remember having a social

1 worker before you left Aberdeen or was this after you  
2 got taken?

3 A. I don't. No, it was just because they thought I would  
4 behave differently if we moved, you know? They were  
5 wanting to put me into private education up here, you  
6 know, and I passed for Albyn and St Margaret's, and  
7 I said, 'I won't go, okay? It doesn't matter what  
8 school, I won't go' and my father had to take me along  
9 physically and plonk me in school. And I said, 'I will  
10 just get up as soon as you bugger off. You can't stay  
11 here all day'.

12 That's what I did. And so I said, 'There is no  
13 point in wasting money at private schools'. I know,  
14 it's embarrassing remembering how obnoxious I was,  
15 but ...

16 Q. Why was it you just didn't want to go to school at that  
17 time?

18 A. Everything at home was so disturbed, you know? I never  
19 felt comfortable or accepted in school. It was obvious  
20 I was different or something, you know. And really not  
21 very social. I am not a socialiser. I felt -- you  
22 know, I certainly wasn't aggressive at school or  
23 anything. But, again, I would skip -- what do you call  
24 it? -- detention, and because I wouldn't do that either  
25 I would get expelled. And that was certainly what

1 I wanted, so I didn't have to bother going.

2 And interestingly, I have been in full time adult  
3 further education all my adult life, by choice. But  
4 that was a different time.

5 Q. Back then you didn't want to go. I think you say that  
6 after you went to Fairlie and started Largs Academy you  
7 were expelled from there after a short period of time as  
8 well?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. When do you remember having been assigned a social  
11 worker?

12 A. Er, when I was at Largs Academy, yes.

13 Q. As a result of being assigned a social worker -- did she  
14 arrange for you to get any sort of help or treatment?

15 A. Mm-hm.

16 Q. And what was that?

17 A. Well, first of all, I went to -- I got sent to  
18 a psychiatrist, who said I wasn't mentally ill; I was  
19 just emotionally disturbed and no drugs required or  
20 anything, and then put me on to a psychologist.

21 Q. So do you know roughly how long that was after you had  
22 moved to Ayrshire that you were put on to this  
23 psychologist?

24 A. It was all very quick. It was within, like, six weeks  
25 or so, yeah.

1 Q. And how old would you have been at that time?

2 A. Definitely 13.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. And a bit.

5 Q. So you are still 13, and the social worker refers you to  
6 a psychologist; is that right?

7 A. Mm-hm, yeah.

8 Q. What was the name of that psychologist?

9 A. GMX .

10 Q. Okay. And when you were referred to him; how did you  
11 see him? Would you go somewhere to do that?

12 A. Um, I had to go up to this -- a place in Charing Cross  
13 once, with the parents, and he was trying to explain to  
14 them on a blackboard why I was behaving like I was.  
15 Basically, it is because of them. They weren't for  
16 taking it on board. Father sat and clipped his nails  
17 and looked out the window.

18 And afterwards he was very much on my side. It was  
19 the first person I had ever seen who was on my side, and  
20 I was like, 'Oh, this is good'. And mother was just  
21 sort of a dripping, crying wreck because I suppose she  
22 always had been. But she was quite a poor thing. She  
23 was never cruel or anything. She was terrified of [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED].

25 Q. So you go to this meeting up in Glasgow, at the clinic.

1 A. Mm-hm, yeah.

2 Q. To see **GMX**; and that's with both your parents,  
3 that first time?

4 A. Er, yes. Yes.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. That was the first time.

7 Q. Was there another time then that you went with your  
8 parents to see him again?

9 A. No, no. I had to see him on my own at Charing Cross,  
10 and then we had a meeting down at the house in Fairlie,  
11 and, again, it was the last house before the woods and  
12 stuff, yeah.

13 And, yeah, they just weren't for accepting any of  
14 it, and decided that they would completely wipe their  
15 hands of me. They said that there and then, and did.

16 And the social worker as well, Sue Robinson, she  
17 just hated me upon sight. I think she was used to  
18 dealing with folk from alcoholic junkie homes that  
19 didn't have any food or heating or stuff like that, and  
20 couldn't understand why --had a real go at me: how come  
21 you behave like this when you come from a nice house and  
22 you get fed?

23 There is a wee bit more to it than that, you know.  
24 It is the most dysfunctional family in Aberdeenshire  
25 under the surface.

1 Q. I think, Dee, you say that there was a time when you  
2 were -- after you had moved down to Ayrshire, where you  
3 had been running away again and you were sent to,  
4 I think, several different children's homes in Ayrshire;  
5 was that after you had started seeing **GMX** or was  
6 that before?

7 A. Hmm, I would have been in contact with him.

8 Q. During that time you would have been in contact with  
9 him?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Okay. I think you say you didn't last very long at  
12 these homes before you would run away again. You tell  
13 us a little bit about that; that the police would  
14 usually phone the social worker and they would come and  
15 collect you.

16 I think you say, Dee, as well -- this is  
17 paragraph 10 of your statement -- that the social  
18 worker, Sue Robinson, that you mentioned, said that if  
19 you did run away, just keep in touch with her, so that  
20 she knew you would be okay. And on one occasion you did  
21 that, and she passed the information to the police and  
22 they tracked you to the phone box?

23 A. Yeah, that was in the days -- yes, it was within  
24 minutes. Obviously, I never phoned her again, because  
25 **GMX** had said the same and he never grassed me up.

1 Q. So he told you to contact him if you ran away to make  
2 sure you were okay; did you do that?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. And he wasn't somebody who told the police where you  
5 were?

6 A. Never.

7 Q. Okay. I think that you tell us, Dee -- I think really  
8 because of that relationship breaking down with the  
9 social worker -- you stopped confiding in her, and --

10 A. Absolutely.

11 Q. -- really just confided in **GMX**; is that right?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. Okay. Now, I think you tell us, Dee, that there was  
14 a Children's Panel. There was more than one, but  
15 finally a Children's Panel decided you were going to be  
16 sent somewhere.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And that was somewhere away. Where was that? Where was  
19 the place that you were sent?

20 A. Um, it was an assessment centre in Glasgow. I am sure  
21 it was called Beechwood. And it was supposed to be for  
22 21 days. It was very, very strict, i.e. you got  
23 stripped on the way in. You got watched in the bath and  
24 the toilet. You got locked in the bedroom, you know,  
25 you three folk, at night, and it was like a jail thing,



1 with a window, where the night mother, whoever it was,  
2 would look in. And it was subhuman, yeah.

3 You weren't allowed to wear your own clothes. It  
4 was stuff that they gave you. And you got out for  
5 an hour's walk a day with -- totally surrounded, so it  
6 was very difficult to run away. Very locked in. I did  
7 manage, but ...

8 Q. Now, just to confirm, Dee, the time that you get sent to  
9 Beechwood, to this assessment centre; was GMX  
10 still involved with you at that time?

11 A. Very much so.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. So he would have been aware that you would have been  
15 sent there?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. Okay. And whilst --

18 A. Well, I had to -- he came and visited me, but it was  
19 before that. It was actually the time that we all met  
20 down at my parents' house, that was when the abuse  
21 started, because I had come to totally trust him. He  
22 was the only person that was totally on my side, you  
23 know, and had never broke the trust or anything. So  
24 I was like, 'Oh, this is my saviour', and it was there.  
25 Just -- father was going mental. I thought 'Oh, I am

1 not staying here. I am off out', yeah, and he followed  
2 me into the woods.

3 Q. Just to be clear, Dee, this incident you are talking  
4 about; this is at your parents' house down in Fairlie in  
5 Ayrshire?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Just in relation to when that was; was that before you  
8 had been to Beechwood?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. So you hadn't yet been sent to the assessment centre?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And would you still be 13 at that stage?

13 A. Oh, aye. It was all really quick, yeah.

14 Q. Okay. And just to talk about that occasion: where had  
15 you been that day, before this happened?

16 A. Where had I been?

17 Q. Were you still living at home?

18 Sorry, it is my fault, the question was -- were you  
19 still living at home with your parents or had you been  
20 staying somewhere else?

21 A. Er, yeah, I had been staying somewhere else, because it  
22 was **GMX** ran me down from Glasgow to their house,  
23 yeah.

24 Q. So was this then a time -- maybe you were at Beechwood  
25 by this point?

1 A. I think I must have been, yeah. And I was allowed out  
2 to see him, yeah.

3 Q. So do you think then that the day that we are talking  
4 about is a day when you were taken from Beechwood back  
5 to your family home in Fairlie?

6 A. I am certain it must have been, yeah. I was definitely  
7 in Glasgow, yeah.

8 Q. And you say that GMX was with you when you went  
9 to see your parents; is that right?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Did he take you there from Glasgow?

12 A. Yeah, yeah.

13 Q. Was it just you and him?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. And did he take you in his car or some other means?

16 A. In his car. He had the same car as my dad at the time,  
17 yeah.

18 Q. And what was that?

19 A. It was a Renault Fuego.

20 Q. What was this meeting with your parents for? Do you  
21 know?

22 A. I think along the same lines of what it was when we got  
23 taken up to Charing Cross. I don't know. What's  
24 a psychologist meant to do? Sit and try to explain to  
25 them, again, that it is their behaviour that's making

1 me, you know, like this, and maybe trying to get them to  
2 sort of come round. But there was just no shifting in  
3 my father. End of story, you know.

4 Q. So were both of your parents in this meeting at your  
5 house?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. So they were both present and there was you and  
8 GMX ?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q.

11 A.

12 Q. And where did this meeting take place in your house?

13 A. In the lounge.

14 Q. Okay. And you have explained that he was trying to  
15 outline to your parents why your behaviour was the way  
16 it was?

17 A. Mm-hm. Yeah.

18 Q. What then happened during the course of the meeting?

19 A. As I say, father just said, 'There is no point in having  
20 this, because we are absolutely not having her back;  
21 okay? That's it. We have wiped our hands of her'.

22 I thought, 'Well, I am off out of here'. I thought,  
23 'At least [redacted] won't hit me [redacted]  
24 [redacted], you know.

25 And mother just never said anything, because she was

1           too scared [REDACTED].

2           That's the nearest [REDACTED] ever got to hitting it was

3           just a threat, 'Just you sit there and don't say

4           a word', yeah, and that's what she did.

5   LADY SMITH: Dee, you have just said that you thought,

6           'Well, at least [REDACTED] wouldn't hit you [REDACTED]

7           [REDACTED]'.  
8   A. Mm-hm.

9   LADY SMITH: How often did [REDACTED] hit you?

10   A. Um, pretty much every time [REDACTED] at a weekend,

11       yeah.

12   LADY SMITH: And this was carrying on into your

13       teenage years?

14   A. Yeah.

15   LADY SMITH: Thank you.

16           Ms Forbes.

17   MS FORBES: You say, Dee, that you just thought, 'Right, I'm

18       off out of here'; where did you go?

19   A. Just -- I ran into the woods, just beside. There was

20       a big mansion house and it was their grounds, pretty

21       substantial. And that was it. After a few minutes of

22       running, I just sat down and wept, you know. And [REDACTED] GMX

23       appeared behind me a minute or so later, and put his

24       arms around me. I thought, you know: a hug.

25   Q. At this time, Dee, are you sitting -- you said you were

1 on the ground; were you sitting on the ground in the  
2 woods?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And you say **GMX** -- was this a couple of minutes you were  
5 there on your own and he came and you say he put his arm  
6 around you?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Did he also then come down to your level? What was the  
9 position?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did he give you a hug?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Then what happened?

14 A. Yes, it very suddenly and very shockingly turned from  
15 a comforting hug for my tears to him starting fondling  
16 my breasts, and quickly was down my pants and kissing me  
17 and pressing against me. And it went from there.

18 I was just ... I actually lifted out of my body and  
19 watched it from above, yeah. I know it sounds mental,  
20 but that's what happened.

21 I was just totally disassociated. And he had sex  
22 with me.

23 Q. Okay. So this was when you were in the woods; he  
24 progressed, you are saying, to --

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. -- kissing you, like, touching your body and putting  
2 his hands down your pants?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. You said he was pressing up against you; what part of  
5 his body was that?  
6 A. Obviously, he had an erection.  
7 Q. Were you still sitting at this point or has your  
8 position changed at all?  
9 A. I went from sort of sitting to lying, yeah. And I just  
10 didn't know what to do.  
11 Q. And you just said then there, Dee, that he then had sex  
12 with you.  
13 A. Yeah.  
14 Q. Okay. Is that what you remember happening at the time?  
15 A. Yeah.  
16 Q. So did he remove any of your clothing?  
17 A. Er, no. I had on a skirt, so it was just my pants that  
18 had to come down. And it took me decades to wear  
19 a skirt again.  
20 Q. And so are you lying down at this point?  
21 A. Yeah, yeah. So he exposed himself, yeah, and --  
22 Q. What part of his clothes did he take off?  
23 A. He didn't actually take off, he just, like, pulled down  
24 his -- unzipped his trousers and pants and pulled them  
25 down.

1 Q. How did he -- how was he able to have intercourse with  
2 you? Was he lying on top of you at that point?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Okay. How long did this go on for?

5 A. A very, very short space of time, fortunately. And,  
6 yeah, it was always like that.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Yeah, he would make me, you know, hand job him or ...

9 Q. Is this -- you're talking on later occasions,  
10 afterwards?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. I remember it when he took me back from their house, and  
14 I was just sitting -- well, from the woods, you know.  
15 And I was in his car and I was just sitting there, like:  
16 oh my God, what to do? He just sort of -- I didn't know  
17 what to say from then on, yeah. It was just like  
18 everything was normal. He was acting like everything  
19 was just normal.

20 Q. This was in the car back from --

21 A. This is in the car, aye.

22 Q. I know it is difficult, Dee, but just before we leave  
23 what you have said happened in the woods: what were you  
24 doing when this was going on, when he was doing these  
25 things to you?



1 A. Just lying back, shocked. In a state of absolute shock.

2 Q. Okay. And --

3 A. I didn't scream or anything. I just couldn't believe

4 what was happening.

5 I dream really clearly. I always have done. I keep

6 a record of them, and it was just like a really bad

7 nightmare I thought was happening. But it wasn't; it

8 was real.

9 Q. Okay. And when it came to an end; what did you do?

10 A. Er, pulled my pants up and knocked my skirt back down,

11 yeah.

12 Q. What about **GMX**? What did he do?

13 A. That's it. Stood up, tucked himself in, shirt back in

14 his trousers, and off we go, 'Let's get to the car'.

15 Q. Did he say anything to you?

16 A. Yeah, he just started talking about normal things: oh,

17 nice trees.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. And it was a nice day, yeah.

20 Q. So he didn't acknowledge what happened? He was just

21 acting like a normal day?

22 A. No, not at all. That was it.

23 Q. Did you go back into your parents' house after that

24 happened?

25 A. No. Never.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. I didn't have the opportunity. I did run away at some  
3 point. I ran away. I managed to get away from  
4 Beechwood high security twice, and ran like hell and  
5 thumbed a lift, yeah.

6 And one night got to my parents' house -- it was  
7 absolutely chucking down rain, pitch black. It was  
8 freezing, yeah -- and rang the door bell. And dad was  
9 just appalled. He said -- he blamed my mum, he said,  
10 'I wouldn't leave a dog out in this'. We never had  
11 a dog. We weren't allowed.

12 So I still remember it's what he said, 'I wouldn't  
13 leave a dog out in this, but your mum would go nuts if  
14 I let you in', so he slammed the door.

15 Q. So this was an occasion when you ran away from  
16 Beechwood?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Dee, just before we leave this incident that you told us  
19 started things off with **GMX**, I think when  
20 I asked you about going back to your parents house --  
21 what I mean is: did you go back into your parents house  
22 from the woods that day after what had happened took  
23 place?

24 A. No.

25 Q. I think you indicated it was **GMX** who took you

1 back in his car; was that back to Beechwood?

2 A. Yeah, yeah.

3 Q. Okay. And how was he on the journey, on the way back?

4 A. Just exactly as he always had been. Just chatting away

5 and talking about my parents, you know, that -- and,

6 again, he would have me -- he would say things like, you

7 know, imitating my mum, 'I am not a tea pot, I am not a

8 tea pot', you know, and things like that. Yeah, seeing

9 my dad [REDACTED], and totally understood why I was

10 a pain in the arse kid who always ran away.

11 Q. I think you are indicating that he would sometimes mimic

12 your parents or make fun of them?

13 A. Aye, in a way that, yeah, in a way that amused me.

14 Q. Did you feel, Dee, that he was someone that understood

15 you?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. And understood what you had to deal with when it came to

18 your parents?

19 A. Yeah. Although obviously that changed things.

20 And I can't remember -- I mean, I was still in

21 shock. But he always made a point at some point,

22 yeah -- and he often took me for meals, and he would buy

23 me perfume and stuff, like I was his girlfriend. And

24 you will see later on he took me to his house with his

25 wife and kids to see what a normal family life was like,

1       okay.

2     Q. Did that journey, Dee, on the way back -- you said he  
3       was mimicking your parents and kind of acting normal;  
4       how did you feel on that journey back, after what had  
5       happened?

6     A. Just -- I couldn't even speak or anything. I was  
7       staring and listening. And it was so obvious he was the  
8       person that was in control of my life. He was way above  
9       the social worker, yeah, which appealed to me as well,  
10       because she hated me and I strongly disliked her, I can  
11       tell you. But he was definitely much higher up the  
12       hierarchy, yeah. But he was like the highest of any of  
13       them, yeah.

14    Q. At this time, there would have been quite an age  
15       difference between you and **GMX**; is that right?

16    A. Massive, massive. He was either -- I remember he was  
17       . I always remember things like that. But  
18       it was in either 1938 or 1939 that he was born. So,  
19       yes, a big old gap.

20    Q. And thinking about your age, you were still 13 at that  
21       time; is that right?

22    A. Yeah.

23    Q. So would that have been in about 1977?

24    A. Yeah.

25    Q. Okay.

1 A. Yes.

2 LADY SMITH: So there is about a 25-year age gap between  
3 you?

4 A. Yeah, yeah.

5 LADY SMITH: Dee, before we go any further, can I just take  
6 you back to your description of what happened in the  
7 woods?

8 A. Yeah.

9 LADY SMITH: And you have told me that **GMX** had sex  
10 with you on that occasion.

11 A. Yes.

12 LADY SMITH: After he had pulled down your underwear and he  
13 had exposed himself.

14 A. Yeah.

15 LADY SMITH: Help me with this, and I think you have your  
16 statement in front of you, if you look at  
17 paragraph 30 --

18 A. Yes.

19 LADY SMITH: -- you describe him kissing and grabbing at  
20 you, and lying on top of you and putting his hand down  
21 the front of your pants.

22 A. Right, he did actually get inside me, yes.

23 LADY SMITH: Your statement says you didn't have  
24 intercourse.

25 A. That was actually the first time, yeah.

1 LADY SMITH: That was the first time.

2 A. That he did, yes.

3 LADY SMITH: But you don't seem to have explained that at  
4 the time of the session that you had. And I accept this  
5 is six years ago now, the session you had, to give your  
6 statement; do I have that right?

7 A. Yeah.

8 LADY SMITH: Can you then help me to understand why and how  
9 you are telling me a bit more now than you did then?

10 A. I am actually remembering it very clearly now, aye.

11 LADY SMITH: Sorry?

12 A. I am remembering it very clearly. Yes, I just wasn't  
13 maybe quite going there at the time or something, but  
14 that's what happened.

15 LADY SMITH: Are you able to tell me anything else that's  
16 clear in your memory now about that occasion in the  
17 woods?

18 A. Just that it was a lovely day, funnily enough, like  
19 today, bright blue skies, sunshine, not a breath of  
20 wind, birds tweeting, you know. Yeah.

21 LADY SMITH: Anything he said? Did he say anything?

22 A. No, not that I can remember then. I think it was maybe  
23 in the car. But he did make it clear that I -- you  
24 know, this was our secret and if I told anyone nobody  
25 would believe me because I was a delinquent child, yeah.

1 You know, with appalling behaviour, and obviously he is  
2 a very highly respected psychologist. So I totally  
3 believed that.

4 I didn't have anybody to talk to anyway, apart from  
5 him.

6 LADY SMITH: Yes. Was he nice to you about this?

7 A. Yeah, he was. He was never aggressive or threatening.  
8 He never raised his voice. It was just very obvious who  
9 the boss was. And that was it, yeah.

10 LADY SMITH: Thank you, Dee.

11 Ms Forbes.

12 MS FORBES: My Lady. Dee, this trip where you go with  
13 GMX to your parents' house, your recollection is  
14 that was from Beechwood. If it was suggested by anyone  
15 that was when you were at Balgay; would that be right or  
16 not?

17 A. I think we did take another trip, actually, from when  
18 I was there, which would have been quite a while later,  
19 because I ended up -- I was in Beechwood for five  
20 months, yeah, which was horrendous. And from there  
21 I went to Balgay. And it was either him or Sue  
22 Robinson, the social worker, who ran me to three  
23 different places, like a day at a time, always run by  
24 nuns, St Euphrasia's. And I am still totally  
25 anti-religion, any conventional religion, I'm afraid.

1           And there was another one, I think, in Fife, a place  
2           out in the woods for boys and girls. I don't know, for  
3           whatever reason.

4           But Balgay was definitely the best option, because  
5           I said you were allowed to come and go between 9.00 am  
6           and 9.00 pm. All day and night you could go and wander  
7           about. If you go down the town you could walk along the  
8           Tay, you have the parks, and you were allowed to smoke  
9           four cigarettes a day. And that was a big thing at that  
10          time. And it suited me. And I only ran away from there  
11          once in a year and a half or whatever, yeah.

12        Q. So this is after Beechwood you go to Balgay. But, in  
13          relation to a trip back home to your parents' house with  
14          GMX and the incident we have been talking about,  
15          Dee; is your position that was from Beechwood or that  
16          could have been from Balgay?

17        A. I am pretty certain it was from Beechwood, yes.

18        Q. But is your position today, Dee, that there might have  
19          been another time that you went back to your home  
20          address with GMX from Balgay, but you are not  
21          sure? It could have been the social worker.

22        A. I am not sure. I don't think we did ever go from  
23          Balgay. My parents came to visit me once, and that was  
24          just horrific. And he only came to, like, interview me,  
25          or do his psychology thing, at Balgay in a big, like,



1 interview room, like a classroom. You know, it was like  
2 good old fashioned sort of furniture. But, obviously,  
3 he couldn't come on to me there because there was, you  
4 know, the deputy head and the housemothers were popping  
5 their heads in and out all the time and keeping an eye  
6 on me. So it was after that he decided I would have to  
7 go and visit him at Charing Cross every Friday, yeah.

8 Q. This time that you were in Beechwood, you say it was  
9 five months; is that right?

10 A. Mm-hm.

11 Q. You tell us a little bit about Beechwood. So, before we  
12 go and move on to your time at Balgay, Dee, I am just  
13 going to ask you about Beechwood. You say that you ran  
14 away on a couple of occasions, but you were brought  
15 back; is that right?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. I think you tell us -- this is at paragraph 27 of your  
18 statement -- that sometimes you would hitch lifts from  
19 lorry drivers to get back to Ayrshire?

20 A. Yeah, yeah.

21 Q. And in relation to your time at Beechwood, you were  
22 asked, I think, about whether there was punishments.  
23 I think you say that there wasn't any formal punishment  
24 at Beechwood; is that right?

25 A. Yeah, I mean there was none of the belt, like school, or

1 anything like that. But they were pretty sick people.

2 Q. Why do you say that?

3 A. They just -- everything they said and did was geared at  
4 dehumanising you, depersonalising you. They were  
5 subhuman.

6 Apart from the cook, yeah. So I spent a lot of time  
7 in the kitchen and she thought I was great because I was  
8 happy peeling vegetables, washing dishes, and that was  
9 my saving grace.

10 Q. Was there anything that they would threaten you with  
11 when you were at Beechwood?

12 A. No, they would just absolutely shred you with criticism,  
13 tell you what a useless piece of shit you were and ...  
14 yeah, and you shouldn't be allowed to stay alive. Well,  
15 it keeps you in a job, doesn't it?

16 Q. Was this coming from the staff there?

17 A. Yes. One of them was Ms KIF .

18 Q. [REDACTED]

19 Okay, so there was some staff members who would be  
20 verbally abusive, you are saying, towards you?

21 A. Yeah, yeah, and most of the girls there were on  
22 medication. I wasn't. And, yes, they would threaten to  
23 give me an injection if I didn't behave. But I was  
24 actually the best behaved out of the whole lot, you  
25 know. There were some real serious nutters there.

1 Q. You say an injection, Dee; were you ever given  
2 an injection when you were there?

3 A. Er, yes, yes.

4 Q. Okay. And what were the circumstances surrounding that?

5 A. Again, it is really strange remembering it. I just  
6 remember going all woozy and, you know, I don't know.  
7 I must have been shouting or swearing, or, yeah.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. I never, ever was aggressive. I never hit anybody.  
10 Most of the girls in there did beat folk up or stab  
11 folk, yeah, and they had, yeah, they were pretty scary  
12 to be amongst, actually.

13 Q. So this time that you say you were given an injection,  
14 Dee --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- I think you say you might have been shouting or  
17 something before that happened --

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. -- who gave you the injection?

20 A. I honestly can't remember. I remember being held down.  
21 Two of the -- they were called, like, housemothers, you  
22 know, Ms KIF and her pal. So I don't know, there  
23 must have been one of them was a nurse, or maybe they  
24 are able to call an emergency doctor in for it or  
25 something. But I definitely got a jab.

1           And it was only later on in life when I tried drugs  
2           of various sorts that I thought: oh, okay, that's what  
3           that is, or very similar.

4           But it certainly shut you up very quickly, aye.

5   Q.   Okay, that was one occasion when that happened to you --

6   A.   Mm-hm.

7   Q.   -- was that the only occasion that happened to you  
8           there?

9   A.   Um, I am pretty certain it was just once, because after  
10          that I was -- even just after the GMX stuff  
11          there must have been a noticeable change in me. I was  
12          a lot more subdued, you know.

13          And certainly after that I was very subdued and just  
14          submissive. A massive change from, you know, the  
15          outrageous, outspoken, Mrs Angry, fuck off, you know,  
16          don't tell me what to do. And obviously everyone  
17          thought he was a wonderful psychologist because he had  
18          managed to change my behaviour to really quiet, well  
19          behaved, from other stuff.

20   Q.   When you were at Beechwood, before you were at Balgay;  
21          did you see GMX, in Glasgow?

22   A.   Yes, yes.

23   Q.   Was that on your own or with anyone else?

24   A.   No, always on my own.

25   Q.   So how would you get there from Beechwood ?

1 A. Either taxi or bus. I remember a few buses, but  
2 definitely a few taxis. And occasionally he -- because  
3 I was always his last client of the day, always, funnily  
4 enough. And there was hardly ever anybody at reception  
5 downstairs, yeah, and obviously he was the big boss, so  
6 nobody questioned anything.

7 Q. So this is you going from Beechwood?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Which was the assessment centre?

10 A. Mm-hm.

11 Q. But you were able to travel on your own via bus or taxi  
12 [REDACTED]?

13 A. Yes, because he said so. Yes.

14 Q. What days of the week would that be on; do you remember?

15 A. Um, I remember it was almost -- it was a Friday  
16 afternoon, yeah.

17 Q. And was it always on that day?

18 A. Yes. And it was the same when I was at Balgay, I had to  
19 take the train down, yeah.

20 Q. So this Friday afternoon appointment with GMX [REDACTED]  
21 started when you were at Beechwood, but continued when  
22 you went to Balgay?

23 A. Yeah, as I say, he did come up to see me once there, but  
24 it was very obvious there was no way we were getting  
25 left alone. So, after that, he said he wanted to see

1 me, but I would have to go to him, because he didn't  
2 have time to come up to Dundee, because he was so  
3 important and busy.

4 Q. Thinking about the frequency of those appointments, Dee;  
5 was it every week, or every second week, or how often?

6 A. Almost every week. Sometimes he was off on holiday or  
7 it was a bank holiday, so thank God for that. But it  
8 was always a Friday afternoon.

9 Q. When you went there, if you think about, first of all,  
10 going there from Beechwood to see GMX [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]; what would happen when you would go there?

12 A. Er, we would have to go up to his office, which was  
13 right up the top of -- I don't know, a four storey  
14 building, yes. Again, he would actually sit and go  
15 through some psychological stuff, you know. And because  
16 I was interested in things like that anyway, he would  
17 give me a few books away. He made up tapes of all of my  
18 favourites, you know, like Simon & Garfunkel for me. So  
19 he was still, like, my pal, if you know what I mean. It  
20 was just horrific, I knew what was coming.

21 However, I managed to cut it down. I discovered  
22 very quickly that he didn't like menstrual blood, okay.  
23 So that was it. I was left then just to, you know,  
24 masturbate him or oral sex, but at least I wasn't  
25 getting anything other than my breasts, basically,

1 because I said I was bleeding, and he said, 'You seem to  
2 bleed all the time, have you been to the doctor?' And  
3 I said, 'Yes, yes, there is nothing that they can do.  
4 It is just ...'

5 Q. So, Dee, thinking about these appointments with  
6 GMX, you said you would start off saying some  
7 psychological things and chatting.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Then I think you said you knew what was coming?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Then you have told us a little bit about that.

12 Just in relation to you first going [REDACTED]  
13 and seeing him; how did it start in relation to, you  
14 know, sexual things happening [REDACTED]? What do  
15 you remember about that?

16 A. I would be sitting on the chair opposite him, you know,  
17 going through this rigmarole of him being my  
18 psychologist, and I am genuinely interested in it, and  
19 that is why I went and trained as a psychotherapist  
20 after, and so yeah.

21 We would talk about things like that. And he would  
22 tell me about other clients he had, you know, who were  
23 murderers and stuff like that, up at Polmont and places  
24 like that, yeah, and about the psychology behind them.  
25 Interestingly enough, paedophiles were never mentioned.

1 Q. But when we were thinking about, you know, the sexual  
2 acts that you have mentioned; how would that come about  
3 when you went to his -- to see him [REDACTED]?

4 A. He would always somehow get me to be standing up, it  
5 would be to go to the book case or something, and he  
6 would come and hug and start kissing me, and it would go  
7 from there, yeah. And it was just a case of: get that  
8 over with and go back to sort of normal, yeah.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. And he always said he wanted to set up his own clinic  
11 and he would definitely take me to work there. Good  
12 grief.

13 Q. And, Dee, I know this is difficult to talk about, but  
14 just so we understand what would happen: you mentioned  
15 oral sex and you mentioned masturbation of him?

16 A. Yeah, yeah.

17 Q. So was that something that you had to do?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Okay. Was that every time that you went [REDACTED]  
20 or would it just be on some occasions?

21 A. No, it was every time. And sometimes in his car when he  
22 was dropping me at Queen Street Station, yeah,  
23 surrounded by people, even though it was dark, you know,  
24 people walking past and: I don't believe this guy.

25 Q. What would he get you do in the car?



1 A. Masturbate him again.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. Masturbate or oral sex, yeah. He would just sort of  
4 push my head over. It never took more than a minute.

5 Q. Dee, you said that you became aware that he didn't like  
6 menstrual blood.

7 A. Mm-hm.

8 Q. How did you become aware of that?

9 A. Because he was putting his fingers inside me and came  
10 out with blood and he was like 'Eurgh', yes. Okay,  
11 I've got a nice bargaining point here.

12 Q. And you have said that this was [REDACTED] in his  
13 office?

14 A. Mm-hm. Yeah.

15 Q. So you mentioned oral sex and masturbation of him, but  
16 you have said there that he put his fingers inside you.  
17 Was that -- you are talking about the menstrual blood;  
18 was that the first time that had happened?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Okay. So the first time he put his fingers inside you,  
21 you were --

22 A. No, no, it was the first time he had done it when I had  
23 been menstruating.

24 Q. Sorry, it is my questions, Dee.

25 A. Okay.

1 Q. Had that happened before?

2 A. What?

3 Q. Sorry, I am really sorry, Dee, it is the way that I am  
4 asking questions. It is not your fault at all.

5 What I am trying to find out, Dee, is: had he put  
6 his fingers inside you before in his office, so before  
7 that incident where you are menstruating?

8 A. Yeah, yeah, but he would always -- it only happened  
9 once, I am pretty sure.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. He would actually have intercourse, and it was always  
12 fortunately over within literally 30 seconds, you know.  
13 And I was obviously terrified I would get pregnant, and,  
14 'Who am I going to say it was?', you know. So I managed  
15 to get on the pill.

16 Q. So, just again, I want to be clear, Dee, you have  
17 mentioned there the word 'intercourse', so I just want  
18 to ask you about that. Would intercourse take place in  
19 his office [REDACTED]?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. I am sure it was just the once, because after that, as  
23 soon as he -- you know, would come up with the menstrual  
24 blood, so that was it. I just said I was -- 'By the  
25 way, I am bleeding again', and the next time, 'And by

1 the way, I am bleeding', yeah, and that was it.

2 Q. And Dee, just -- I just want to make sure we have it  
3 correct. So if you could just have a look at  
4 paragraph 32 of your statement, I think this is when you  
5 are talking about what would happen with **GMX**.  
6 What you say at that paragraph, 32, is:  
7 'I didn't have sexual intercourse with him, but  
8 I would have to masturbate him and perform oral sex.  
9 I managed somehow to stop him having full intercourse  
10 with me.'  
11 So that's obviously what's in your statement back --  
12 A. Well, he would still -- he would try to get in, but  
13 I would -- absolutely clamped up, you know. And then he  
14 would just cum and that was it. But it was  
15 definitely -- at least a bit in, yeah.

16 Q. So your recollection, Dee -- just so we know what your  
17 evidence is -- is that there was at least one occasion  
18 where there was penetration from your recollection?  
19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Where did that happen? Was that in his office or  
21 somewhere else?  
22 A. Aye, in his office, yeah.

23 Q. Okay.  
24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And am I right that you said earlier that these

1 instances of having to perform oral sex on him and  
2 masturbation, that would take place on most of the  
3 occasions that you were at his office?

4 A. Yeah, yeah.

5 Q. Did this continue throughout the time you were at  
6 Beechwood and then Balgay as well?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. Okay. I think you say to us, Dee, in your statement  
9 that within about the first two weeks of this first  
10 sexual assault by GMX you were moved to Balgay  
11 Girls' School; is that right in the timeline?

12 A. Hmm, could be. Because I probably only went to his  
13 place -- again, I was able to phone him, you know, like  
14 when I had run away, and he was like, 'Oh, either I will  
15 come and pick you up or you just get round to the  
16 office', yeah. And he would always make sure I had  
17 money for food and phone calls, and he would take me for  
18 meals, yeah.

19 Q. Was this after the appointment on a Friday night or  
20 would this be on other dates?

21 A. No, the Fridays that I went from Balgay almost always  
22 involved a meal, a nice meal, yeah. Or go shopping in  
23 Boots, you know, and, yeah, I can still remember he  
24 would buy things. It was always perfume. I still don't  
25 wear perfume to this day. I never will.

1 Q. So that would be in Glasgow that these meals would  
2 happen?

3 A. Always, yeah. He introduced me to -- I can't remember  
4 the name. It will come back to me, but excellent Indian  
5 food, yeah. It was all new to me. And I am a foodie.  
6 And Italian restaurants and stuff like that. It was  
7 just -- that was nice, but I always knew -- it was  
8 either before or after, yeah. Yeah.

9 Q. I think then you say, Dee, that you went to Balgay and  
10 you say you went there -- there was no gap between  
11 Beechwood and Balgay. You didn't stay somewhere else in  
12 between; is that right?

13 A. Yeah, I am pretty -- I certainly don't remember anything  
14 else, and I am sure it was there to there, yeah.

15 Q. I think you say that when you went to Balgay you were  
16 still only 13; is that right?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Did you stay there -- until what age?

19 A. I stayed there until three weeks after I was 15.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. Mm-hm.

22 Q. So you left before you were 16?

23 A. Yes. I got out on the grounds and, again, you see, this  
24 was GMX yeah. Maybe he just had the say all, end of,  
25 and that was it, you know. And he said because I had

1 a really high IQ, he said, you know, 'She really should  
2 get back to school'. And of course by this time  
3 I was -- you know, there is no way I was going to be  
4 a pain in the arse at school. I was just -- I only ran  
5 away from there once. Serious snow, middle of February  
6 or something, and sat in Ninewells Hospital and I had to  
7 try to keep warm, and I thought 'What am I doing this  
8 for?' It was just habit, you know.

9 Because the place was actually really easy going,  
10 and the housemothers, they were really nice, all of them  
11 were, and the headmaster and the deputy head, they were  
12 all lovely, yeah. Totally different. Houses of 15, you  
13 know, 60 girls in. And it was just down from Duncan  
14 House, which was where the more severely distressed --  
15 nearly every night there was an ambulance just down --  
16 you know, within the grounds because they were always  
17 trying to commit suicide or things like that. But that  
18 didn't happen -- or I think maybe once, in all the time  
19 I was in Balgay.

20 Again, I got really friendly with the cook  
21 instantly, and spent all my time there. You didn't have  
22 to attend classes if you didn't want, but there was art,  
23 woodwork. You know, enjoyable sort of things, yeah.

24 Q. So thinking about your time at Balgay, then, Dee, in  
25 relation to the people there and the way it was set up;

1 is there anything that you felt that was abusive when  
2 you were there?

3 A. Er, I was bullied really badly by two girls, and I still  
4 remember their names to this day.

5 Q. Okay. And what would they do?

6 A. Er, they would just sort of poke and prod me, and say  
7 that, 'You are really weird, you don't move your arms  
8 when you walk', obviously that is how stiff I had  
9 become, because I didn't move my arms. And because  
10 I was a serious reader, they thought I was a snob.  
11 I just kept myself to myself, in the kitchen. Yeah,  
12 they just tormented me. If I was in the bath, they  
13 would open things, so they would climb up and slag me  
14 off for being in the bath. It was horrible.

15 Q. So this is in the washrooms. There was sort of  
16 a partition between the washing areas?

17 A. Yes, I think there was about seven sinks, you know, two  
18 baths. There was no shower.

19 And yeah, they were in the same -- no, were they?  
20 I don't think they were in the same -- it was the next  
21 one along, you know, the 15. But, obviously, there were  
22 corridors and stuff that were shared.

23 I busied myself enormously by doing the, you know,  
24 big polisher thing. And just, yes, hanging out in the  
25 kitchen. And I was allowed to come and go, yeah.

1 Q. So that was a big difference from some of -- the  
2 situation at Beechwood?

3 A. Oh God, yeah, yeah.

4 Q. In relation to the other staff, I think, that you have  
5 mentioned in your statement, Dee, Mr GIS, who was SNR  
6 SNR; and --

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. -- you say you thought he was nice?

9 A. Lovely. And Mrs . She used to sometimes come to  
10 the meetings, yeah.

11 Q. But, during this time at Balgay, then, apart from the  
12 girls you have told us about, there is nothing in  
13 relation to staff there that's causing you a particular  
14 issue; is that right?

15 A. No.

16 Q. But you are still having to go from there on the Friday  
17 down to see GMX in Glasgow?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. And you have said that you would have to get, what,  
20 a train or a bus there; is that right?

21 A. A train, a train.

22 Q. Again, I think we talked about this earlier, this was  
23 the sort of Friday, last appointment of the day --

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. -- that you would head down to?



1 A. It was always quite early afternoon. We would have,  
2 I don't know, a good four hours together, yeah, or  
3 thereabouts. And then he would take me to the train  
4 station and I would go back up. And I got picked up and  
5 dropped off from one of the staff there. I never had to  
6 take a bus or a taxi from there.

7 Q. And you mentioned, Dee, earlier that there was a time  
8 where you were taken to [REDACTED] GMX [REDACTED] s house; was that  
9 when --

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. -- you were at Balgay?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. And were you told what the purpose of that was for?

14 A. Yeah, it was to let me see what normal family life was  
15 like, yeah. And he did have to admit that to the  
16 police. They knew that was totally out of order, just  
17 a no go. And his wife, [REDACTED], she made really nice  
18 food. It was a lovely house, and it was just [REDACTED],  
19 the son, who was there, who was, I don't know,  
20 three years younger than me or something, yeah.

21 The daughter, I can't remember her name, because  
22 I never actually met her. But I know that she was [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED] --

1 Q. Dee --

2 A. Sorry.

3 Q. Sorry, Dee. You say you never met GMX's  
4 daughter; is that right?

5 A. No, no.

6 Q. So the information you have just said about her  
7 ; is that something you were told by somebody  
8 else?

9 A. No, it was just that she wasn't there.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. And very often she wasn't sort of spoken about with him,  
12 you know, I'd say, 'How is ' -- that was it --  
13 I would say, 'How is '?', and he would change the  
14 subject, yeah.

15 Q. And you went to GMX's house; how long were you  
16 to stay for?

17 A. The weekend. Taken down on the Friday evening and back  
18 up on the Monday morning.

19 Q. So you were taken from Balgay to GMX's house,  
20 and then back to Balgay again?

21 A. Yeah. I had to take the train from Dundee to Glasgow.

22 Q. Right.

23 A. And get to his office. Do the usual, wait for dinner,  
24 have a smoke with the group and stuff. And then drove  
25 down to his place in Biggar, yeah, in Lanarkshire,

1 and -- I don't know, it was just: what do you do? Just,  
2 like, have your supper and, you know, go for a shower.

3 Q. Did people at Balgay know that was what was happening;  
4 that you were going to spend the weekend at  
5 [REDACTED] GMX [REDACTED]'s house?

6 A. Oh aye, yeah, yeah.

7 Q. Do you know who had organised this?

8 A. It would have been him.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. But, obviously, he would have had to have got approval  
11 from [REDACTED] GIS [REDACTED].

12 Q. And you say it was his house. Whereabouts was that? Do  
13 you know?

14 A. Sorry?

15 Q. Where was his house?

16 A. It was in Biggar.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. It was [REDACTED]. It has come to me a few times before.  
19 But that was it.

20 And yeah, there is no way he could deny that to  
21 police, because obviously they were going to go and  
22 question the wife, yeah. So they said that's a no-go,  
23 yeah.

24 Q. So you stayed there for the whole weekend; is that  
25 right?

1 A. Yeah, mm-hm.

2 Q. And then how did you get back to Balgay again after  
3 that?

4 A. He drove up to drop me at Queen Street again before he  
5 went to work on the Monday. So that was me on the train  
6 back, and arranged to be picked up at the other end.

7 Q. You mentioned that his wife was there and his son was  
8 there; is that right?

9 A. Yeah, mm-hm.

10 Q. What happened when you were there that weekend?

11 A. He always managed to -- he would say that -- he would  
12 basically say that -- obviously, [REDACTED] would be away to  
13 bed earlier and he would say to his wife he needed to do  
14 some work on me, okay. And that was it, she would just  
15 go away without question. And just the same old, same  
16 old, either in the lounge or in my bedroom, yeah.

17 Q. I know it's difficult, Dee, but you say 'same old, same  
18 old', but what happened? Can you tell us a little bit  
19 more about what happened?

20 A. Yeah. I can't remember -- the first night was  
21 definitely in the lounge, and the second night was in my  
22 bed, in my bedroom, yeah.

23 Q. You say --

24 A. Very quickly.

25 Q. You say the first night it was in the lounge; what was

1 'it'? Can you tell us a bit more?

2 A. Again, just snogging me. It was just repulsive, yeah.

3 I am glad you don't have a beard. I have a thing about

4 beards to this day. I just see a beard and go,

5 'Pervert, sicko', which is probably unfair on some

6 perfectly nice guys out there. But, yeah, he just

7 fondled my breasts and, again, we got into a wee

8 routine, and that was it.

9 Q. In the lounge there was snogging and some fondling of

10 your breasts?

11 A. And masturbate him. All done very quickly.

12 Q. Then you say also in your bedroom at GMX's, the

13 bedroom you were sleeping in. So that was the next

14 night, the Saturday night?

15 A. Yes, I was absolutely ill in case the wife was going to

16 walk back in. It was even worse than -- somebody did

17 walk into his office once, or knocked on the door and

18 just came in, he had to jump away for me. Fortunately,

19 he still had all his clothes on, but he had an erection,

20 and just sort of quickly pulled his jacket round over

21 himself. And I can't remember, somebody just came in to

22 deliver something, some mail or whatever. And that was

23 only once that ever happened, but ...

24 Q. So, in the bedroom at his house, Dee; what took place on

25 the Saturday night?

1 A. Just the same again, yeah. But at least he'd stopped  
2 touching anything other than my breasts, yeah, because  
3 that was really horrible. He was rough.

4 Q. When you say 'rough'; what do you mean? Can you give us  
5 a little bit more information?

6 A. Rough with his fingers. So I was happy that was out of  
7 the road, yeah.

8 Q. Is that in relation to what you told us about him  
9 penetrating you with his fingers before?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. So when you say he was rough, he was rough when he was  
12 using his fingers inside you?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. Okay. So there is those two instances then at his house  
15 when you stayed for that weekend?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. And then you went back to Balgay?

18 A. Yeah, yeah.

19 Q. He took you to Queen Street and then you got the train  
20 back?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. I think, Dee, then there came a time when you left  
23 Balgay; is that right?

24 A. Mm-hm, yeah.

25 Q. And you have told us you were 15 when you left Balgay?

1 A. Mm-hm.

2 Q. So this incident that you have told us about that  
3 happened at [GMX] 's house; how old were you when  
4 that took place? Do you know?

5 A. I would have been 14 and a half-ish, give or take.  
6 I don't know.

7 Q. So before you were 15?

8 A. Yeah. Definitely, yeah.

9 Q. And when you left Balgay; what happened? Where did you  
10 go?

11 A. I got down to Ardrossan and I got kept. The social work  
12 sort of covered that. And she behaved a lot better,  
13 because she had to deal with [GMX] and she would  
14 get a rollocking if she wasn't nice to me. So a bit of  
15 a win situation, almost, yeah.

16 Q. So you say you go down to Ardrossan; what do you mean by  
17 that? Were you staying there or is that the school --

18 A. Yeah, I was staying there, in a place -- it was a large  
19 house with, like, bedsits. It was a really nice, big  
20 house and well run, very clean. It had a telephone in  
21 the hallway. You know, a pay phone in those days. And  
22 she prepared breakfast and evening meals. Apart from  
23 me, it was, like, workmen at Hunterston Station and  
24 stuff that stayed there. And on the grounds -- that was  
25 the thing, the deal was -- and, again, he was nice as

1 nine pence about that. And he said, 'What sort of ...'  
2 He said, 'Because you have a high IQ we want you back at  
3 school', yeah. Everyone, you know, Mr GIS, everyone  
4 was in agreement with that, as long as I attended school  
5 every day wearing my uniform and behaved myself, and  
6 I did, yeah.

7 And amazingly, having not been at school for quite  
8 a few years, I was still able to get into the A classes  
9 and keep up with everything, yeah. But all I wanted was  
10 to get it over with, and it cut down the times with him,  
11 okay, dramatically, because I got myself -- well, I was  
12 at school Monday to Friday, which I only wavered from  
13 once to get the day off. And, again, common sense,  
14 I just called the deputy head and pled menstrual pains,  
15 which I seriously did have. But that was a major thing  
16 for me to say that to somebody, but it was just totally  
17 accepted, and -- but, other than that, I always went.  
18 But that day I stayed in my bed, because I was  
19 absolutely crippled, yeah.

20 Q. So, Dee, at this time you are staying down in Ardrossan?

21 A. Mm-hm.

22 Q. You are at this -- you say it is a bedsit; is that  
23 right? So you are living independently or were you  
24 under the care of someone there?

25 A. Well, because it was her house -- and I can't remember



1 her name, I remember she was blonde, slim, very sort of,  
2 a nice fussy house keeper and very diligent with the  
3 meals. And yeah, she changed the bedding and everything  
4 like that. It was almost like a guest house, yeah.

5 And I got myself a job in the [REDACTED] Hotel. So  
6 I would finish school and basically go there from 4.00  
7 until 10.00 at night, yeah. So I was getting pocket  
8 money as well. I got more from tips because all the  
9 guys were at Hunterston Power Station and a lot of them  
10 were American. And I got taught silver service by  
11 Diane. I still remember her name, that was the owner's  
12 daughter. And she was great to get on with, and just  
13 wanted to set high standards. Taught me everything very  
14 carefully and thoroughly, and made me, you know, show  
15 that I could do things. And also taught me -- she  
16 says: all these people coming in, especially the  
17 Americans, but everyone, always give them a complement,  
18 yeah, whether it is about their shoes, or their smile,  
19 and, yeah, you get good tips.

20 Because it was 70P an hour when I started, but  
21 I would always get between £5 and £10 a night in tips,  
22 which was a lot for me, and then it went up to 90P  
23 an hour, which seemed like a massive amount then. But  
24 I used to get food as well, good food.

25 Q. I think you say that, working in these hotels meant that

1           you were very well fed.

2   A.   Oh aye.

3   Q.   And were you still having to go back to see GMX  
4           up in Glasgow at that time, or did that stop?

5   A.   I didn't have time, did I, because I was working.

6   Q.   So, from that point of view, it came to an end, then,  
7           between -- what was going on?

8   A.   Almost. I think I maybe had to go once. Yeah, I am  
9           sure I only saw him once. And the day I was 16, I was  
10          like, 'Wow'. That's what I lived for, was the day I was  
11          16. I thought: he will have no power or control over me  
12          any longer, yeah.

13   Q.   And as you said, Dee, even though you hadn't really been  
14          going to school before, you managed, I think, when you  
15          were at Ardrossan Academy, to pass six O Levels --

16   A.   Yeah.

17   Q.   -- before you left, and you were still only 16 at that  
18          time; is that right?

19   A.   Yeah, yeah.

20   Q.   Now, Dee, I know you tell us about a time that  
21          GMX contacted you later, in your adult life.  
22          But, just before I ask you about that, I just want to  
23          talk just a little bit about the fact that you, I think,  
24          went away, I think, for a while down to London; is that  
25          right? And you got a job running public houses?

1 A. Not until I was 18.

2 Q. Yes.

3 A. I had to be 18. I was actually just a couple of weeks  
4 under 18 when I went for the interview. It was  
5 an advert in the Glasgow Herald, and they said they were  
6 looking for trainee publicans. This was  
7 Allied Breweries. And all that was necessary was that  
8 you have high standards and be presentable, yeah. You  
9 didn't need qualifications or experience. I had a lot  
10 of experience waitressing, and I continued that when  
11 I moved to Glasgow, yeah, and went to work for the  
12 Glasgow -- first of all, I worked at the -- just for  
13 a short time, at the White Fish Authority, downside  
14 Hunterston.

15 But then I went to Glasgow. And, again, when you  
16 need a job you will get one that day, yeah, just  
17 waitressing. And found just a room to rent inside  
18 a house in Byres Road and, from there, just a couple of  
19 weeks later -- I'd had an interview and it just took  
20 a week because there was no mobile phones, or emails or  
21 stuff in those days, and got a job at the Glasgow Health  
22 Board, just in admin. So I had no more contact with  
23 him, yeah, at that point.

24 Q. Was there ever a time when you were still in Scotland,  
25 before you went to London, when you were staying in

1 a flat and GMX came to visit you?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Never.

5 Q. And when you went to London, Dee -- I am going to move  
6 forward a bit in your work history -- I think you ended  
7 up studying to become a hypnotherapist and  
8 a psychotherapist, and you mentioned a little bit about  
9 that before.

10 A. Mm-hm.

11 Q. I just want to ask you something: when you were in  
12 London; was there ever a time where you went to visit  
13 GMX back in Scotland with someone who was  
14 a boyfriend?

15 A. No, no, that was from -- I am certain it was from  
16 Glasgow.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. But I wanted to show him that I had a boyfriend, yes.  
19 And believe it or not, the boyfriend was 1936. It was  
20 my first boyfriend.

21 Q. Just to understand the time period that we are talking  
22 about, then, Dee; how old were you at that time?

23 A. I would have been 17, because it was -- yeah, as I say,  
24 I didn't move to London until three weeks after I was  
25 18, because I had to be 18 to do the 12-week training

1 with Allied Breweries.

2 Q. Okay. So at that time --

3 LADY SMITH: Dee, sorry, when you say the boyfriend was

4 1936.

5 A. Yes.

6 LADY SMITH: Was that the year he was born?

7 A. Yeah.

8 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

9 A. Yeah, [REDACTED] 1936. Yeah.

10 MS FORBES: So he was quite a bit older than you at the

11 time.

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. But you went with him to visit [REDACTED] GMX at his house?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. Was that the same house you had stayed in that weekend?

16 A. Yes, it's come to me, [REDACTED], Biggar, yes.

17 Q. And that was the same house you had stayed in over the

18 weekend?

19 A. Yeah, it was [REDACTED]'s suggestion, yes.

20 Q. Did he know what had happened?

21 A. Yeah, yeah. I told him, yeah.

22 Q. So [REDACTED] was the name of the boyfriend that you are

23 talking about, yeah?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And did you see [REDACTED] GMX when you went to visit him?

1 A. Yeah, yeah.

2 Q. And how long did --

3 A. Obviously, I had to phone to arrange it, you know.

4 Q. So you still had his contact details at that time?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. I would have got him [REDACTED]. As I say, there was

8 no mobile phones then.

9 Q. So you do remember that visit?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. But it wasn't when you were living in London; you were

12 still in Scotland at that point?

13 A. It was definitely in Scotland.

14 Q. I think you tell us, Dee, you got qualified, you married

15 your husband in 1990; is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And I know that didn't last. It's ex-husband now; is

18 that right?

19 A. Yeah, yeah, and funnily enough we still keep in touch.

20 We get on now. He sent me a lovely birthday card [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] yeah. And says he will phone me on Monday or

22 Tuesday, asked what times I was available, yeah.

23 Q. I think during your life with him, and your professional

24 life early on, you were living back in Scotland again;

25 is that right, up north?

1 A. Yeah, yeah.

2 Q. Was there a time then that you have mentioned you were  
3 contacted by GMX --

4 A. Mm-hm.

5 Q. -- when you were an adult?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. And when was that?

8 A. I was married and living with, you know, ██████, in  
9 Inverurie, and that was -- we moved there in, I think,  
10 August 1992. So it would have been 1993 at some point.

11 What had happened was Leopard Magazine, back then,  
12 it covered all of Scotland. I don't know whether it was  
13 a free mag or whatever, but they did an article on me,  
14 complete with photo, and about me being  
15 a psychotherapist and hypnotherapist, and obviously it  
16 had my phone number. This was in the days before  
17 websites. I did actually have a mobile phone. I have  
18 had one since 1989.

19 ██████ was there, I went to answer the phone, 'Hi,  
20 Dee Buchanan, how can I help you?' Thinking it was  
21 a client, and he said, 'Dee, is that Dee Buchanan?',  
22 yeah. And I said, 'Yeah', and he said, 'Oh, it is  
23 GMX ██████ here', and ██████ says you could have seen --  
24 just the white of my eye and, 'Oh, I saw that this thing  
25 in Leopard Magazine. You have done really well for

1           yourself, you know. And I often come to Aberdeen on  
2           business, so I wondered if you wanted to meet up'. 'Er,  
3           no, I am happily married'.

4           I was just, like, gobsmacked. Fortunately, [REDACTED]  
5           was right there. [REDACTED] has never raised his voice in  
6           the 37 years or something I have known him, to anyone.  
7           He is Mr Cool, but you can tell if he is angry. And he  
8           says, 'You have to report this guy to the police, you  
9           know. It is long overdue. What would you tell your  
10          clients?' Yeah, I would tell them to report it to the  
11          police, but then there was another part, I said, 'What  
12          about his wife and kids?' and he said, 'Well, he should  
13          have thought about that before he did what he did', but  
14          I just didn't get it at that point.

15          And it was a long time later, after some pretty  
16          intense therapy, that I decided to go to the police,  
17          yeah. And that must have been 2003 or -- ish, you know.  
18          I don't know. I know where I was living at the time.

19   Q. I think you tell us, Dee, in your statement it was 2005  
20          when you first went to the police.

21   A. Okay, it must --

22   Q. Okay, does that sound right?

23   A. I moved from that place in 2005, so I was there from  
24          halfway through 2002 to 2005, so it was definitely in  
25          that time, because they came to the house, yeah.



1 [REDACTED].

2 Q. This contact, Dee, that you have talked about, with  
3 [REDACTED] GMX, when you were a married woman living up in  
4 Aberdeen; that was by telephone call?

5 A. Yes, yes.

6 Q. Did you ever receive a letter from him asking to come  
7 and meet him?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Okay. So you are quite clear that there was -- that  
10 that conversation took place over a telephone call?

11 A. Yeah, and was overheard by [REDACTED].

12 Q. I think you tell us, Dee, about your journey in  
13 reporting things to the police, and I know you have done  
14 that on -- more than once in relation to [REDACTED] GMX?

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. I think you say in 2005 and, again, in 2014.

17 A. Yes, it was really badly dealt with.

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. Really badly.

20 Q. We have that. I am not going to go through that with  
21 you. It is in your statement and we have read it, and  
22 it is evidence in the Inquiry.

23 I think you also tell us that you went to the Health  
24 and Care Professionals, the HCPC, in relation to

25 [REDACTED] GMX, and there was something that happened in

1 relation to that as well?

2 A. Yeah, I think they stopped him from working for a while,  
3 or ...

4 Q. Okay. So do you think there was --

5 A. Until it came to court, but then of course it got  
6 dropped because I didn't exist.

7 Q. So there was a time when it was maybe an interim  
8 suspension or something, but that matter all came to  
9 an end; is that right?

10 A. Apparently so. He is so old. He shouldn't still be  
11 working, you know.

12 Q. And, Dee, I was just interested, before we leave you  
13 today, just looking at what you have said about lessons  
14 to be learned for us, in the Inquiry, and I think you  
15 talk about that from paragraph 74 of your statement.  
16 What you say there is:

17 'You know, **GMX** was just a law unto himself  
18 and he wasn't accountable to anyone, and that needs to  
19 change.'

20 A. Yeah. I think it has changed since then, but he was not  
21 accountable to anybody, yeah.

22 Q. But I think what we can also see, from what you tell us  
23 in your statement, is that, you know, you have been able  
24 to have quite a successful professional life over  
25 the years. I know you explain in there that you have

1 had some issues in relation to what happened to you --

2 A. Oh yes.

3 Q. -- with **GMX**, but that you were able to get  
4 yourself away from drink; is that right?

5 A. Mm-hm, yeah.

6 Q. And you were able to sort of understand a little bit  
7 more about what had happened to you as a child?

8 A. I had a -- I have spent about £160,000 in my adult life  
9 on therapy, but it has all been about -- because I have  
10 been left with a complete freak out about people chewing  
11 gum or even eating, full stop. And it might not sound  
12 like a lot, but that has upset my life in ways that you  
13 can't possibly imagine, because I actually -- if I have  
14 to stay for -- it has happened twice only, because  
15 I have just made a point of avoiding it like the plague.

16 I am very fortunate my malpractice insurance doesn't  
17 allow people to chew gum or be eating something in case  
18 they relax and choke. So, if they come to the door --  
19 which is very rare, quite honestly. They are really  
20 nice people, but some of them, because they have had  
21 a cigarette in the car or something and they think: chew  
22 some gum.

23 I stop them at the door, and even then I am like --  
24 I keep tissues in the vestibule, and I say, 'I am really  
25 sorry, my malpractice insurance', 'Oh right, I am sorry,

1       sorry' --

2   Q.  Is this something that has stuck with you because of  
3       things **GMX** would do, chewing gum and sipping  
4       coffee, things like that?

5   A.  Sipping coffee as well, yeah.  It has totally affected  
6       my life.  I have had to run out of Tesco because  
7       somebody at the counter is sitting chewing gum, or  
8       somebody comes up behind me.  And I am off like a shot.  
9       I'm just shaking, gasping for breath, palpitations,  
10      adrenaline pumping.  It is totally out of my control.  
11      It is just a response.  And you wouldn't believe how  
12      many people chew gum.  It seems to be a bloody national  
13      past time out there.

14             And even watching TV, enjoying a film, you know,  
15      romantic comedy, if somebody starts chewing gum, God,  
16      I have to put that off.  Going past somebody in the  
17      street or in a car chewing gum.  But the twice that  
18      I have been forced to stay in the situation after asking  
19      somebody please to take their gum out, one was a taxi  
20      driver in Glasgow, and he said, 'Why?  What for?' and  
21      that panicked me, but this time we are doing 30 miles  
22      an hour, very quickly, in a busy street in Glasgow, so  
23      I can't chuck myself out of the car; that was the  
24      immediate thought.

25             And I just blurted out because I was sexually abused

1 in care by somebody who chewed gum all the time. In  
2 fact, he wasn't the only one, some of the ones in places  
3 that I stayed in for one night, they couldn't help  
4 themselves, yeah. They would be groping at you in the  
5 middle of the night, and they all seem to chew gum. And  
6 he still wouldn't take it out. That's it,  
7 I hyperventilated and passed out, and had to be taken to  
8 hospital. And he was there looking very ashen faced,  
9 and I doubt very much if he will chew gum in his taxi  
10 again, because he didn't get paid either for taking me  
11 to hospital.

12 Q. That's obviously something that you are still dealing  
13 with, Dee.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. So I am sorry about that. But one thing, I suppose, you  
16 can take from even the fact that you didn't go to school  
17 very often when you were younger, growing up, you still  
18 managed to pass those O Levels, go on to higher learning  
19 and, like you say, you have spent a lot of time  
20 bettering yourself and getting professional  
21 qualifications.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So that's something that, you know, you can be really  
24 proud of.

25 Dee, I don't have any more questions for you today.

1 I just want to thank you for giving your evidence.  
2 Unless there is something else that you want to say that  
3 you haven't had a chance to say, that's all I will be  
4 asking you today.

5 A. Er, no, just my latest further education, things I am  
6 fascinated by, I am now a qualified independent funeral  
7 celebrant with the Highest Academy and, yes, dealing  
8 with dead people and quiet folk at funerals suits me  
9 fine. They tend to behave themselves. That's my next  
10 phase. I will still be doing therapy, but less.

11 Q. I wish you all the success in that going forward, Dee.

12 A. Yes.

13 MS FORBES: My Lady, I don't have any further questions.

14 LADY SMITH: Thank you very much.

15 Dee, let me add my thanks to you for engaging with  
16 us so fully and openly in the last, well, more than  
17 an hour and a half.

18 A. Okay.

19 LADY SMITH: I am sure when you switch off the link you are  
20 going to be exhausted. But it is really valuable to me  
21 to have heard from you in person over the link, and I am  
22 really glad it didn't let us down again. My thanks and  
23 my good wishes for your continued development and  
24 success in your career and your new work as a celebrant.  
25 Thank you.

1 A. Right, thank you.

2 (The witness disconnected)

3 LADY SMITH: Okay, we will stop now for the morning break.

4 It will be just a little bit after the normal time for

5 the next witness, maybe just before 12 noon we will be

6 able to get started. Thank you.

7 (11.41 am)

8 (A short break)

9 (12.02 pm)

10 LADY SMITH: Mr Sheldon, is the next witness ready?

11 MR SHELDON: My Lady, she is. This is a witness who wishes

12 to remain anonymous and her pseudonym is 'Rizzo'.

13 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

14 Good afternoon, 'Rizzo'. Could we begin with you

15 raising your right hand, please, and repeat after me.

16 'Rizzo' (affirmed)

17 LADY SMITH: Do sit down and make yourself comfortable.

18 A. Thank you.

19 LADY SMITH: 'Rizzo', the red folder you have just noticed

20 has your statement in it, and it will be there available

21 for you if you would find it helpful --

22 A. Okay.

23 LADY SMITH: -- for reference. We will also put parts of

24 the statement up on screen as we are referring to them.

25 A. Mm-hm.

1 LADY SMITH: So that will be available to you as well. But,  
2 other than that, one or two things I want to say.

3 Firstly, thank you for coming here today to engage  
4 with us, to give your oral evidence in addition to your  
5 written statement, which is also evidence from you  
6 before the Inquiry. It has been really helpful to have  
7 that in advance, because I have been able to study it  
8 and use it to prepare for today. So thank you for that.

9 Otherwise, I know that what you are here to do is  
10 not easy. It is a difficult task to come and talk in  
11 a public forum to strangers -- we are all strangers to  
12 you --

13 A. Yes.

14 LADY SMITH: -- about what happened in your own life, your  
15 very private life, when you were a child. It is a tough  
16 thing to do. You may find it upsetting, you may find  
17 your emotions take you by surprise, however well you  
18 have tried to prepare for today. I understand that. If  
19 there is anything I can do to make it easier for you to  
20 give your evidence, please don't hesitate to let me  
21 know, whether it is a break or us explaining something  
22 better. We are not necessarily always the best people  
23 at explaining our questions, because we can rattle off  
24 in language that we understand and the people that we  
25 are asking don't understand, so tell us if we are not



1 getting it right.

2 If you are ready to start I will hand over to

3 Mr Sheldon and he will take it from there; is that okay?

4 A. I am ready, thank you.

5 LADY SMITH: Thank you, Mr Sheldon.

6 Questions by Mr Sheldon

7 MR SHELDON: My Lady.

8 Hi 'Rizzo', good afternoon.

9 A. Hi.

10 Q. And may I add my thanks to Lady Smith's thanks for

11 engaging with us today.

12 'Rizzo', can I ask you, I don't need your date of

13 birth, but I think you were born in 1961; is that right?

14 A. That's correct, yes.

15 Q. As Lady Smith says, you have provided a statement in

16 advance. I am going to read the reference number of the

17 statement into the record.

18 A. Okay, yes.

19 Q. You don't need to worry about that, it is just for our

20 purposes, but the reference number is WIT.001.002.4197.

21 'Rizzo', can I just ask you to open your statement,

22 please, in the red folder? It is the last page.

23 A. The last page?

24 Q. Yes, the last page, please.

25 A. Okay.

1 Q. Just a formal step to say you have signed the statement.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And that was back in 2019?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And I think in the paragraph just before your signature,

6 you say:

7 'I have no objection to my witness statement being

8 published as part of the evidence to the Inquiry.

9 I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are

10 true.'

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And is that right?

13 A. Yes, that's correct. Yes.

14 Q. Thanks very much. As I say, that's just a formal step

15 that we take with everyone.

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. So, if you can, I guess, go back to the start of the

18 statement, because we can look at some parts of that

19 to -- perhaps help you, and I will ask you some

20 questions arising from it and from what you have told

21 us.

22 'Rizzo', in the first page of your statement, you

23 tell us a bit about your early life.

24 A. Mm-hm.

25 Q. That you grew up in Glasgow, first in [REDACTED] and then

1 at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 A. [REDACTED]

4 Q. That must have been a difficult time in your childhood  
5 and your siblings; how was that? What happened?

6 A. [REDACTED]

7 Q. [REDACTED]

8 A. [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 Q. [REDACTED]

12 A. [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]

15 Q. Okay. I think there were some financial problems  
16 because your dad --

17 A. We lived in absolute poverty.

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. But, in those days, in the scheme, so to speak, the  
20 majority of people who lived in the schemes lived in  
21 poverty. We were a little bit more poorer, [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. So it was -- we lived on benefits in those days, and it

1       wasn't much. [REDACTED]

2       [REDACTED] But, all in all, the majority of  
3       people who lived in the scheme were poor.

4   Q.   Yes.  On page 2 of your statement, you tell us a little  
5       bit more about how that was.  I think, at paragraph 5 in  
6       particular, you tell us that you got into some trouble,  
7       ultimately, because you were trying, I think, to provide  
8       for your family, really?

9   A.   Yes.  The thing that led to me being taken into the care  
10      system in the first place was initially -- where we  
11      lived there was a railway station opposite, a large  
12      railway station, and it had a coal yard.  Now, myself  
13      and others in the scheme used to steal the coal from the  
14      coal yard.  Go over, get bags and bring them back.  And  
15      on a number of occasions we were caught by -- I think it  
16      was the rail -- there was a railway police system in  
17      those days, yeah, so it was formal.  When you were  
18      caught stealing coal, it was formal theft, and that led  
19      to me going to the Children's Panels, initially, yeah.

20  Q.   Sure, I just wanted to ask you about that.  Do you  
21      remember when that was, when your first Children's Panel  
22      was?

23  A.   I think the first one was around 10.  I was about 10.

24  Q.   You were about 10.

25  A.   Maybe 10 and a bit, yeah.

1 Q. So about 1971, something like that?

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. What do you remember about that? You tell us something  
4 about it in your statement, but I am interested to know  
5 what your experience was.

6 A. Yeah. I remember going to the Children's Panel.  
7 I think I might have been two or three times before  
8 I was eventually taken into the care system.

9 Q. Right.

10 A. Kind of very formal, a large desk with a Chairperson,  
11 and other people around that.

12 But I think it was scary for me to go there, because  
13 it felt like I was going to a court system. It felt  
14 like that for my dad as well.

15 But the most profound hearing was the one where  
16 I was then taken into care, to Beechwood Assessment  
17 Centre. And I think -- I am not too sure -- when  
18 I think about it, I don't think that was the action plan  
19 of the Chair or the people at the time. I think it  
20 was -- there was one lady who was part of the panel, and  
21 she said something to myself and my dad about my  
22 behaviour's 'been ungodly', and I think I reacted to  
23 that and basically told her to F-off. And then  
24 everything kicked off, because I was then taken out of  
25 the room.

1           And that's the most profound one. That's the most  
2           profound time that I went to the Children's Panel.

3           I was always scared when I went to Children's Panel,  
4           because it was almost as if I had done something wrong.  
5           I was going in front of a judge, so to speak, as if  
6           I had done something wrong.

7   Q.   And somebody was saying your behaviour was ungodly.

8   A.   And this lady was saying my behaviour was ungodly. I am  
9           not sure why I would have reacted so badly to that,  
10          because I wasn't in any sense religious. I am not too  
11          sure why I reacted to that.

12          I think, perhaps -- and I am only just surmising  
13          here -- that her comment was more aimed at my dad, and  
14          it was more a protective thing. It felt like  
15          a judgment.

16   Q.   It is still quite a hurtful thing to hear, isn't it?

17   A.   Yeah, yeah, yeah.

18   Q.   Can you just tell us a little bit more about the way the  
19          Panel was set up, if you can remember?

20   A.   The Panel had a Chair, the Chairperson was always the  
21          same person I saw.

22   Q.   Right. Were they all sitting behind a big desk?

23   A.   It was a huge, highly polished desk. It was enormous.  
24          For me, it was enormous highly polished desk, and there  
25          were people sitting around it.

1 Q. I am sorry, I should have asked you: this was presumably  
2 in Glasgow?

3 A. This was in Glasgow.

4 Q. Do you know whereabouts?

5 A. It was the city centre part. I can't remember the name  
6 of the street, but I think that --

7 Q. Was it perhaps the City Chambers in George Square?

8 A. No, it wasn't. It wasn't.

9 Q. It doesn't really matter.

10 A. Anyway, it was the city centre. It was up a set of  
11 stairs and it was a room up there.

12 Q. Right.

13 LADY SMITH: In your statement, 'Rizzo', you tell us that  
14 you also remembered something being said about you being  
15 unruly.

16 A. Yes, yes.

17 LADY SMITH: Is that right?

18 A. I do remember that I think it might have been -- it was  
19 either just before or when I went to Beechwood that  
20 I was told that there was unruly certificate on me,  
21 yeah.

22 LADY SMITH: Yes, I was going to ask you about that.

23 A. And that was why I was being taken away. So it wasn't  
24 to do with the fact that I might have kicked off in the  
25 Children's Panel; it was to do with this unruly

1 certificate, which kind of stuck with me. And I could  
2 not find -- when I got older, and the internet came in,  
3 I was looking for unruly certificate, and couldn't  
4 really find what that was all about. But  
5 I eventually -- I think I found something not so long  
6 ago.

7 LADY SMITH: Yes, it was in the legislation at the time.

8 A. Yes, yes.

9 LADY SMITH: And if a Panel decided, or before the Panel, if  
10 the court decided a child fitted the requirements of  
11 unruly certificate, then certain consequences could  
12 follow --

13 A. Yes.

14 LADY SMITH: -- such as being sent to an Approved School, or  
15 suchlike.

16 A. Yes, or an assessment centre.

17 LADY SMITH: Yes.

18 MR SHELDON: I just want to ask you a little bit more about  
19 the Panel, 'Rizzo'. Did anyone on the Panel speak to  
20 you, or were they speaking to your father?

21 A. Oh, they were speaking to my father, not to me.

22 Q. Okay. Did anyone explain to you what the problem was,  
23 if there was a problem, and what was going to happen?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Okay. All that you knew was that you were being, on



1           this last occasion, taken away from your father?

2   A.   Well, we were both shocked.

3   Q.   Mm-hm.

4   A.   It was a shocking scenario.

5   Q.   Yes, it would be.

6   A.   I wasn't expecting it. He wasn't expecting it.

7           I didn't actually know if that was going to be the

8           outcome of the panel before I got there. I thought it

9           was because I had told that lady to F-off. And it may

10          have been the fact that that was a decision they were

11          going to do before I got there.

12  Q.   But no one had really told you what to expect --

13  A.   No, no.

14  Q.   -- before you went there? Right.

15            You tell us in your statement, actually, that when

16            you were taken to Beechwood you were about 11, you

17            thought. Do you think you might have been a little bit

18            older than that? Maybe 12 or 13? Is 11 your

19            recollection?

20  A.   11-ish. I think -- I think from my care files I was

21          about 11.

22  Q.   Okay.

23  A.   Yeah.

24  Q.   All right. At all events, you were taken to

25          Beechwood -- and I am not going to spend any time on

1 this.

2 A. No, okay.

3 Q. I think taking matters very short, you tell us that  
4 really you experienced some difficult things there. You  
5 had quite a difficult time at Beechwood.

6 A. I had a very difficult time at Beechwood. I didn't want  
7 to be there in the first place.

8 From -- almost from the first 20 minutes that I got  
9 into Beechwood **SNR**, Mrs **MSK**, had  
10 told me to basically remove my clothes and put on their  
11 clothes. I now refused, at that point. And then she  
12 said that, 'Well, if you don't do it, we will strip  
13 you'. So she then -- adjacent to the office was, like,  
14 a little cupboard, so I went in there to remove my  
15 clothes, to put on the clothes that they had given me.

16 Q. Okay. And I mean, I think, again, just taking this  
17 short, taking this quickly, you tell us later in the  
18 statement that you feel that a lot of the difficulties  
19 that you experienced, that you felt later in your young  
20 life, maybe stemmed from that first experience of, you  
21 know, coming into Beechwood and being told you have to  
22 strip?

23 A. It did. It did stem from there. I think that from my  
24 experience of Beechwood I severely mistrusted everyone.

25 On my first day, I was told to take medication, and

1 I refused to take it. And Mrs MSK said everybody  
2 took medication, and I said I wasn't sick, 'I am not  
3 taking medicine because I am not sick', and she said,  
4 'Well, you are homesick'. And that kind of made me feel  
5 as if maybe I am homesick, because my body was telling  
6 me that I was missing my dad, and I knew what homesick  
7 meant.

8 Q. Did they tell you what the medication was --

9 A. No.

10 Q. -- at any point?

11 A. No, not at any point, actually. But, over the time,  
12 I began to realise that it was -- it was -- sorry,  
13 I have forgotten the word. It was a medication that  
14 made people feel dopey and sleepy.

15 Q. Yes. And was it administered by a doctor, a nurse?

16 A. No, it was administered by Mrs MSK and  
17 Mrs MSL.

18 Q. All right. So just staff --

19 A. Spoons.

20 Q. Yes.

21 A. There were just huge, big bottles, big brown bottles in  
22 the office.

23 Q. Ultimately, you thought they were putting this in your  
24 food as well, to make you take it?

25 A. I didn't think it; I knew they were putting it in my

1 food because I could feel the effects of that, so  
2 I stopped eating.

3 Q. Right, okay.

4 A. It was a sedative. That's the word I was looking for.  
5 It was a sedative.

6 Q. Sure. Mogadon or something like that?

7 A. Mogadon and Largactil.

8 Q. Mm-hm. Well, you tell us quite a bit about that in your  
9 statement, so I can really move on. Although I just  
10 want to ask you: am I right in thinking you were in  
11 Beechwood more than once? It was perhaps three times?

12 A. I was in Beechwood, I think, more than that.

13 Q. Right.

14 A. Three or four times, yes.

15 Q. Okay. Were these between placements --

16 A. These were between placements, yeah.

17 Q. Okay, all right. So, ultimately, you leave -- well,  
18 I think perhaps the second time you leave Beechwood you  
19 are sent to Balgay School?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Would that sound right?

22 A. Yes. Balgay was the first institution I was sent to  
23 outside of Beechwood.

24 Q. Yes, okay. And would this be about 1974 by this point?

25 A. I think I was about --

1 Q. You were about 12 or 13?

2 A. I was about 12.

3 Q. Okay. I am just looking at page 10 of your statement,  
4 'Rizzo', just to help us. Perhaps you can just tell us,  
5 you know, in your words what your first impression of  
6 Balgay was?

7 A. Okay, I was taken to Balgay in the social worker's car,  
8 the social worker that I had at the time, and I was told  
9 that I was going to Balgay School. So I thought it was  
10 a school. In my head, I thought it was a school, like  
11 school gates and things like that. But, when I got  
12 there, it was a huge, an enormous, enormous big  
13 building, almost castle like.

14 So we went through the big, wooden front doors and  
15 to the left -- to the right of going through -- yeah, to  
16 the right of going through was the headmaster's office,  
17 and myself and the social worker went in there.

18 Q. And who did you meet?

19 A. I met SNR [REDACTED] and there was someone else there,  
20 a lady, and I can't remember.

21 Q. All right. Do you remember SNR [REDACTED] speaking to  
22 you? What was said?

23 A. I remember SNR [REDACTED] reading me the riot act, so to  
24 speak, saying basically: you are in here and you are not  
25 going to mess us about.

1           Not in those words. But that's how I remember it.

2   Q. All right.

3   A. I was basically told that they wouldn't accept any of my  
4       behaviours.

5   Q. Okay.

6   A. Yes.

7   Q. What was your impression of SNR [REDACTED]; did you take  
8       to him?

9   A. I guess he was just another person, in that type of  
10       system, telling me what not to do.

11   Q. All right.

12   A. So I didn't have any thoughts about disliking him or  
13       liking him.

14   Q. Sure.

15   A. It was just another thing that was happening.

16   Q. Mm-hm. Another thing that was --

17   A. I didn't -- I can't remember who he was, but I think  
18       I do remember that -- I am pretty sure that -- I know  
19       his name now, because it is in my care files.

20   Q. Sure.

21   A. But I am pretty sure he was one of the men who held me  
22       down. And the reason I think that is because he had  
23       a finger missing.

24   Q. Right.

25   A. There was a finger missing on his hand.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. And on one of the occasions I was held down, sat down  
3 and taken into the cooler, I had a bruise on the bottom  
4 of my foot, and it was the print of a hand with a finger  
5 missing.

6 Q. Right.

7 A. And I think that was him.

8 Q. Okay. Well, 'Rizzo', if I can, I will come back to the  
9 issue of restraint --

10 A. Okay.

11 Q. -- and what happened to you at Balgay. I just want to  
12 ask a few questions to set the scene, as it were.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And I think you tell us a little bit in your statement,  
15 still page 10, that you thought there were perhaps 80  
16 girls at Balgay?

17 A. I thought there was, yes. It was divided into units --

18 Q. Right.

19 A. -- different units.

20 Q. Okay. How many girls were in a unit?

21 A. I don't know why I think there was only about 8 or 10 of  
22 us.

23 Q. Right.

24 A. But I didn't spend much time with the other girls, at  
25 all.

1 Q. Yes. And, again, we will come on to that.

2 A. At all. So I might have -- I don't know.

3 I think the first night -- I remember the first  
4 night when I was there. The first night when I was  
5 there, the people, the girls who were in the unit that  
6 I was in, we all went up to the loft, there was a loft,  
7 a huge, big, giant scary loft. We went up there to tell  
8 ghost stories late at night.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. That's the only time I remember interacting with the  
11 other girls.

12 Q. And you talk about a unit; was the unit like a dormitory  
13 or was it --

14 A. It had its own sitting and dining room area and all of  
15 the bedrooms, yes.

16 Q. Okay. What were the bedrooms like? Did you have your  
17 own room or --

18 A. No, it was dormitories.

19 Q. Was there any privacy in the dormitories? Were there  
20 partitions or anything or was it all just open?

21 A. To be honest, I can't remember. But I have memories of  
22 many dormitories I saw and there was no partitions.  
23 There was beds.

24 Q. Right, okay.

25 I am looking at page 12 now. You say you don't



1       really remember any leisure time at Balgay and you spent  
2       almost all your time in the seclusion room; can you tell  
3       us a little bit about the seclusion room? What was it  
4       like?

5   A. The seclusion room was known as the cooler, and it  
6       was --

7   Q. Right, sorry to interrupt, but known by the girls or  
8       known by the staff as well?

9   A. I think it was -- yes, and staff, yeah.

10  Q. Okay.

11  A. It was outside the main building, but still in the  
12       premises. And it was a bit like -- it was a room within  
13       a room.

14       Now, all I can describe it as, it's a bit like going  
15       into stables. When you have stables you have the  
16       separate bits for the horses.

17  Q. The stalls.

18  A. It was long and it was a bit like go into them. But  
19       instead of having -- what did you call it? A stall?

20  Q. A stable, yes, a stall.

21  A. A stall. Instead of having that, there was another  
22       room, and that was the seclusion room.

23  Q. Right. And what was it like inside?

24  A. It had -- it was -- there was no windows. There was one  
25       light on the ceiling, which was covered by a very thick

1 glass, very, very thick glass. It was an oval light  
2 covered by a very thick glass. And that was it.

3 There was a toilet. A toilet pan, not a bathroom or  
4 anything. It was in the room. The toilet pan was in  
5 the room. And a mattress.

6 Q. Okay, was there a sink at all?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Just the toilet and the mattress?

9 A. Just a toilet and a mattress and the light.

10 Q. Did you ever hear it called the quiet room?

11 A. No.

12 Q. It was the cooler?

13 A. The cooler.

14 Q. Okay. You tell us that you spent quite a long time in  
15 the seclusion room?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Did anyone ever tell you why you were being put to the  
18 seclusion room? Did you understand why?

19 A. Well, a lot of the times I was taken there was because  
20 I had run away.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. Balgay -- and I think this is one of the questions  
23 I said to you, because this is called 'secure  
24 accommodation', but the doors were not locked, the front  
25 doors were not locked.

1 Q. Yes.

2 A. And I ran at every opportunity I had. No matter what  
3 that opportunity was, I would run away. We had our own  
4 uniforms. We had to make our own clothes, and it was  
5 uniforms.

6 Q. Right.

7 A. And we were -- I mean, we were spotted as soon as we  
8 left the premises because it was all the same.  
9 Everybody knew where we -- where I came from. So I ran  
10 away --

11 Q. Because of the uniforms?

12 A. Because of the uniforms, yeah. So I ran away at every  
13 opportunity. I don't think I ever got very far before  
14 I was taken back by the police.

15 Q. Can I just ask you: why were you running away?

16 A. Because I wanted to go home.

17 Q. To your dad?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. That was the only reason I was running. I wasn't  
21 running away because I was frightened or scared, or  
22 anything. I mean, in the process I became a bit like  
23 that, but I ran away because I wanted to go home to my  
24 dad.

25 Q. Well, if I can just ask you about what you said there:

1           because of what happened to you in care you became a bit  
2           like that --

3   A.   Oh, I became.

4   Q.   -- you became a bit scared and --

5   A.   Yes, when I think about it, I was -- if I knew me now,  
6           that little girl now, if I was sitting here beside her,  
7           I would say she was a cheeky little girl from the east  
8           end of Glasgow getting on with life, stealing coal and  
9           a pack of sausages here and there, things to feed the  
10          family, not for her own real benefit.

11                 But the person I became was like a little wild  
12           child, fighting and struggling, and everything -- every  
13           opportunity that I had to get away from somewhere, and  
14           every time I would go back home, and it was -- it kind  
15           of didn't dawn on me that everybody knew that I would go  
16           back home, therefore I was easily brought back. But  
17           that was just my whole focus -- was to go back home.

18   Q.   Sure. If I can just follow up on that, 'Rizzo', the  
19           picture that you paint in your statement, not just from  
20           Balgay, but other places that you have been to, is  
21           really that you become really quite unsettled and quite  
22           distressed; would that be a fair way of putting it?

23   A.   As an adult it is a fair way of putting it.

24   Q.   Oh right, okay.

25   A.   As a young person, I think I just became a problem for

1 other people.

2 Q. How were you --

3 A. A problem because I felt --

4 Q. -- in yourself, though?

5 A. Because I ran away I was then brought back and ended up

6 in situations where I was having to fight, physically

7 fight, other people.

8 Q. Mm-hm.

9 A. And I became that person who was known as unruly.

10 Q. Yes. And looking back now, as an adult; what would have

11 helped you then, do you think?

12 A. If I had gone back home. That's all I needed to do, was

13 go back home. And when I got my file, the letter

14 from -- SNR [REDACTED] was GIS [REDACTED] at Balgay, the

15 letter -- my file from Balgay consists of two pieces of

16 paper, and that was a letter from GIS [REDACTED], saying that they

17 couldn't manage my behaviours, which was uncontrollable,

18 and he recommended that I go home to my dad.

19 Q. Mm-hm.

20 A. And that was his full recommendation: that I go nowhere

21 but home to my dad.

22 Q. All right. And I can assure you that we have seen

23 a copy of that letter, and we have that.

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. So you are running away, and I think at least on some

1 occasions you were brought back by the police; is that  
2 right?

3 A. On most occasions in Dundee I was brought back by the  
4 police.

5 Q. And did they --

6 A. The local community, people in the local community knew  
7 where I came from because of my uniform. And it wasn't  
8 until I got older that thought: I think they thought we  
9 were dangerous, so, therefore, it wasn't like -- just --  
10 let's just say, for example, I ran away from Beechwood,  
11 and I seemed to be in a distressed state, a lady or  
12 a gentleman might come up and say, 'Are you okay, hen?  
13 Do you need anything?'. It wasn't like that in Dundee.  
14 It was like the general public were afraid when they  
15 seen the uniform, so, therefore, if the police weren't  
16 around they were probably called, or someone said  
17 something.

18 Q. Okay. Did the police ever ask you why you were running  
19 away?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Okay. They just brought you back?

22 A. Just took me back, yes.

23 Q. You tell us in your statement -- I am looking at  
24 page 13, but we don't need to go there right now -- when  
25 you were taken back, 'They punished me'.

1 A. It was the same routine process. I would -- through the  
2 front door, the police would take me through the front,  
3 big doors, through the front door, and to the right was  
4 the office, SNR [REDACTED]. Ms MSM [REDACTED] who  
5 was the cook, would be called, she would sit on me, as  
6 would other staff -- would hold me down and then they  
7 would take me to the cooler.

8 Q. Just to get a bit more detail about that, 'Rizzo'. You  
9 said that when you came back you would be in the door  
10 and you said the cook would sit on you.

11 A. She would sit on me, yeah.

12 Q. Was anything else going on as well as that? Were there  
13 other people involved in --

14 A. There were other staff members involved, yes.

15 Q. Oh, right.

16 A. But she was the main one in my memory, because she was  
17 so huge and I couldn't breathe when she sat on me. It  
18 was to restrain me.

19 Q. Did other staff intervene first, and then the cook would  
20 sit on you; is that how it worked?

21 A. She -- I think SNR [REDACTED] must have instigated --  
22 there must have been a process. He must have instigated  
23 it, because she would only come to the office if need  
24 be.

25 Q. Right.

1 A. She was the cook.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. So he must have instigated that. And then I was  
4 a fighter, too. I would not just let somebody sit on me  
5 regardless. So, basically, I was probably kicking off  
6 and knew what was coming.

7 Q. Okay. I think you said you thought Mr GIS might have  
8 been one of the people that helped restrain you?

9 A. I think if he was the gentleman -- if Mr GIS had  
10 a finger missing, it was him.

11 Q. All right. Were there other staff involved in that  
12 process?

13 A. There was, yes.

14 Q. All right. How many would be involved in restraining  
15 you?

16 A. I would say sometimes there was 4 or 5.

17 Q. 4 or 5?

18 A. Because I had to literally be carried. And the  
19 seclusion room was down the whole school corridor, down  
20 and outside. So it wasn't like just next door, so I had  
21 to be physically carried.

22 Q. Right. And did staff put you to the ground, first of  
23 all, so you could be carried?

24 A. Yes, yes.

25 Q. How did they do that?



1 A. I can't say how they did that. I can only go by  
2 memories of how it has been done before. So I am not  
3 thinking -- I just knew I always ended up on the ground.  
4 Q. Right.  
5 A. As I got older, in other institutions, I knew exactly  
6 how it was done.  
7 Q. Okay. But at the time --  
8 A. But at the time it was just all -- thing, yes.  
9 Q. Okay. Did anyone ever say anything to you before this  
10 happened? I mean, you were brought back to the school,  
11 you go to the office; did anyone try to speak to you  
12 before they restrained you and took you to the cooler?  
13 A. No. I have a recollection of SNR [REDACTED] basically,  
14 as I says to you, reading me the riot act and telling me  
15 I wasn't to behave like that in his school.  
16 Q. Okay.  
17 A. But I don't remember anyone coming up and  
18 saying: listen ...  
19 I was about to say my name there.  
20 I don't remember anyone coming up and  
21 saying: listen, if you are going to behave like this,  
22 this is what is going to happen to you. I don't  
23 remember any form of communication or even negotiation  
24 with me.  
25 Q. All right, that's really what I was getting at; no one

1           tried to reason with you?

2   A.   There was no -- there was no: come on, let's sit down  
3           and work this one and out and see what's happening.

4   Q.   Okay.

5   A.   I think it was very clear I wanted to go home. I told  
6           everybody, and I wasn't shy in telling people: I want to  
7           go home to my dad.

8           And I would scream, 'I want to be with my dad'.

9   Q.   So you were taken to the cooler on these occasions?

10  A.   Yes.

11  Q.   And you tell us you sometimes spent quite long periods  
12           in there?

13  A.   I spent days and days. I don't know. There was no  
14           window in the cooler. All I knew was that ...

15           I'm okay, I'm okay.

16  Q.   Take your time, there is no rush.

17  A.   Yeah. I remember, as I have said -- the only thing that  
18           I could do was sleep and count the bricks in the room,  
19           and divide them, and split them and quarter them, and  
20           name them. And that's the only thing I could do to keep  
21           myself sane, was to do that. And I wasn't aware of what  
22           was happening. I was aware I was in an isolation room,  
23           but I wasn't aware of what was happening to me,  
24           mentally. But I just knew that I had to do something to  
25           keep myself ...

1           I don't know. I just know that sometimes I would  
2           pray, pray really hard, and I wasn't a religious person.  
3           But I did, in my childhood, believe that there was  
4           something such as a God, so I would pray not to wake up.  
5           And ... and the only thing I could do in that room was  
6           count the bricks, and notice the bricks, and notice  
7           little faults in the bricks, and go back to noticing the  
8           little faults, and I can see the room.

9    Q. Did anyone come --

10   A. No.

11   Q. Sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt. Did anyone come to  
12       speak to you?

13   A. No, I was brought food.

14   Q. Right. Did the person that brought you food speak to  
15       you at all --

16   A. No.

17   Q. -- or was the food just left?

18   A. The food was just left.

19   Q. Okay. Was there anything -- I think I know the answer  
20       to this, but was there anything else to do?

21   A. No.

22   Q. Did they provide any books or comics, or anything like  
23       that?

24   A. There was a toilet. But I couldn't even flush that, the  
25       flusher was outside.

1 Q. The toilet had to be flushed from the outside?

2 A. There was nothing to do. I couldn't even play at  
3 flushing the toilet. The flushing button was outside.

4 Q. Okay. Was the light left on all the time?

5 A. The light was on all the time.

6 Q. Okay. When you eventually got out on these occasions;  
7 did you have a sense of how long had been in? Did any  
8 of the girls tell you --

9 A. No.

10 Q. -- how long you had been in the cooler?

11 A. No, when I got out, the first opportunity I had I would  
12 run.

13 Q. And would the cycle then repeat itself?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. I just want to ask you briefly -- and this is moving  
16 away from the issue of being in the cooler and being  
17 restrained -- actually, before I do leave it, I just  
18 want to ask you this -- and I should have asked you it  
19 before: when you were restrained, when you were put to  
20 the ground and the cook would sit on you; did you get  
21 injured?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Were you injured when this happened?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What happened to you?

1 A. I got -- my body ached. I got bruises. As I said to  
2 you, one of the bruises was the handprint of the  
3 gentleman with the finger missing, to the extent it kind  
4 of amused me, in a sense, because you could see his  
5 whole handprint on me and you could see it for a while,  
6 with the finger missing.

7 Q. So this is pretty forceful action they are taking?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. Just moving on, then, to a slightly different  
10 topic, 'Rizzo'. You talk a little bit about school.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Although I think you are saying, really, there wasn't  
13 much school.

14 A. There wasn't. I didn't have any education in any of the  
15 places that I went to.

16 Q. Can you just tell us about how it was done at Balgay?  
17 What was provided --

18 A. I have no idea.

19 Q. -- if anything?

20 A. I don't remember any of -- I don't remember any of the  
21 girls saying that they went to school. But I didn't go  
22 to school and I didn't -- but then maybe that was  
23 because of the way I behaved and the whole vicious  
24 circle of me running away and coming back.

25 And so there might have been a school there, but

1 I didn't -- I remember having to make my own uniform,  
2 and it was like a huge classroom with sewing machines.

3 Q. Mm-hm.

4 A. I remember that. I remember we had to clean the hall,  
5 everywhere. Cleaning was a big thing. I remember there  
6 was one of the staff, teachers or staff, who -- she was  
7 blind. She was a female. She was blind, and she used  
8 to -- she was in charge of the cleaning with us. She  
9 was very nice. She was a very nice lady. There was  
10 nothing angry or horrible about her. She was just very,  
11 very nice. But we used to have to clean everywhere and  
12 she knew when we hadn't done it, yeah.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. And, yeah. So I remember that. And I kind of remember  
15 that with a bit of fondness. I think it was because she  
16 was nice.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. And it was funny that she knew when we hadn't cleaned  
19 somewhere.

20 Q. I think you say in the statement you thought that she  
21 could smell the dirt; is that right?

22 A. Yeah, yeah.

23 Q. Can I just ask you: how was she nice? How did she show  
24 to you that she was nice?

25 A. She was just like, 'Come on, you girls', she was very

1 respectful. There was nothing nasty about her at all.  
2 It was almost as if she was on the same level as the  
3 rest of us.

4 Q. She treated you like equals, like people?

5 A. Yeah, yeah.

6 Q. Okay. I think you then say -- this is page 15 of your  
7 statement now -- that Balgay obviously decided that they  
8 couldn't cope with you?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. That's what you tell us. Of course, you have talked  
11 about the letter that Mr GIS wrote.

12 A. In the letter, he wrote that I was fighting with other  
13 girls, which was not the case, because I never got the  
14 opportunity. But I guess that, in a sense, I can  
15 understand that he was probably finding a reason to not  
16 have me around anymore. Because I am sure that even --  
17 they wouldn't say that they had to keep putting me into  
18 the isolation room, so it was a way of saying -- but, in  
19 his letter, he did recommend that I go home to my dad.

20 Q. Mm-hm.

21 A. So he knew -- deep down he knew that was the root cause  
22 of whatever behaviours I was showing.

23 Q. So, whatever the reason for his writing that letter, you  
24 would say that was the right thing -- would have been  
25 the right thing to do?

1 A. I would say that was very insightful of him, yes.

2 Q. At all events, you move away from Balgay. You are back  
3 at Beechwood, I think, again, for a bit, and I think,  
4 again, you say that you were medicated against your  
5 will; is that right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You are then sent from Beechwood, this time to  
8 Langlands Park. Again, I am not going to ask you  
9 anything in detail about that, but I think it is fair to  
10 say that, again, you had a pretty unpleasant time at  
11 Langlands Park?

12 A. I had a terrible time at Langlands Park. SNR  
13 SNR, Mr MSH, was ... I can only say sadistic.  
14 I didn't experience it as badly as the others  
15 because I was such a fighter, and I was running away  
16 constantly. But I seen -- I seen what he did to others.

17 Q. And I think you tell us that he assaulted, physically  
18 assaulted you, and --

19 A. He assaulted me. He assaulted -- when I went -- when  
20 I was taken there, there was another girl there who was  
21 a friend of mine from [REDACTED], lived in the same  
22 street. I didn't know she was there.

23 He assaulted her, and I then came and pulled him off  
24 and started fighting him to get him off her. And then  
25 he assaulted me.



1           It was just a terrible time.

2           The thing that I talk about sometimes is he had  
3 a labrador. It's these little things that stick in my  
4 head. The man was vile and violent and aggressive and  
5 slimy, and everything you can think about.

6           And I remember saying in my statement, my partner  
7 had passed away unexpectedly. And it was -- I couldn't  
8 remember the smell of my partner, but I could remember  
9 the smell of him, even to this day, and that disgusted  
10 me. But he had a labrador, and the labrador would sit  
11 in the corridor by his office. And while he was doing  
12 all this, the labrador just sat there. And that kind  
13 of ...

14           That is hurtful, because that dog -- as well as  
15 us -- was so used to his behaviours. And for  
16 a labrador -- labradors are like big lumpy puppy things.  
17 For a labrador to just sit and not respond to that level  
18 of violence, it makes me imagine that it went beyond the  
19 institution and was probably in his own home, too, for  
20 that labrador just to sit there. But, yeah, yeah.

21 Q. You tell us in your statement that you fought back.

22 A. I fought back. I fought him. I fought him like a wild  
23 animal. I kicked him. I pushed him. I pulled his  
24 hair. I did everything. I fought back.

25           And it wasn't -- I think I also said it wasn't until

1 I got older -- because I remember the smell and  
2 I remember his spit and I remember everything about him,  
3 the slime -- that I thought it was sexually motivated.  
4 I didn't know at the time, because I wasn't aware or  
5 advanced. But, in my head, I think he was sexually  
6 motivated and he enjoyed the fight.

7 Q. I think that comes across very strongly in your  
8 statement, 'Rizzo', so thank you for that.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And I think, again, you tell us that you ran away from  
11 Langlands Park?

12 A. I ran away from Langlands Park every day.

13 Q. Again, the police were bringing you back. Again, did  
14 they ask you why you were running away?

15 A. One of the times I told them what he did.

16 Q. All right.

17 A. And they didn't believe me. Or they didn't want to  
18 believe me.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. Because I am sure other girls must have said. I can't  
21 be -- I spoke about him, I spoke about what he did to my  
22 friend. I spoke about how he racially abused my friend,  
23 I spoke about how he -- I spoke about all -- I wasn't --  
24 I didn't hold back. When I had issues like this,  
25 I would tell people about it.

1 Q. And what did the police say to you, if anything?  
2 A. They didn't believe me.  
3 Q. Did they say, 'We don't believe you'?  
4 A. Because I was there for a reason.  
5 Q. You were a bad girl, so --  
6 A. I was a bad girl, yes.  
7 Q. -- you weren't to be believed?  
8 A. No.  
9 Q. I think you were only at Langlands Park for a matter of  
10 months, a few months?  
11 A. I wasn't -- I thought I was only there for a matter of  
12 days, but I think in my records it was a couple of  
13 months or something. I wasn't there long.  
14 Q. Yes, that's certainly what records suggest.  
15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. So then you are back to Beechwood, you tell us, and then  
17 to a school in England?  
18 A. Yes, Aycliffe.  
19 Q. Aycliffe School. Again, I am not going to ask you about  
20 that, really, apart from anything else, it is not within  
21 our remit in this Inquiry.  
22 A. No.

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13 Q. So you leave Aycliffe, and I think this is 1976 by this  
14 time, is that right, when you leave Aycliffe? Is that  
15 right?

16 A. 15. About 15, yeah.

17 Q. So about 1976. You were, for a while, at another  
18 assessment centre in Glasgow, not Beechwood this time?

19 A. Roberton.

20 Q. Roberton.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And again, I am not going to ask you really very much  
23 about that at all, because it is not one of the  
24 establishments that we are looking at --

25 A. Okay.

1 Q. -- in this study. Secondary Institutions - to be published later  
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3 A.  
4 Q.  
5 A.  
6 Q. After Roberton, I think you lived with your mum again  
7 for a while back in the community; is that right?  
8 A. Well, I was given a choice to go and live with her or to  
9 go to prison. It was my choice. I didn't know her very  
10 well. I didn't want to be with her, but it was the best  
11 of the options that I was given.  
12 Q. Who gave you those options?  
13 A. The social worker.  
14 Q. The social worker?  
15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. Was there a Children's Panel at all? Did you go back to  
17 the Children's Panel or was it just the social worker?  
18 A. I can't remember going back to the Children's Panel; it  
19 was just the social worker.  
20 Q. And somebody sat you down and said: this is it?  
21 A. 'This is it', yes.  
22 Q. And so you chose to go and live with your mum for a bit?  
23 A. Mm-hm.  
24 Q. I think you had a short spell in Cornton Vale; is that  
25 right?

1 A. I did, yes.

2 Q. And I think you tell us that on the whole that wasn't  
3 such a bad experience?

4 A. I don't think there was anyone who worked at Cornton  
5 Vale who was not supportive and friendly.

6 Q. All right. You do tell us --

7 A. I think it was different for me because I know I was  
8 told I had to be detained in the remand area, because  
9 I was a young person and I couldn't mix with the other  
10 prisoners.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Because they were adults.

13 Q. Right.

14 A. But ...

15 Q. What did that mean in practice?

16 A. It meant I was locked up about 23 hours a day and I had  
17 one hour out, away, on my own.

18 Q. Was this in a cell on your own?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. Were there other young people in the remand unit  
21 at the time?

22 A. I didn't come across other young people.

23 Q. Oh, right.

24 A. It was not a young offenders, I don't believe. I think  
25 it was a female prison and I had ended up in there, yes.



1 Q. Mm-hm. I mean, you tell us in your statement -- this is  
2 page 27 -- you tell us that you were used to being in  
3 isolation by that stage, really, but --

4 A. But the isolation there was a nicer room, and it was  
5 a different culture, and it was different. It wasn't  
6 like being forced in there all the time. So the  
7 experience was completely different.

8 Q. All right.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Did staff come and speak to you, and have some  
11 interaction?

12 A. Yes, yes, yes.

13 Q. All right.

14 So then we come to your life, really, after care.  
15 You tell us that when you were 16 you managed to get  
16 digs. By now --

17 A. I moved away from Scotland. I felt I had to move away  
18 from Scotland, otherwise I would end up in prison.

19 Q. Right, it was a deliberate choice to --

20 A. I felt the authorities were there to just grab me at any  
21 point.

22 Q. Oh, right. So a deliberate choice to move away --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- from Scotland and the Scottish system, I suppose.  
25 You tell us you worked at a number of jobs, and then

1           went to a Polytechnic and got some qualifications?

2   A.   O Levels, yes.

3   Q.   You said it was hard work, but you passed them?

4   A.   It was hard work. I hadn't realised at the time,  
5           because to do O Levels it is a build up of knowledge,  
6           and I hadn't had that knowledge. So I was thinking  
7           I could go and do these, yeah, but it was knowledge that  
8           was gained over a number of years. So, yes, it was  
9           difficult, but I did it.

10  Q.   You told us that you had missed an awful lot of  
11           education when you were in the system?

12  A.   Yeah, yeah.

13  Q.   So this must have been a real task for you?

14  A.   It was.

15  Q.   And you got through it?

16  A.   Yeah.

17  Q.   That's a real achievement.

18  A.   Yes.

19  Q.   So you tell us -- page 28 now -- that you ended up  
20           working in a home for the elderly as a care assistant,  
21           and you did a certificate in social care; that you  
22           worked in an adolescent unit, but you say that that felt  
23           like a mistake at the time?

24  A.   It was a mistake.

25  Q.   Why do you feel that?

1 A. Because my thinking was -- I think my thinking was --  
2 although I don't know if I ever actually voiced this --  
3 that I could do better than the people who looked after  
4 me. And I think, psychologically, I was kind of  
5 seeing -- it was a mistake because I think that I was  
6 seeing -- I was feeling the feelings that I felt, and  
7 I was -- it just wasn't -- I wouldn't have been doing  
8 the young people any good either, because I kind of was  
9 on the defensive, on their side, yeah. So it just felt  
10 like reliving some stuff for me.

11 Q. Yeah, it was too --

12 A. Although in my head I thought I would be really good at  
13 it.

14 Q. But it was too close to home, perhaps?

15 A. Yes, it was too close to home, yeah.

16 Q. I think you tell us then that you went to work in  
17 a family centre in Kingston. Again, you didn't think  
18 that was --

19 A. I thought -- I was excited about that, because it was  
20 a new venture, apparently, by Kingston Council.

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. And the idea was to bring families into a care system,  
23 into an environment, and work with the whole families.  
24 That's what I thought. That's what I was told the post  
25 was all about, as a residential support worker.

1           But, in actual fact, when I got there it was  
2           separating families and not bringing families together.  
3           So, even though they had the mothers -- it was mainly  
4           mothers -- under the roof with the children, they were  
5           highly critical of the parent, and it was just almost  
6           like getting -- gathering information to go against the  
7           parent.

8   Q.   Yeah.

9   A.   So, yes, it wasn't what I was led to believe it was.

10  Q.   You tell us you trained as a counsellor.  But,  
11       ultimately, you came to work in adult social care?

12  A.   Yes.

13  Q.   And I think you are still doing that; is that right?

14  A.   I am a social worker in adult social care, yes.

15  Q.   Okay.  And that was working -- I think you tell us for  
16       a while you worked in forensic mental health; is that  
17       right?

18  A.   Yes, I did.  When I first qualified as a social  
19       worker -- my placements as a social worker -- when  
20       I trained as a social worker you could choose your final  
21       year as your specialism, and I chose mental health, and  
22       my placements were in mental health institutions.

23           And then I went into a voluntary organisation that  
24       provided supported housing and services for people with  
25       forensic backgrounds who had gone through mental health

1 services, rather than criminal justice services. So,  
2 yes, that's what I did.

3 Q. Right. You then tell us -- page 29 -- quite a lot about  
4 the impact, or impacts, that you feel that your time in  
5 the care system had on you; perhaps you could just tell  
6 us, in your words, a bit about that?

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. How you feel about that.

9 A. It is not -- I am very aware and knowledgeable about  
10 certain things, but some things to do with myself I am  
11 not.

12 But I am kind of -- I know that I have -- people use  
13 terminology, but it is like post-traumatic stress. I am  
14 very aware and very alert. I see risks and danger  
15 everywhere I go. I am always looking for my exit.  
16 Always that run away, that exit. Always looking for  
17 an exit, even when I just toddle into Tesco's to get  
18 myself some milk and bread, my head automatically goes  
19 to a crisis point and having to find an exit.

20 In terms of -- I think I said this, when I was  
21 young, when I was at my primary school, I was good at  
22 maths. I was always getting silver and gold stars, and  
23 it wasn't maths; it was arithmetic, it was just adding.  
24 But because of my experiences in Balgay and counting all  
25 the bricks and seeing all the cracks and dividing them,

1 and minusing them and anything else, my brain  
2 automatically, when I am under stress, has massive  
3 issues with numbers and all that. So there has been  
4 an impact -- there's basically been an impact on my  
5 psyche, so to speak.

6 Q. Yes, you tell us in your statement --

7 A. I am not the person -- I sometimes wonder who I might  
8 have been. I don't think I -- I would have liked to  
9 have met the person that I might have been had I not  
10 have gone through this, because I am a complex person.

11 Q. All the same, you have done incredibly well, given what  
12 you went through in the care system, 'Rizzo'.

13 A. I have had people who have helped me along the way, some  
14 good people, and I think that -- that's why I would have  
15 liked to have known who I might have been, because  
16 I think I have a level of determination and tenacity,  
17 and I'm wondering if I had a more positive -- and I came  
18 from poverty and I don't know how my education would  
19 have been if I had gone from my primary school into my  
20 secondary school, or what have you, but I just feel as  
21 if it is very difficult living with this trauma and  
22 experience, and feeling it -- and having an impact, and  
23 I avoid -- I used to avoid applying for jobs where there  
24 was an aptitude test because I knew that as soon as  
25 someone put something in front of me that involved

1 numbers, I would just not cope at all.

2 Q. I think you say in the statement that that would make  
3 you panic, really.

4 A. Yeah, it makes me panic. And it is not the fact that  
5 I have a problem with numbers; it is the fact that it  
6 takes me back to all of that counting.

7 Q. In Balgay?

8 A. In Balgay.

9 Q. Yes. And you tell us that, really, you think about your  
10 time in care all the time, every day?

11 A. Every day it's there. It's not all -- sometimes I will  
12 just walk past somewhere and a smell will just bring it  
13 all back. Smells are the big thing. That's why I talk  
14 about MSH at Langlands Park, because I can still  
15 smell him. When I talk about him, I can still tell you  
16 what he smells like.

17 Q. It really sticks with you?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. 'Rizzo', you tell us in your statement -- and we have  
20 that -- a bit about reporting abuse in later life --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- and about attempts to get your records?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And I think you have now seen some of your records?

25 A. I have, yes.

1 Q. We have certainly seen some of those as well. There is  
2 a section later in your statement, at page 35, about  
3 lessons to be learned. I just wonder what you feel we  
4 can learn as an Inquiry from your experiences, and the  
5 experiences of young people like you, as you were.  
6 Going forward, what can we take from that to make things  
7 better in future?

8 A. Well, I initially formally made a complaint in 2001.  
9 And I sent my complaint, with great details, to Glasgow,  
10 Glasgow Council, at that time. And I thought that  
11 someone would pick up and do something.

12 And it is a shame because, in 2001, some of the  
13 people that I refer to would have still been alive and  
14 there might have been accountability for something. And  
15 I have been told that some of them are not alive  
16 anymore.

17 I think a learning is to hear what's being said and  
18 maybe act upon things, or even check them out. Because  
19 I was told -- I was told by Glasgow that because I had  
20 made allegations of abuse that they were going to report  
21 it to the police, and I was expecting to have some  
22 contact, but I didn't. And then I became pregnant, and  
23 my focus was my child.

24 Q. Sure. But the whole process seemed to take terribly  
25 long.



1 A. The whole process, yeah. I don't believe that Glasgow  
2 wanted to do anything about my complaints. And I wrote  
3 to Glasgow because they were in charge of everything  
4 that happened to me, so to speak, of placing me where  
5 they placed me. I think having inquiries or having  
6 these type of venues and open discussions is always  
7 going to be a learning process for everyone. And I just  
8 don't think that there will ever be a time from now on  
9 where there will be an inquiry about child abuse.  
10 I don't think that will happen. I think there is too  
11 much knowledge. I am just hoping that there is never  
12 going to be an inquiry about adult abuse.

13 But I think where you are looking at child abuse, it  
14 is about learned for every age group as well. It is  
15 about treating people with dignity and respect.

16 And, yeah, I don't know if I am making any sense  
17 now.

18 Q. No, absolutely. And I think you also make the point in  
19 your statement that, you know, we can look back now and  
20 look at conduct which we might say is abusive, or was  
21 abusive, but you make the point in your statement that  
22 in the '70s, in the 1970s, when you were in care, that  
23 conduct was still abusive conduct?

24 A. It was abusive conduct. And the people who were working  
25 in that environment would have known about it.

1           Now, when I got my recent care files, a lot of  
2 information had been blanked out, which hadn't been  
3 blanked out when I got the first lot. And a covering  
4 letter -- so when I got mine, I would say -- was it  
5 four years ago? Some of them four years ago -- the  
6 covering letter from the social worker, or whoever had  
7 gone through that, had said to me, 'Just be aware that  
8 the language is of the time and the information is of  
9 the time'. I think that comment in itself, in the  
10 covering letter, is indicative of how they think: well,  
11 that's okay because it was back then.

12           But, back then, when you look at legislation and  
13 child care and what was going on, people knew it was in  
14 the best interests of young people to treat them with  
15 respect and dignity. And people knew -- like SNR  
16 SNR of Balgay, I could tell by his letter that he  
17 omitted -- the omission of 'We spent days ...' putting  
18 me in isolation, that was all omitted because he knew  
19 that shouldn't be done. So they knew they were doing  
20 wrong. They knew they were doing wrong by leaving me in  
21 there for days. They knew they were doing wrong by --  
22 I sometimes wondered -- I don't think I got -- when  
23 I was in the cooler, I don't think I got three meals  
24 a day. I think I might have got one meal a day. And  
25 when I was a bit older and thought about it, I used to

1 think: I wonder if they had forgotten I was there or if  
2 it was just a sadistic way of just punishing me even  
3 more.

4 But I suspect they had forgotten I was there. So,  
5 when it was breakfast time, they were involved in all  
6 the -- whatever they were doing, so I didn't get  
7 breakfast. So I think it was a case of they had  
8 forgotten I was there and just, like, we have to feed  
9 her.

10 Q. But one member of staff at Balgay you did like and get  
11 on with was the teacher who you thought treated you as  
12 an equal, as a person?

13 A. Yes. And I think she must have been liked by all the  
14 girls.

15 MR SHELDON: 'Rizzo', thank you very much, I don't have any  
16 further questions for you.

17 A. Okay.

18 MR SHELDON: We are very grateful for your evidence.

19 LADY SMITH: 'Rizzo', can I add my thanks. We have kept you  
20 answering our questions for quite a while now, but it  
21 has really assisted me to understand more of what  
22 happened to you, in addition to what you have already  
23 given me in your written statement. It does, you are  
24 right, advance our learning.

25 Congratulations with all you have achieved --

1 A. Okay, thank you.

2 LADY SMITH: -- against a background of limited education  
3 and a very troubling time in your earlier life. I wish  
4 you well.

5 A. Thank you.

6 LADY SMITH: I am delighted to be able to let you go now.

7 A. Okay, thanks.

8 (The witness withdrew)

9 LADY SMITH: I am going to rise now for the lunch break, and  
10 I will sit again at 2.15. Thank you.

11 (1.15 pm)

12 (The luncheon adjournment)

13 (2.15 pm)

14 LADY SMITH: Good afternoon. Now we turn to the last  
15 witness in this chapter of this phase. I think the  
16 witness is ready; is that correct?

17 MS FORBES: Yes, my Lady, the witness is ready. He is to be  
18 known as 'Pierre', and I think he is a witness who would  
19 require to be warned.

20 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

21 (Pause)

22 Good afternoon.

23 A. Good afternoon.

24 LADY SMITH: Could we begin with you raising your right  
25 hand, please, and repeat after me.

1 'Pierre' (affirmed)

2 LADY SMITH: Do sit down and make yourself comfortable.

3 Can I begin by apologising for the slightly delayed  
4 start. It may have been explained to you, the previous  
5 witness took longer than we expected, so we weren't able  
6 to start again at 2.00. But we are ready now and I am  
7 glad to hear that you are ready, too.

8 A. Okay.

9 LADY SMITH: The red folder that's on your desk there has  
10 your statement in it. You may find it helpful to have  
11 it available if you want. We will also bring the  
12 statement up on the screen, the various parts that we  
13 would like to discuss with you this afternoon.

14 A. Okay.

15 LADY SMITH: But, otherwise, I hope you will let me know if  
16 there is anything I can do to assist you to make the  
17 whole experience of giving evidence in this public  
18 inquiry --

19 A. Yes, thank you.

20 LADY SMITH: -- as comfortable as possible --

21 A. Thank you.

22 LADY SMITH: -- from a stand point of, I guess, you would  
23 rather not be here at all. It is not a comfortable  
24 thing to be giving evidence --

25 A. No.

1 LADY SMITH: -- in public about matters that happened so  
2 long ago. So if you want a break, that's fine.

3 A. Yes, okay.

4 LADY SMITH: If you have any questions, do speak up, don't  
5 keep them to yourself.

6 Before I hand over to Ms Forbes, there is one thing  
7 that I want you to be absolutely clear about, and that  
8 is: I know you may be asked questions the answers to  
9 which could incriminate you, depending on how you  
10 answer.

11 A. Mm-hm.

12 LADY SMITH: Although this is not a court, it's a public  
13 inquiry, it is not a place where civil or criminal  
14 liability is established, there is of course  
15 a transcript being made of your evidence.

16 A. Yes.

17 LADY SMITH: And that will be publicly available later --

18 A. Mm-hm.

19 LADY SMITH: -- and could be relied on if anybody wanted to  
20 do so. So just as in a court you would have the right  
21 to decline to answer any questions --

22 A. Yes.

23 LADY SMITH: -- that could be incriminating, you have that  
24 right here, in just the same way.

25 A. Okay.

1 LADY SMITH: But, of course, equally, if you do answer any  
2 such question you must answer it completely, because  
3 otherwise that wouldn't be true to your promise to tell  
4 the whole truth --

5 A. Yes.

6 LADY SMITH: -- and nothing but the truth, but I am sure you  
7 understand that.

8 If you have any doubt as to whether we are asking  
9 you any such questions at any time, just say, and we  
10 will confirm one way or the other; all right?

11 A. Yes, thank you.

12 LADY SMITH: If you are ready, I will hand to Ms Forbes and  
13 she will take it from there.

14 A. Thank you.

15 LADY SMITH: Ms Forbes.

16 Questions by Ms Forbes

17 MS FORBES: Good afternoon, 'Pierre', the statement you have  
18 in the folder in front of you is the statement you gave  
19 to the Inquiry. If you could open the folder and turn  
20 to the last page, which is page 17 --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- on page 17, there is a final paragraph there, which  
23 is paragraph 70, and it says:

24 'I have no objection to my witness statement being  
25 published as part of the evidence to the Inquiry.

1 I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are  
2 true.'

3 Then you have signed that, and it is dated, I think,  
4 4 December 2023?

5 A. Yes, that's correct.

6 Q. Is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. That's the position?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. If you just want to go back to the beginning of your  
11 statement, 'Pierre', now there is a reference number  
12 that we have given this statement for our records, and  
13 I am just going to read that out. It is  
14 WIT-1-000001358. That's not something for you to worry  
15 about.

16 'Pierre', I am now going to ask you some questions  
17 about your background and qualifications.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. I think you were born in 1939; is that right?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. You then went into higher education and on to  
22 university. I think you tell us in the first few  
23 paragraphs of your statement that you obtained a Master  
24 of Arts Honours Degree in Psychology; is that right?

25 A. That's correct.



1 Q. A Diploma in Education, and a further Diploma in  
2 Educational Psychology?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. You were an associate fellow of the British  
5 Psychological Society?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And you were also a chartered clinical psychologist, and  
8 a chartered forensic psychologist, and you were  
9 registered with the professional body, which was the  
10 British Psychological Society, and also with the Health  
11 and Care Professions Council?

12 A. Well, I was that, but I am not now.

13 Q. Yes. You tell us a little bit more about your career,  
14 'Pierre'. I think you say, at paragraph 3, that between  
15 1963 and 1965 you started off as a teacher [REDACTED]  
16 [REDACTED] at a high school; is that right?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. And then you qualified as an educational psychologist,  
19 and you started with Glasgow Educational Services in  
20 1965?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And between 1969 until 1983, you were head of  
23 psychological services [REDACTED], in  
24 Glasgow?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. I think you tell us that at that time there was  
2 a commitment to the Scottish Prison Service at Polmont  
3 Young Offenders Institution and Glenochil Young  
4 Offenders Institution, in addition to helping the  
5 Barlinnie Special Unit, as it was called?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. 'Pierre', you go on to say in 1983 you were appointed as  
8 [REDACTED] and, subsequently,  
9 you were [REDACTED] at  
10 Carstairs State Hospital?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. I think you say also, 'Pierre', that you ran some  
13 national forensic training courses in conjunction with  
14 universities at Carstairs?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you held some honorary positions as senior lecturer  
17 at Glasgow University, and an honorary fellow at  
18 Edinburgh University --

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. -- during that period. Think I you tell us you  
21 remained doing those things until 1993, when you retired  
22 to set up a private forensic psychology consultancy?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. I think you also say that at that time, between 1993 and  
25 1996, you were also employed as a consultant clinical

1           psychologist by Lanarkshire Healthcare Trust?

2    A.   Yes.

3    Q.   Were you doing that in conjunction with your private

4           consultancy?

5    A.   Yes.

6    Q.   That employment with the NHS was providing a service

7           within NHS departments and with the Scottish Prison

8           Service, providing a forensic service to Shotts Prison,

9           Low Moss Prison and Polmont Young Offenders Institution?

10   A.   Yes.

11   Q.   Okay.  You also tell us, 'Pierre', that you were

12           employed, between 1996 and 1999, by the Scottish Prison

13           Service, and you were the lead specialist working with

14           and developing services for difficult, violent

15           prisoners?

16   A.   Yes.

17   Q.   Then, after that, between 1999 and 2006, you continued

18           to be employed as a consultant clinical psychologist

19           with Lanarkshire Primary Care Trust, alongside providing

20           forensic psychology services to the courts and lawyers?

21   A.   Yes.

22   Q.   And this was carrying out both criminal and civil work

23           at that time?

24   A.   Yes.

25   Q.   And then you tell us that you stopped doing that work in

1           2006, but then subsequently undertook some medico-legal  
2           work for the Keil Centre in Edinburgh, on an associate  
3           basis, from 2006 to November 2018?

4   A.   Yes, that's correct.

5   Q.   Did you then have some medical issues in relation to  
6           your hip? You tell us that was a reason why you were  
7           unable to drive and you decided to stop work at that  
8           time.

9   A.   Yes, it was a hip replacement, which became quite sore.

10  Q.   Okay. And the current situation is you are fully  
11           retired and not involved in any employment?

12  A.   No.

13  Q.   I think you also have a wife, who depends upon you to  
14           care for her as well; is that right?

15  A.   Yes. That's right, yes. She had a stroke ten -- about  
16           12 months ago.

17  Q.   So she had a stroke and, since then, you have been her  
18           primary carer?

19  A.   Yes.

20  LADY SMITH: 'Pierre', could I ask you to get a little  
21           closer to the microphone. Sometimes I am losing hearing  
22           you. Maybe we can get the microphone a little bit  
23           closer, and then that will make it easier for you.

24  A.   Sorry.

25  LADY SMITH: Oh, it's nothing to apologise about. That will

1           probably work better in that position. Thank you.

2 MS FORBES: 'Pierre', I particularly want to ask about your  
3           time working [REDACTED] in Glasgow, so  
4           I am going to move on now to that.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. I think you say in your statement you were working [REDACTED]  
7           [REDACTED], and we have gone over the time  
8           period, that was between 1969 and 1983; is that right?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And you say that was a [REDACTED] adolescent unit?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And it was serving the West Coast of Scotland, so it  
13           wasn't just the City of Glasgow?

14 A. No.

15 Q. I think you describe that there had been a core group of  
16           psychiatrists, psychologists, teachers and social  
17           workers, as well occupational therapists?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. I think you tell us about the consultant psychiatrist  
20           who was in overall charge of the clinical team. Below  
21           her there were three other psychiatrists; is that right?

22 A. Yes, mm-hm.

23 Q. I think you say that because it was an NHS centre, the  
24           psychiatrist would be considered above you in the  
25           hierarchy?

1 A. Yes, mm-hm.

2 Q. But it was a multidisciplinary team working together,  
3 I think you said, evolving during that time; is that  
4 right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. But you had a role there as head of psychological  
7 services; is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. And you tell us that you then assessed and worked  
10 with clients in conjunction with your other colleagues,  
11 and also supervised the educational day centre?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. So [REDACTED] that adolescents would come to  
14 [REDACTED] Glasgow?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And that provided education during the day for those  
17 adolescents; is that right?

18 A. Yes, that's correct.

19 Q. Then you say that some of your role -- I think you say  
20 half of it -- was with the Scottish Prison Service  
21 working at Polmont, then eventually Glenochil, and  
22 Barlinnie Special Unit?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. I think you also tell us, just for completeness, about  
25 your time there; that you were a civil service assessor

1 in the appointment of prison governors at that time?

2 A. That's right.

3 Q. And then also involved in developing the services within

4 [REDACTED] itself; yes?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. So I just want to go on, then, 'Pierre', and talk

7 about what was going on [REDACTED],

8 then, whilst you were there.

9 You describe, at paragraph 13, that this was a sort  
10 of education department. In conjunction with the  
11 education department, there was a day unit established,  
12 and that was for children who were unable to cope in  
13 mainstream school?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And you said that there was -- nobody stayed over. It  
16 wasn't a residential unit. They would come during the  
17 day and then go away again, after the school day had  
18 finished?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. I think you said, actually, it would be half day, four  
21 days a week?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. There would be two teachers, and one of the two classes,  
24 and there would be an occupational therapist and  
25 a social worker?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. 'Pierre', you tell us that you would mostly be involved  
3 with this group of people who were dealing with the  
4 children?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And these teachers that worked with you were seconded  
7 from Glasgow Education Department?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. You tell us that the children who came on a daily basis,  
10 they came [REDACTED] on their own, without a social  
11 worker, a member of staff or their families?

12 A. Yes.

13 LADY SMITH: What was the age group?

14 A. The age group tended to be mainly 14, 15, 16. Although  
15 we had a 12-year old at one point, who was slightly  
16 naughtier than others.

17 LADY SMITH: Okay. So all secondary school age group --

18 A. All secondary school, nothing younger --

19 LADY SMITH: -- and generally the age group that was up  
20 a little bit in secondary school.

21 A. Mainly 15, 16. They were usually leaving at that time.  
22 But 14, 15 would be the main group.

23 LADY SMITH: I see. Thank you.

24 MS FORBES: So, if I understand, 'Pierre', it could be as  
25 young as maybe 12, but --



1 A. We had one of 12 because of their behaviour.

2 Q. Certainly not older than 16?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Was 16 the cut off?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. The line in the sand --

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. -- and that would be it, okay.

9 A. Mm-hm.

10 Q. You tell us that a lot of the children who came [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] had socialisation issues and problems fitting

12 into a normal mainstream class situation?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. I think you say that some children after they had been

15 to their class, their educational class, would come and

16 have a coffee and a chat with you?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And they might talk to you about things that were going

19 on in their families or things that were happening to

20 them?

21 A. They wouldn't come if we called it group therapy, but

22 they would come for a cup of coffee.

23 Q. So, if you called it something, they might not come?

24 A. Yes, that's right.

25 Q. Was this of their own free will or was this something

1           that was organised?

2   A.  No, no, it was their own free will.  Usually, they

3           usually asked to come and sit and talk.

4   Q.  Okay.  I think you also say, 'Pierre', that you would do

5           one-to-one therapy with children in quite a few

6           situations?

7   A.  Yes.

8   Q.  That, you say, would be normally with older children of

9           both sexes, male and female?

10  A.  Yes.

11  Q.  And I think you have said already that they would be 15

12           or 16 years of age, mostly?

13  A.  Yes.

14  Q.  I think you say that you would normally -- sometimes

15           have a trainee student, but usually it would just be you

16           and the child --

17  A.  Yes.

18  Q.  -- on your own together?

19  A.  Yes.

20  Q.  Would that be in your office [REDACTED]?

21  A.  It would be [REDACTED], in the office [REDACTED].

22  Q.  Okay.  You have said at other times it would be in

23           a group setting and there would be more than one child

24           there?

25  A.  Yes.

1 Q. You tell us the sessions could have lasted anything from  
2 a few minutes up to an hour or so?

3 A. Yes, depending on how much time we had.

4 Q. Would it ever be longer than an hour?

5 A. Oh, no, never.

6 Q. Do you remember ever having sessions that lasted for  
7 four hours?

8 A. No, no.

9 Q. You tell us in your statement, 'Pierre', that on  
10 occasion they would disclose abuse that was going on at  
11 home?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And that would be one-on-one to you?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. I think you point out that at that time there weren't  
16 any chaperone issues, and there wasn't a taboo, if I can  
17 put it that way, about you sitting and speaking to  
18 a child on your own?

19 A. No.

20 Q. 'Pierre', you go on to tell us about the referral  
21 process and how children would come to be [REDACTED].  
22 You say, from paragraph 16, that they would be referred  
23 there mostly by the social work department, but  
24 sometimes from the Children's Panel?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. So this would be a child's social worker referring them  
2 to you?

3 A. Mm-hm, yes.

4 Q. Did that happen frequently?

5 A. That frequently was the case.

6 Q. Okay. But sometimes the Children's Panel would also  
7 refer them to you?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Was that less frequently?

10 A. Well, they would refer to one of the professions.  
11 Probably refer to the psychiatrist or the social worker  
12 or myself, as a way in.

13 Q. Okay. So they would be referred [REDACTED] as  
14 a whole?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. Would [REDACTED] then decide what the child  
17 needed?

18 A. Yes, usually you would have a group meeting of the  
19 people working and looking at it, and deciding what you  
20 were wanting. But it was not just the one person who  
21 made the decision; it was usually the psychiatrist and  
22 the psychologist, the social worker and the OT that  
23 would maybe think: is it appropriate for this child?

24 Q. Okay. I think you also say that children came from both  
25 a situation where they would be living at home with

1           their parents --

2    A.   Mm-hm.

3    Q.   -- but also from residential care homes?

4    A.   Yes.

5    Q.   And would some of those care homes be secure units or

6           assessment centres?

7    A.   We had people from a range of children's homes and

8           different categories.  And we occasionally had one or

9           two boys who came from more secure accommodation, which

10           were needing to get socialised a bit more.

11   Q.   And if you had somebody from a more secure

12           accommodation; how would they come?

13           I think you explained that normally children would

14           just come on their own?

15   A.   That's right, mm-hm.

16   Q.   And was it any different for those children?

17   A.   There was no difference for those.  They had to be able

18           to come on their own.  If the care centre wanted them to

19           come, they would come on their own, because we didn't

20           have the facilities for, you know, people who couldn't

21           come on their own.

22   Q.   So, from the point of view of staffing, there wasn't

23           an opportunity to be able to escort people back and

24           forward to secure places; is that what you mean?

25   A.   No.  Mm-hm.

1 Q. Okay. But there were occasions when you would have  
2 people from more secure residential homes --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- or assessment centres?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. And those would be people who they thought they could  
7 trust to come on their own?

8 A. That's right.

9 Q. And I think you tell us -- and you have said this --  
10 that they would be between the ages of 14 to 16, and  
11 occasionally they would be maybe a younger one who would  
12 go to the children's education psychology departments?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Is that the younger, as in 12, or are you talking  
15 about --

16 A. That one was an unusual one.

17 Q. The 12-year old?

18 A. 12-year old, aye. Then she eventually went to  
19 a residential, where she was able to cope with that.

20 Q. Okay. And I think you have said this, 'Pierre', that  
21 when a referral was made there would be  
22 a multidisciplinary case conference involving all the  
23 different types of people working [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED] and then there would be a decision made if the  
25 unit was going to be useful --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- and if they could manage them, and what sort of  
3 services would be beneficial to them?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. And you tell us that the kind of children that  
6 were referred [REDACTED] usually were because of  
7 behavioural issues that they had at school?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Maybe difficulties at home?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Or just generally getting into bother?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. And the main thrust [REDACTED], from your point  
14 of view, was to give the children some sort of  
15 education?

16 A. Yes, mm-hm.

17 Q. And most of them were from the Glasgow area, but there  
18 were some that came from further afield?

19 A. Occasionally, mm-hm.

20 Q. You say, 'Pierre', that you mostly dealt with the  
21 children within the unit, but occasionally there were  
22 adults that were also referred [REDACTED] by the  
23 court?

24 A. Mm-hm, yes.

25 Q. And those were adult prisoners --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- coming back into the community?

3 A. Well, adult offenders coming back into the community,  
4 or ... yes, just for help.

5 Q. And with the length of time that children would attend,  
6 I think you say it was anything from a few months, but  
7 sometimes it could be longer?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And could it be that somebody would be coming to you as  
10 an adolescent for a number of years?

11 A. Well, I would think the longest anybody would come would  
12 be about two years.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. They may come as outpatients once they left school.

15 Q. I think you tell us that really just depended on the  
16 needs of the individual?

17 A. That's right.

18 Q. When you are talking about your case load; how many  
19 children would you see, generally, in a month, for  
20 example?

21 A. It was a question of balancing the work [REDACTED]  
22 and the work in the prisons, and it depended very much  
23 on certain things. And we would probably be -- the  
24 (indistinct) I would tend to say, would probably be  
25 fine. I only did about three sessions a week [REDACTED]



1 [REDACTED] so you couldn't see very many children during  
2 that time. So you tended to ration and spread across,  
3 usually four or six, eight in a week.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. Sometimes, not every week the same ones, but different  
6 ones, spread over a month.

7 Q. And when you are seeing these children; how often, for  
8 example, would one child or adolescent be coming [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED]? Would it be once a week, twice a week, or how  
10 often would you see them?

11 A. It would depend. Some wouldn't come in that regularly,  
12 but just enough to keep a check, to keep an eye on them.

13 In fact, one person used to keep in contact by  
14 phone, and then would come in if we felt it was  
15 necessary. So it varied according to the needs of the  
16 child.

17 Q. Okay. So it varied depending on what was required for  
18 that particular child?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And would it be the case that there were some children  
21 who needed to come and see you every week for a period  
22 of time?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And was it the case that they would ever have come more  
25 than once a week, or was that the most?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. I didn't have the time for that.

4 Q. Okay. And I think you say that whilst you were engaged  
5 with your employment [REDACTED] you were  
6 also working at Polmont, Glenochil and then Barlinnie,  
7 so there were only the two or three days a week you  
8 would actually be [REDACTED]?

9 A. That's right.

10 Q. And were those the same days each week or would it  
11 depend?

12 A. It would be the same every week, because Polmont tended  
13 to be a Tuesday, Glenochil tended to be a Thursday, and  
14 Barlinnie, as a special unit, was Friday afternoon.

15 Q. Okay. So that would be a Friday afternoon?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And was that -- do you remember the time period that you  
18 were involved with Barlinnie Special Unit on a Friday  
19 afternoon? Do you know when it started?

20 A. 1971.

21 Q. Okay. And --

22 A. And right on until I left.

23 LADY SMITH: Did I pick you up correctly; you said Barlinnie  
24 tended to be a Friday afternoon?

25 A. Yes.

1 LADY SMITH: Was it every Friday?  
2 A. Every Friday.  
3 LADY SMITH: Every single Friday?  
4 A. Every Friday.  
5 LADY SMITH: So it didn't just tend to be Fridays?  
6 A. I just left the Friday afternoon clear for Barlinnie  
7 Unit.  
8 LADY SMITH: Was it always the same time slot on a Friday  
9 afternoon.  
10 A. Sorry?  
11 LADY SMITH: Was it always the same time slot on a Friday  
12 afternoon?  
13 A. Well, I went in after lunch and stayed until it was time  
14 to go home.  
15 LADY SMITH: Okay. So that would depend on the workload on  
16 the particular day, would it?  
17 A. Mm-hm, yes.  
18 LADY SMITH: Thank you.  
19 MS FORBES: So was Polmont and Glenochil something that you  
20 were involved in first, and then subsequently Barlinnie  
21 Special Unit was something --  
22 A. Yes, originally my contract was with six sessions in the  
23 Prison Service and four clinical session and it was all  
24 at Polmont. Because then we split it with Glenochil  
25 when we started a service at Glenochil. And while that

1           was ongoing we started considering the idea of the  
2           Barlinnie Special Unit. And that was started, so they  
3           were all running parallel with each other.

4   Q. And you say Barlinnie was from 1971?

5   A. Yes.

6   Q. And were you involved in it from the start?

7   A. Right from the beginning, yes.

8   Q. Was it just you that would go there or was there anyone  
9           else on the team?

10  A. There was a psychiatrist, Peter Hawkmore, who was the  
11           psychiatrist responsible for the prison side of the  
12           services ██████████. And Peter would be there  
13           on other days of the week that I wasn't there.

14  Q. And was it always you that went on the Friday afternoon?

15  A. Yes, mm-hm.

16  Q. And how long did that continue for?

17  A. Until I left in 1983.

18  Q. Okay, so throughout that time?

19  A. I got discharged then.

20  Q. 1971 to 1983?

21  A. Yes.

22  Q. Okay. Now, you tell us, 'Pierre', that you were living  
23           somewhere in particular for a period of time whilst you  
24           were undertaking that work, and where was that?

25  A. In -- you mean in Polmont? I lived out in the area of

1 Stirlingshire.

2 Q. Okay. So you were living in the area of Polmont?

3 A. Mm-hm.

4 Q. And what timeframe did you live there?

5 A. Up until 1983.

6 Q. 1983?

7 A. I lived there from '69 to '83.

8 Q. And was there then a time that you moved to a different

9 place?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Where did you move to?

12 A. I moved to Biggar, because it was near the State

13 Hospital.

14 Q. So that was in 1983?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you say you moved there because it was near to the

17 State Hospital?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. That was at Carstairs?

20 A. Yes, mm-hm.

21 Q. And did that coincide with you taking up a position at

22 Carstairs?

23 A. Well, that's right, I got a patient in Carstairs and

24 I found a residency in Biggar.

25 Q. So this was the appointment [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- first of all, and then [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] at Carstairs?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And you say that was from 1983?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. When did you first have anywhere to stay in Biggar?

9 A. When I first -- contact with Biggar was in 1983, I went

10 there.

11 LADY SMITH: That wasn't what I asked you. Sometimes people

12 have a cottage, for instance, in one place, and then

13 they move there as their permanent home.

14 Did you have anywhere in Biggar before you moved

15 there for your permanent home?

16 A. Well, I knew of it when I was working as a teacher down

17 in Peebles, because it is in that area.

18 LADY SMITH: I see.

19 A. And it was somewhere I liked, and I thought, 'That looks

20 nice', and it was actually convenient.

21 LADY SMITH: Mm-hm. Thank you.

22 MS FORBES: So, just to be clear, then, 'Pierre', before you

23 took up the job at Carstairs, in 1983, you had never

24 lived in Biggar?

25 A. Oh, no.

1 Q. And you didn't own any properties in Biggar before that  
2 date?

3 A. No, no.

4 Q. But the decision to move to Biggar was related you  
5 taking up the post at Carstairs?

6 A. That's right, mm-hm. Also due to the fact my daughter  
7 was due to change from primary to secondary school, and  
8 it was a convenient time for doing that.

9 Q. And was that an address at [REDACTED] that you went to?

10 A. Yes.

11 [REDACTED].

12 Q. [REDACTED], sorry.

13 Now, 'Pierre', I think you go on to say that really  
14 on a day-to-day basis [REDACTED] the teachers  
15 looked after the children that would come to the unit  
16 for education?

17 A. Yes, yes.

18 Q. Is that right? And then part of your role was to  
19 provide a psychological backup if they wanted to talk to  
20 someone?

21 A. That's right, mm-hm.

22 Q. So we have different types of children. We have the  
23 children who are coming to the unit to be educated who  
24 might also speak to you --

25 A. Mm-hm.

1 Q. -- is that right? But then there were other children,  
2 who would not be getting educated [REDACTED]  
3 [REDACTED], but they would be coming to you from other  
4 places, for example residential homes, and having, for  
5 example, a session with you?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. It was difficult trying to juggle all that, and trying  
9 to get them spread out over time, because there is only  
10 so many hours in a day.

11 Q. Yes. I think you say that your experience, really, in  
12 dealing with children was really up to the age of 18,  
13 and that's from Peebles High School?

14 A. Yes, mm-hm.

15 Q. But, in your role that you were talking about, [REDACTED]  
16 [REDACTED] that kind of stopped at 16?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Now, 'Pierre', I am just coming to a part of your  
19 statement where you are asked about Dee Buchanan. She  
20 is somebody you remember from your dealings [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. How did she come to be involved with you [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED]?

25 A. She was referred to Margaret Smith, one of our



1 consultants, from Balgay List D School, in Dundee.  
2 Partly because of her looking at resettling her when she  
3 was there because there were concerns about her  
4 relationship with her family.  
5 Q. So she was referred by Balgay, as far as you are  
6 aware --  
7 A. Mm-hm.  
8 Q. -- to the consultant psychiatrist --  
9 A. Yes.  
10 Q. -- [REDACTED]  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. And was there then a multidisciplinary team meeting to  
13 discuss?  
14 A. We assessed -- we assessed her, in terms of her needs  
15 and so on.  
16 Q. Okay. And what was the outcome of that?  
17 A. Well, the outcome was in fact that she would be weaned  
18 out of Balgay back home, because she was -- they were  
19 having problems settling her back home, because of her  
20 behaviour and so on, and her relationship with her  
21 mother.  
22 Q. So, just to be clear, 'Pierre', at time she is referred  
23 [REDACTED] she is still resident at Balgay?  
24 A. She was still resident in Balgay. She had been there  
25 since -- she was up in Aberdeen, she was moved to

1 Balgay.

2 Q. So your information was that she had gone from Aberdeen  
3 to Balgay?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And she had been there, and only there?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. And the plan was that she was going to go back  
8 home?

9 A. Mm-hm.

10 Q. But they needed some assistance, I think you said, in  
11 settling her?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How old was Dee Buchanan at that time?

14 A. She would be coming up 14, 15 -- well, no, she was 15.  
15 15, I think, at that stage, because we were looking at  
16 getting her home and out to school, out to secondary  
17 school, from there. That was ...

18 Q. So you think she was 15. But could she have been  
19 younger than that?

20 A. Not much younger than that, because we didn't --  
21 wouldn't have really considered her for that kind of  
22 assessment.

23 Q. Okay. But [REDACTED] did take people who were aged 13  
24 and 14?

25 A. Yes, mm-hm.

1 Q. Okay. And I think you tell us in your statement,  
2 'Pierre', that Dr Margaret Smith took on the  
3 responsibility, first of all, then involved the rest of  
4 the team, which included you?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What kind of services was she to be provided [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED]?

8 A. We decided to try family therapy, working with her as  
9 part of a group, part of her family, and so on, and  
10 trying to get communication going amongst them, because  
11 the relationship between her and her mother was  
12 extremely bad. And her father was caught in the middle  
13 like a referee at times, from what we could see.

14 Q. And at that time, were you aware of where her family  
15 were living?

16 A. Yes, they were staying out in Ayrshire, Fairlie.

17 Q. But, at that time, she wasn't staying with them, as far  
18 as you remember?

19 A. I think she was -- that was her home, as far as we were  
20 concerned. She was in Fairlie, but she had been in  
21 Aberdeen before. I think that's when she landed in  
22 trouble, which got her into the Balgay circuit. And  
23 then GIS [REDACTED], SNR [REDACTED] of Balgay, had us --  
24 knowing of our working with youngsters, contacted us to  
25 see her.

1 Q. Okay. Family therapy was something that was thought to  
2 be beneficial for her?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What did that involve?

5 A. It involved them coming to see us once a -- I can't  
6 remember if it was once a month or something. It is  
7 a while back, a long time in my life.

8 They met [REDACTED], and we had a group session,  
9 discussing issues and things like that.

10 Q. Okay. So that was Dee's parents; was it her mother and  
11 father?

12 A. Her mother and father and her.

13 Q. And her. Was it just you, or was there other people  
14 involved?

15 A. Oh, no, there was a social worker and Margaret Smith as  
16 well.

17 LADY SMITH: Can I ask about a place called Beechwood, the  
18 Beechwood Assessment Centre?

19 A. Yes.

20 LADY SMITH: Did [REDACTED] do any work in conjunction  
21 with Beechwood?

22 A. We used to do assessments in Beechwood for some of the  
23 difficult girls, but Dee wasn't one of them.

24 LADY SMITH: I am just asking about the system that you  
25 worked.

1 A. Yes.

2 LADY SMITH: Was it possible that a youngster could be  
3 referred [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
4 would ask Beechwood to do an assessment?

5 A. No, no.

6 LADY SMITH: What work did you do with Beechwood?

7 A. The other way round, because Beechwood was a girl's  
8 assessment centre, and it tends to move from there out  
9 into children's homes or to List D schools, or ... it  
10 was a screening centre, like Larchgrove for boys.  
11 Beechwood was the equivalent for girls.

12 LADY SMITH: At what point would [REDACTED]  
13 know that a young person had been sent to Beechwood for  
14 assessment?

15 A. Once Beechwood -- once the Beechwood or a social worker  
16 would consider going [REDACTED] they would  
17 have to give us the background information, and that  
18 would include that.

19 LADY SMITH: Okay, thank you.

20 MS FORBES: So [REDACTED] was involved in getting referral  
21 from Beechwood Assessment Centre as well; is that right?

22 A. Yes, but they tended to be Glasgow children.

23 Q. But you are saying that your recollection is that Dee  
24 was referred by SNR [REDACTED] at Balgay?

25 A. Balgay, yes. She was never at Beechwood, as far as we

1           were concerned.

2   Q.   But, from that point of view, I think you have told us

3           that it was the clinical psychiatrist who was involved

4           in that referral initially; is that right?

5   A.   Yes.

6   Q.   Okay.  So the referral would have been made to her?

7   A.   Yes, mm-hm.

8   Q.   And then she would then get the team together and

9           discuss the needs?

10  A.   Yes.

11  Q.   Okay.

12  A.   And one of the considerations would have been: is she

13           suitable to come to our day unit?

14           And the decision was no.

15  Q.   This is the educational unit?

16  A.   Yes, mm-hm.

17  Q.   But she was unsuitable for that?

18  A.   Yes.

19  Q.   What was the reason for that?

20  A.   The reason for that was because she was, in some ways,

21           too advanced for that, because the youngsters we had

22           were a wee bit more naive, but she seemed fairly

23           sophisticated, and also a lot brighter and a lot more

24           aware of what was going on, and would have been, we

25           felt, disruptive amongst our kids.

1 Q. Okay. So you say that there is this family therapy, and  
2 Dee comes along for a session --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- [REDACTED]. You are involved, along with  
5 a social worker as well with that?

6 A. Yes, mm-hm.

7 Q. Was that more than once that they came [REDACTED], or  
8 just once?

9 A. They came two or three times, I think, for sessions,  
10 prior to her going home from Balgay.

11 Q. So did you say, sorry, 'Pierre', two or three times?

12 A. I can't remember exactly, but it is probably at least  
13 once a month for a period of time. And then she would  
14 have been going back home, and going to attend her local  
15 school.

16 Q. So this was family therapy, to take place before she was  
17 to go home?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And that was to try to create a path for her to then  
20 settle back at home, with her parents?

21 A. Yes, mm-hm.

22 Q. So would she have been coming [REDACTED] for family  
23 therapy once she was back at home?

24 A. Not -- I can't remember how often, but it wasn't very  
25 often, because she was concentrating mainly on her

1 school, and she would come in maybe once every couple of  
2 months or something like that. But we didn't encourage  
3 coming in, because it is quite a distance from Fairlie  
4 into Glasgow, and --

5 Q. So this is the family therapy I am asking about.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. So you think it was more than once that her and her  
8 family came over a period of a couple of months --

9 A. Oh yes, yes.

10 Q. [REDACTED]?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Did you also see her separate from that, on your own [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED]?

14 A. Yes, I did, aye.

15 Q. And how often was that?

16 A. Maybe three or four times. But, again, she was going  
17 back home and coming in from home.

18 Q. So, at that stage, then, was she no longer in Balgay?

19 A. She was in Balgay and then came home.

20 Q. Okay. So she was initially at Balgay, but, from your  
21 recollection, she then went home?

22 A. Yes, yes.

23 Q. And for a period of time while she was at Balgay she was  
24 coming to see you on her own; is that right?

25 A. Not often from Balgay. But, usually, when she came home



1 she would come into see and then back again.

2 Q. And you say that that wasn't very often; how often do  
3 you remember it being?

4 A. I honestly can't remember.

5 Q. Okay. Do you know whether it would have been on  
6 a weekly basis, like we talked about?

7 A. Oh, no, it wouldn't have been a weekly basis, because  
8 I didn't have time for, you know, it is just the way  
9 these things were, the amount of work that was ongoing,  
10 it certainly wouldn't have been on a weekly basis.

11 Q. And what about a monthly basis?

12 A. Um, maybe for a short period of time.

13 Q. And when you say 'a short period of time'; over how many  
14 months was it?

15 A. Two to three months at the most.

16 Q. So no longer than two to three months?

17 A. Aye, no longer than that. I think on one occasion she  
18 came -- well, one of the reasons we brought her there  
19 was she had been home and gone off with her boyfriend  
20 and refused to go back to Balgay, and we had to  
21 negotiate getting her back there.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. That was when she was back home, and giving her parents  
24 trouble again.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. But we didn't want to get the police involved, you know,  
2 for running away and stuff, but we tried to negotiate to  
3 get her back up to Balgay, from Balgay, up to Balgay  
4 again, and did manage to do that.

5 Q. How did you end up being involved in that?

6 A. Well, the boyfriend brought her in, left her with me to  
7 take up to the school. I drove her up to school, left  
8 her then and then drove back down. It was the only way  
9 we could -- she was a stubborn, self-willed person, and  
10 just to get her there was big enough.

11 Q. So had her boyfriend came and dropped her off --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- [REDACTED], and the decision was made that you  
14 would drive her up to Balgay?

15 A. Well, the decision was made before that, in fact. The  
16 process we discussed with the parents earlier on was how  
17 do we get her from there -- I think it was  
18 East Kilbride -- from there home to Balgay. We decided  
19 we were probably better trying to get her to Balgay, and  
20 then home again.

21 Q. Did you say East Kilbride? Is that where the boyfriend  
22 was staying?

23 A. I think that's where the boyfriend stayed.

24 Q. At that time, as far as you remember, was Dee staying  
25 back at home with her parents or was she at Balgay?

1 A. I think she had been at home, but had met this guy when  
2 she was at home. I am not sure if they were trying her  
3 at home from Balgay at that time, and she became  
4 involved with this guy, and he tried to get her back.  
5 I think she may have been on leave from home, from  
6 Balgay, at that time, to test a period at home.

7 Q. Okay, but you were the one --

8 A. It is 50 years ago.

9 Q. Yes, I know, I appreciate that. But you were the one --  
10 you remember driving her back to Balgay?

11 A. Yes, mm-hm.

12 Q. But when she came to your office for these meetings with  
13 you, they would take place [REDACTED],  
14 and it would just be you and her on her own; is that  
15 right?

16 A. Yes, mm-hm.

17 Q. And how long would those meetings last for?

18 A. Probably half an hour, three quarters of an hour.

19 Q. Okay. And do you remember if there was a regular day  
20 that she would come?

21 A. No. It might have been a Wednesday. It might have been  
22 a Wednesday. That might have been the easiest day for  
23 her to come, because of other things that were going on  
24 in terms of my timetable.

25 Q. And you have said that for some of that period she was

1 at Balgay, and for some of that period she was back  
2 home. If she was at Balgay; how would she get to -- do  
3 you know how she would get to see you [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED]?

5 A. Well, as far as I remember, she was home. It was part  
6 of her being at home. She would come, you know, as part  
7 of that. I honestly can't remember exactly all the  
8 intricate details of that.

9 Q. Okay. And I think you tell us about that incident, when  
10 you say her boyfriend brought her to [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED] and you took her back to Balgay; did you ever go  
12 up to Balgay to see her?

13 A. No, not after that. It was a long journey to go and  
14 I didn't have enough time to spend going to Balgay.  
15 Only on that occasion I took her back up. Yes.

16 Q. So there weren't any group sessions, for example, or  
17 team multidisciplinary team meetings --

18 A. No, no.

19 Q. -- up in Balgay with Dee?

20 A. No.

21 Q. But then for the period of time you say she went back  
22 home; did that mean Balgay were no longer involved with  
23 her at that time?

24 A. They were in the background, you know. Always -- safety  
25 net, if anything went wrong. But she was by then back

1 at school at that time, supposed to be back at school,  
2 attending regularly.

3 Q. Okay. And I think you tell us that there was a time  
4 when you actually went to her family home?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And what was the purpose of that?

7 A. The purpose of that was to see how she was functioning  
8 at home, because coming in -- I could see her coming in,  
9 but I hadn't seen her going out home. And her  
10 relationship with her mother was causing problems, and  
11 the father would often contact me about this.

12 Q. And so was this to be a one-off sort of meeting, or was  
13 this something that was going to happen frequently?

14 A. No, no, it was a one-off screening and seeing Dee in the  
15 context of being at home with her mother.

16 Q. And from your recollection; had she already been at home  
17 then for a period of time before this meeting took  
18 place?

19 A. Mm-hm, yes.

20 Q. Do you know how long that meeting was?

21 A. I couldn't tell you.

22 Q. And when you went to see her at her home; was that  
23 during the day?

24 A. Yes, mm-hm. It was an afternoon.

25 Q. And who was there when you went to the house?

1 A. Her mother. Her mother was at home.

2 Q. And was anyone else at home?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Do you know where her father was?

5 A. Her father was at his work.

6 Q. Okay. So there was her mother and Dee as well; is that  
7 right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And, at that time, was there a social worker there or  
10 was it just you?

11 A. Just me, mm-hm.

12 Q. When you went to the house can you describe, from what  
13 you remember, what took place?

14 A. Er, when I went to the house, I went and spoke to her  
15 mother, and found out what was happening and how she was  
16 getting on. And Dee, I think, came in for a short  
17 while, but left, because she wasn't very happy about me  
18 talking to her mother, because she -- how -- she  
19 interpreted the visit was in fact I came to see her,  
20 rather than I was coming to see her environment and what  
21 was happening and that, because she was quite  
22 an egocentric individual and tended to see everything  
23 focused around her. So the purpose of the visit was  
24 purely to see her and not her mother, and she was angry  
25 at that.

1 Q. And so you -- there is a period when you get to the  
2 house where you are speaking to Dee's mother?  
3 A. Mm-hm.  
4 Q. And Dee's not present; is that what you are describing?  
5 A. Pardon?  
6 Q. Are you describing a situation where you are at the  
7 house and you are speaking to Dee's mother, when Dee  
8 isn't present?  
9 A. Mm-hm.  
10 Q. At first; is that right?  
11 A. Yes, mm-hm.  
12 Q. Then did you say that Dee then became involved in that  
13 and was upset?  
14 A. Well, Dee was annoyed because I was paying attention to  
15 her mother and not to her.  
16 Q. Okay.  
17 A. She stomped off into the back garden, and we carried on  
18 talking.  
19 Q. So it is probably my fault, 'Pierre'. But, just so  
20 I understand: when you were at Dee's house are you  
21 having a meeting with her and her mother?  
22 A. Yes, it was originally intended to have that.  
23 Q. And where did this take place in the house?  
24 A. Yes.  
25 Q. Whereabouts in the house, sorry?

1 A. In the living room.

2 Q. In the living room. Was everyone sitting on the couch?

3 A. I can't remember.

4 Q. Okay. But all three of you are present for this

5 meeting?

6 A. Mm-hm, yes.

7 Q. But, from what you are describing, you were speaking to

8 Dee's mother --

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. -- and she got upset about that?

11 A. Mm-hm.

12 Q. And you say she left?

13 A. She walked out of the room.

14 Q. And do you know where she went?

15 A. She went out into the back garden, I think.

16 Q. And what did you do?

17 A. I carried on talking with her mother, and her mother was

18 saying: well, that's what I get all the time.

19 And it was more or less the problems we were dealing

20 with. So I went out to try to persuade Dee to come back

21 in. But she didn't, so I went back in myself.

22 Q. How long was it after Dee walked out that you went out

23 to see her?

24 A. Maybe 20 minutes, half an hour.

25 Q. And when you went out; where was she?



1 A. She was in the back garden.

2 Q. So that's the back garden of her family home?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. I don't know, can you remember if this house was the  
5 last in a row before it got to some sort of countryside,  
6 or some woods?

7 A. I can't remember. It was near Hunterston. I remember  
8 Hunterston was in the background.

9 Q. And when you spoke to -- when you saw Dee outside in the  
10 garden; can you describe what took place?

11 A. I just said, 'Come on, let's -- you have to try and  
12 settle down here, and get back in with your mum and talk  
13 to your mum and give her a break', and, you know, but  
14 she wasn't really happy about that.

15 I said, 'You had better come in. I came down to  
16 talk to you down here. I want to see what's happening  
17 here, and you walk out and you leave us'.

18 Q. When you saw Dee in the garden; how was she? What was  
19 her demeanour like?

20 A. She was angry at her mother.

21 Q. Anything else that you can remember?

22 A. Not that I can really think of.

23 Q. And when you say you spoke to her and you tried to  
24 reason with her; did that have any effect?

25 A. Erm, it didn't immediately have effect. I went back

1           into the house and I think then she came in again.

2   Q.   And how long were you out in the garden with her for?

3   A.   Oh, I wasn't down there all that long. I think, in the

4           garden, I had probably been out about 20 minutes or

5           something like that.

6   Q.   Okay. So about 20 minutes?

7   A.   Mm-hm, it was the longest -- that was just trying to

8           reason.

9   Q.   What were you trying to get her to do when you were

10          speaking to her?

11  A.   To come back in.

12  Q.   Okay. And how did that all come to an end, then, in the

13          garden?

14  A.   Well, it must have come to an end by her coming in,

15          because I went away shortly after that, because I had to

16          get back home.

17  Q.   So did you go back into the family home?

18  A.   Yes.

19  Q.   And when you went back in; was Dee with you?

20  A.   No, I was -- she was still in the garden.

21  Q.   Okay.

22  A.   And I just left it like that. And if she wants to come

23          in, she'll come in. And that's it.

24  Q.   And were you still there when she did come in?

25  A.   Yes.

1 Q. And how long did that take?

2 A. I honestly can't remember. It wasn't that long,  
3 because, you know, I was in and then I was away again,  
4 you know.

5 Q. And you say that you were away; did you leave after  
6 that?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And where were you going?

9 A. Pardon?

10 Q. Where did you go?

11 A. Home.

12 Q. Okay. So not back [REDACTED] but home?

13 A. No, no, no, no.

14 Q. Okay. Now, I think you tell us that this time that you  
15 spent with Dee, either her coming [REDACTED] or you  
16 going to her house, lasted for, you say a period of  
17 several months?

18 A. I wouldn't have said several months. I said a few.

19 Q. Okay, a few months.

20 A. Few months. Not many months.

21 Q. And how old was she when your contact with her ceased?

22 A. She must have been 16, because she was up doing Highers  
23 and stuff like that, as far as I can remember, at  
24 school.

25 Q. So you say she was doing Highers?

1 A. Mm-hm.

2 Q. Was it O Levels at that time?

3 A. I can't remember. It would have been O Levels as well.

4 Q. Do you remember what school she was going to?

5 A. It was one of the Ayrshire schools, but I can't remember  
6 which one. My memory isn't very good about names.

7 Q. But was there another trip at all back to Dee's family  
8 home, or was that the only one?

9 A. That was the only one.

10 Q. Okay. Did you see her again after that occasion that  
11 you went to the family home?

12 A. I don't think so.

13 Q. Okay. So, in a professional capacity, you didn't see  
14 her again [REDACTED]?

15 A. No. I may have, but I can't remember, to be quite  
16 honest.

17 Q. Okay. I think you tell us that there was a time later  
18 on when you saw Dee, and that was some time later.

19 A. Mm-hm.

20 Q. And this is when you have moved house by this point, is  
21 that right, in Biggar?

22 A. I think -- yes. I remember ... I moved to Biggar and  
23 she came in with her boyfriend from down south. She was  
24 travelling up north.

25 Q. And how old was Dee at that time?

1 A. She must have been about 17/18.

2 Q. 17?

3 A. Mm-hm, I would have said. Because she was with this guy  
4 down south, and apparently there had been some kind of  
5 issues to do with fraud and stuff like that happening.  
6 In fact, it was her father, in fact, that sort of  
7 originally told me about all this, because he kept -- he  
8 was -- he used me as a sort of crutch from time to time  
9 to phone up and sort of say, 'Tell us what she is doing.  
10 What can I do?', you know.

11 Q. So you --

12 A. And I think his wife died. It is getting the sequencing  
13 of it all.

14 Q. So, after you ceased contact with Dee professionally,  
15 her father kept in touch with you; is that what you are  
16 saying?

17 A. Yes, mm-hm.

18 Q. Was that him keeping in touch with you, or was it the  
19 other way round, you keeping in touch with him? How did  
20 this come about?

21 A. No, it was him keeping in touch with me, because he was  
22 concerned about what she was doing.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. And the kind of trouble she was getting into, because  
25 she was involved with an older man down there whom --

1 I don't know if she married him, or what, I don't know  
2 if it was [REDACTED]. She was Dee Buchanan, and [REDACTED].  
3 I can't remember where he came into it, but they were  
4 involved in running a hotel or something like that down  
5 there.

6 Q. So, from your recollection, this was a time when you say  
7 Dee was involved with a much older man and she was  
8 living, you think, down south in England?

9 A. In England. And she also took up a hypnotherapy course.  
10 I am not sure if it was a postal one, or an actual  
11 course.

12 Q. But, in any event, she came to visit you at your house  
13 in Biggar; is that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And she came with her boyfriend?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Did she make arrangements with you beforehand to do  
18 that?

19 A. Well, she arranged on the phone that she could look on  
20 by, if she wanted. It was on her way north. She was  
21 coming up. She was only in for about half  
22 an hour/an hour. She had her boyfriend with her. And  
23 that was it.

24 Q. Mm-hm. Now was there ever a time, before that, that Dee  
25 stayed at your house?

1 A. Yes, that was when she was -- yes, because that was the  
2 phase we were looking at: how does she behave in  
3 a normal family situation? Assuming my family was  
4 normal.

5 Q. Okay. And we have obviously been talking about Dee  
6 staying at home, staying at Balgay, and coming [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED]. So in the sequence of events that  
8 we have been talking about; where does that stay at your  
9 house come into it?

10 A. My daughter would have been about -- I am trying to  
11 think.  
12 '76, she would have been about 8 or 9 and my son  
13 would have been a wee boy of one or two.

14 Q. Do you know what year that was?

15 A. Be in the late 70s.

16 Q. Okay, late 70s?

17 A. Mm-hm.

18 Q. And you say that Dee came to stay at your house?

19 A. Well, she came over. I picked her up on Friday, when  
20 I was coming home from Barlinnie, to take her out,  
21 because my wife agreed. My wife was a psychiatric  
22 nurse, and we often had people coming to stay with us  
23 and things like that, so it wasn't unusual. But it was  
24 in the context of seeing what, like, Dee was and that.  
25 Because it was difficult to formulate a judgment of in

1 different situations. And as it was, she turned up and  
2 she was reasonably good. She got on quite well with my  
3 wife then. But it was only a Friday to Sunday, and she  
4 got the train home.

5 Q. So is this --

6 A. Polmont station, and --

7 Q. Sorry, 'Pierre', what did you say?

8 A. Sorry?

9 Q. I think I missed the last part because I started  
10 talking.

11 A. I said she came on the Friday and then went back on the  
12 Sunday. And I dropped her off in Polmont Station, where  
13 she got the train to Glasgow and linked in with her  
14 family from there.

15 Q. Okay. You have said this was in the late '70s. We have  
16 obviously talked about the time period where Dee was  
17 coming [REDACTED]; was that during that  
18 time period?

19 A. Oh, you are pulling my memory now. I couldn't honestly  
20 be sure of the exact sequences of things, you know.

21 Q. How did it come about that Dee was going to stay with  
22 you and your family for the weekend?

23 A. Pardon?

24 Q. How did it come about that Dee was going to stay with  
25 your family for the weekend?



1 A. She came to see what she was like in a normal family  
2 situation, and how she behaved and so on, in contrast to  
3 the way she behaved with her mother and father.  
4 Q. And who decided that that was going to happen?  
5 A. We talked about that [REDACTED] and, you know.  
6 Q. So when you say you talked about it [REDACTED] who  
7 was involved in that conversation?  
8 A. It was probably Margaret Smith and others, we talked  
9 about that.  
10 Q. So --  
11 A. Because one of the psychiatrist's daughters came in and  
12 stayed with me for the same reason before that.  
13 Q. Sorry, I missed that?  
14 A. One of the psychiatrist's daughters came out and stayed  
15 with me and the kids for the same reason, just to  
16 settle -- see who, like, they were, you know.  
17 Q. So somebody raised this as a possibility, that she would  
18 come?  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. Do you know whose idea it was?  
21 A. I think it was felt, you know, we really didn't get hold  
22 of this family and what was happening with it, and we  
23 were looking at different things. And it was one of the  
24 times when, you know, I'd had one of the daughters of  
25 one of the psychiatrists come out, and it seemed to be

1           useful, because she came to work for me afterwards,  
2           anyway. But it was a useful experience for her in the  
3           context of her family, own family. And we thought this  
4           might be a good idea to try with Dee.

5   Q.   So you are saying that this was discussed [REDACTED]  
6           that it might be a good idea. So does that mean that  
7           stay at your house took place during the time Dee --

8   A.   Yes.

9   Q.   -- was attending [REDACTED]?

10  A.   Yes. It might have been, yes.

11  Q.   But you have said that was only a period of a few  
12           months?

13  A.   Yes.

14  Q.   And why was it felt that a stay at your house for the  
15           weekend would be something that was beneficial for Dee  
16           and her family?

17  A.   It wasn't necessarily beneficial for Dee, but it would  
18           be beneficial for seeing how she was in a family  
19           context.

20  Q.   Okay.

21  A.   It wasn't intended to be a long-term kind of contact  
22           with the family, but, you know, coming in and spending  
23           a weekend with us, because ...

24  Q.   And you have said you mentioned that someone else's  
25           daughter, one of the psychiatrist's daughters, came to

1 stay with you for the weekend?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Was she somebody who came to [REDACTED] for treatment?

4 A. Well, no.

5 Q. So she was a friend's daughter?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. Did anyone else from [REDACTED] that you were  
8 involved in seeing as a child come to stay at the house  
9 for the weekend?

10 A. Yes, there was a -- I used to deal with this girls'  
11 hostel on West Prince's Street, and deal with the girls  
12 there when they were in trouble and things. And one or  
13 two of them would come out and look after the kids and  
14 do babysitting for us and things like that.

15 Q. And what ages were they?

16 A. They were 15/16.

17 Q. And, from your point of view, this stay for the weekend;  
18 was it beneficial to understand what was going on with  
19 Dee?

20 A. Well, what came over was she was comparatively normal in  
21 the context of the family, things like that. She wasn't  
22 outrageous, she wasn't bad tempered. She wasn't  
23 stomping about and demanding this and demanding the next  
24 thing. And my wife seemed to get on -- not my present  
25 wife, but my previous one -- she seemed to get on very

1 well, because she worked in psychiatric hospitals and so  
2 on, and she was able to judge how to handle her.

3 Q. Because it might be that having someone over at your  
4 house for the weekend is quite an ask, if you are  
5 a professional engaged in services with adolescents;  
6 would you agree?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Was there anyone else [REDACTED] who would have  
9 people over to their house for the weekend?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Okay. I just want to go on a little bit, now, 'Pierre',  
12 to -- I think you said that you did keep in contact with  
13 Dee's father, and you have explained that he would phone  
14 you because he was concerned about Dee; is that right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Was there then a time later when I think you tell us  
17 that you saw something about Dee in her professional  
18 life that led you to make contact with her?

19 A. Well, it was a point when I was providing a service to  
20 Peterhead Prison. There was a secure unit up there that  
21 I did a session a day every fortnight, and I stayed in  
22 a hotel up there, the Riverside Inn, and I saw  
23 a magazine called Leopard, which is the Aberdeen local  
24 magazine, and I noticed Dee Buchanan doing her  
25 hypnotherapy, or something like that, somewhere up in

1       that neighbourhood. And I contacted, you know and just  
2       thought: well, see what life she is doing. It would be  
3       interesting to see that, because sometimes it is  
4       interesting to see people older, after -- a long time  
5       after you have seen them before. So I dropped her  
6       a note to say, you know: I am up there. If you ever  
7       want to have a chat or anything, I am here, you know.

8               But she didn't make any contact, so I didn't pursue  
9       that at all.

10    Q. So you say you dropped her a note. What do you mean by  
11       that? Did you write a letter or something?

12    A. I think I wrote a letter.

13    Q. Okay.

14    A. It was -- the address that she was working from, I think  
15       I wrote to.

16    Q. And was that something that you were able to get from  
17       the publication that you had seen?

18    A. The publication had the address of the clinic or  
19       whatever she was working.

20    LADY SMITH: Could you tell me the name of the publication  
21       again? The publication that you saw this information in  
22       what was it called?

23    A. Leopard.

24    LADY SMITH: Leopard?

25    A. The Leopard is one of the insignia of Aberdeen, the coat

1 of arms. I am an Aberdonian.

2 MS FORBES: 'Pierre', I am going to come to a section where  
3 allegations of abuse are put to you.

4 LADY SMITH: I wonder if we should take a short break at  
5 this stage. 'Pierre', I normally take a brief break in  
6 the middle of the afternoon. We are running a bit later  
7 today. But, if it would work for you, I would like to  
8 pause for 5 or 10 minutes.

9 A. I would rather keep going, so I can get back home.

10 LADY SMITH: We will have a brief break.

11 A. Well, my wife is on her own.

12 LADY SMITH: I understand that. We will keep it short. It  
13 will give the stenographers a breather and we will get  
14 back as quickly as we can. Thank you.

15 (3.25 pm)

16 (A short break)

17 (3.32 pm)

18 LADY SMITH: 'Pierre', is it okay if we carry on now?

19 A. Pardon?

20 LADY SMITH: Is it okay with you if we carry on just now?

21 A. Yes, carry on.

22 LADY SMITH: Thank you. Ms Forbes.

23 MS FORBES: Thank you, my Lady.

24 'Pierre', I am now going to move to a part of your  
25 statement that deals with allegations of abuse. I just

1           want to remind you that you have the right not to answer  
2           any of the questions I'm about to ask you if it may  
3           incriminate you; okay?

4    A.   Okay.

5    Q.   Just to remind you of her Ladyship's warning.

6    A.   Okay, thanks.

7    Q.   And these relate to specific allegations made by  
8           Dee Buchanan in relation to you.

9    A.   Yes.

10   Q.   And I am going from paragraph -- I think it is 34 of  
11           your statement. I think this is referring you to  
12           certain paragraphs in a statement that's been given by  
13           Dee Buchanan to the Inquiry; okay?

14   A.   Mm-hm.

15   Q.   So the part I am about to read out is a part from  
16           Dee Buchanan's statement.

17   A.   Yes.

18   Q.   It is paragraphs 29 and 30 of her statement. I am just  
19           going to read that out first of all, 'Pierre', and then  
20           I am going to ask you about it; okay?

21           It should be on page 9 of your statement, at  
22           paragraph 34 of your statement; okay? It should be on  
23           the screen in front of you as well.

24   A.   Yes.

25   Q.   So it says:

1           'On one occasion I went back to see my parents with  
2           ... [she says your name, so 'Pierre'] he was the only  
3           person on my side. The meeting didn't last long and  
4           I stood up and ran off. ['Pierre'] ... followed me into  
5           some woods at the back of my house and that was the  
6           first occasion that he sexually assaulted me. He was  
7           kissing me and grabbing at my boobs and the rest of my  
8           body. He was lying on top of me. He put his hand down  
9           the front of my pants. I didn't have intercourse with  
10          him at this time. I was shocked by what he did.'

11           So, in relation to that, we have already spoken  
12          about a circumstance where you did go to Dee Buchanan's  
13          family home; is that right?

14   A. Yes.

15   Q. However, she is talking about a meeting that was taking  
16          place where she got upset and ran out, outside of the  
17          family home; is that right?

18   A. Yes.

19   Q. However, she then says that she went into woods and that  
20          you followed her there, and she describes an assault  
21          taking place; what's your position in relation to that,  
22          'Pierre'? Did that happen?

23   A. No.

24   Q. Okay. Do you have anything more to say about that?

25   A. No, totally fantasy.



1 Q. Okay. Now, separate from what is in this statement,  
2 'Pierre', some evidence has also been given to this  
3 Inquiry, additional to what is in that statement that  
4 was put to you, and that is a little bit different from  
5 what is in the statement that was put to you. So now  
6 I am just going to read out the allegations that are  
7 made in relation to this incident at Dee Buchanan's  
8 house; okay?

9 A. Mm-hm.

10 Q. So, in relation to the incident that we are talking  
11 about, the allegation is that Dee Buchanan was out in  
12 the woods. She was sitting down on the ground and she  
13 was upset. She was wearing a skirt, and you came out of  
14 the house and tried to embrace her in a hug, and it went  
15 from a comforting hug through her tears to you starting  
16 to fondle her breasts. You quickly put your hand down  
17 her pants and were kissing her. You were pressing up  
18 against her with an erection. You pulled down her  
19 underwear. You then took your trousers down and exposed  
20 yourself, and then you lay on top of her and had sexual  
21 intercourse with her, and that was then over within  
22 a short space of time.

23 Afterwards, she pulled up her pants and pulled her  
24 skirt back down. You tucked yourself back in and tucked  
25 your shirt back into your trousers.

1           Now, these are additional allegations that have been  
2           made to the Inquiry in relation to that incident at  
3           Dee Buchanan's house; what do you have to say about  
4           that, 'Pierre'? Did that happen?  
5    A.   No. None of it happened.  
6    Q.   Okay. Do you have anything else to say about that  
7           incident?  
8    A.   Complete fantasy on her part.  
9    Q.   And I think in relation to that something that is  
10          additional after that incident is that Dee went into  
11          a car with you, and that you drove her back to Glasgow.  
12          In the car on the way back, you said to her that what  
13          had happened was your secret with her and that nobody  
14          would believe her because she was a delinquent child  
15          with appalling behaviour and you were a very highly  
16          respected psychologist. Now, in relation to that: did  
17          you take Dee Buchanan in a car back to Glasgow after  
18          that?  
19    A.   No.  
20    Q.   Did you have any conversation with her saying that it  
21          was a secret between you?  
22    A.   No.  
23    Q.   And that nobody would believe her?  
24    A.   Not at all.  
25    LADY SMITH: Sorry, are you saying you didn't drive her back

1 to Glasgow?

2 A. I didn't drive her back to Glasgow. I left and went  
3 home.

4 LADY SMITH: You left her at her home.

5 A. I left her at her home.

6 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

7 MS FORBES: Now, moving on, then, to paragraph 35 of your  
8 statement, 'Pierre', that quotes a paragraph from  
9 Dee Buchanan's statement, at paragraph 31, and I am just  
10 going to read that out to you; okay?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. It says:

13 'This sexual assault continued through my  
14 teenage years from 13 to 16. Most of the assaults took  
15 place within his office [REDACTED] in  
16 Glasgow. When I left Beechwood and went to Balgay  
17 Children's Home in Dundee, he would get me to travel to  
18 see him most Fridays. I was the last appointment of the  
19 day. He often used to take me out for dinner in the  
20 evening, which I am sure he charged as expenses. Some  
21 of the sexual assaults happened in his car.'

22 Now, in relation to that; what do you have to say,  
23 'Pierre'?

24 A. Complete fantasy.

25 Q. Did you ever assault Dee Buchanan in your office [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]?

2 A. No, no.

3 Q. Did you ever assault Dee Buchanan in your car?

4 A. No.

5 Q. In relation to the last appointment of the day being  
6 mentioned on a Friday; do you have anything to say in  
7 relation to that?

8 A. Well, my last appointment of the day was the Barlinnie  
9 Special Unit and I drove home from there every Friday.

10 Q. In relation to taking Dee out for dinner in the evening  
11 and charging it as expenses; did you ever take Dee out  
12 for dinner?

13 A. No.

14 Q. You don't remember a time when that happened?

15 A. No, no.

16 Q. Okay. And I think you have said already that your  
17 information, or your recollection, was that Dee wasn't  
18 at Beechwood Assessment Centre; is that right?

19 A. Sorry?

20 Q. The allegation that was put you to involves Beechwood?

21 A. Beechwood, yes.

22 Q. But I think you have said that from your recollection  
23 you don't remember Dee being at Beechwood Assessment  
24 Centre?

25 A. No, she definitely wasn't at Beechwood, as far as I can

1 remember.

2 Q. Could you be wrong about that?

3 A. She is picking up information from other people that  
4 were in Balgay, I think.

5 Q. Could you be wrong about her being in Beechwood?

6 A. Pardon?

7 Q. Might she have been in Beechwood and you didn't know  
8 about it?

9 A. No, I think at the time she was talking about she was  
10 never -- she was claiming to be 13 to 15, or something  
11 like that. She was up in Aberdeen staying with her  
12 parents and her brother.

13 Q. So, from your point of view, when she was as young as 13  
14 she was up in Aberdeen?

15 A. Aberdeen, mm-hm.

16 Q. And at that age she wasn't down staying in Balgay?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Or at her parents house in Fairlie?

19 A. Certainly never in Balgay -- in Beechwood.

20 Q. Now, in relation to what was said there, I have some  
21 additional allegations to put to you, 'Pierre'. I am  
22 going to read them out. This relates to what would  
23 happen at the office [REDACTED].

24 Dee Buchanan claims there was an occasion [REDACTED]  
25 [REDACTED] where you penetrated her vagina with

1 your fingers; that you were rough with your fingers;  
2 that you tried to penetrate her with your penis; that  
3 there was some penetration, but she clamped up and you  
4 came, but there was some penetration. And there was  
5 another occasion where you penetrated her with your  
6 fingers and there was menstrual blood and you commented  
7 that you didn't like that. Now, in relation to that,  
8 'Pierre'; what's your position?  
9 A. Totally untrue. It didn't happen, you know.  
10 Q. Was there ever any assaults --  
11 A. No.  
12 Q. -- by you on Dee at your office [REDACTED]?  
13 A. No.  
14 Q. Was there ever any conversation with Dee about you not  
15 liking menstrual blood?  
16 A. No.  
17 Q. I think if we move on to paragraph 37 of -- sorry, 38,  
18 I think it is, sorry, of your statement. This again  
19 relates to allegations by Dee from her statement, at  
20 paragraphs 32, 34 and 49 of her statement. I am going  
21 to read that out. It reads:  
22 'I didn't have sexual intercourse with him, but  
23 I would have to masturbate him and perform oral sex.  
24 I managed somehow to stop him having full intercourse  
25 with me. He also chewed gum and slurped coffee and to

1           this day I have a phobia of these things. I was  
2           13 years old when I first arrived at Balgay and was to  
3           stay there for about three years when I left, at age 16.  
4           There were about 60 girls at the school and we lived in  
5           small dormitories. It was a girls' only school and, as  
6           far as I remember, we were quite close in age. There  
7           was a communal dining room. The school was not locked  
8           and you could come and go as you pleased. I remember  
9           that all the bedrooms were upstairs in the building.  
10          I was still having to see **GMX** every Friday  
11          afternoon and the sexual abuse continued. I was in  
12          regular touch with my social worker and could make  
13          a phone call by arrangement to her at any time  
14          I requested it. I never told her about 'Pierre'. I was  
15          visited on one occasion by 'Pierre' at Balgay, but the  
16          rest of the time I would have to take the train or bus,  
17          most Fridays, to keep my appointments with him. I had  
18          a cursory visit from my parents on one occasion during  
19          my stay at Balgay.'

20                 Now, what's your position in relation to that,  
21                 'Pierre'?

22    A.   Totally untrue. In fact she had regular visits from her  
23          parents up at Balgay.

24    Q.   What was that, sorry?

25    A.   She had regular visits from her parents in Balgay, and

1 she never came on a Friday afternoon. I certainly would  
2 never see her on a Friday afternoon, because you could  
3 ask any prisoners in the Barlinnie Unit and they would  
4 tell you where I was on a Friday afternoon, they would  
5 tell you.

6 Q. Was this in relation to the Barlinnie Special Unit you  
7 would go to on a Friday afternoon?

8 A. Yes, mm-hm.

9 Q. Your position is that wouldn't happen on a Friday  
10 because that's where you were?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Did you ever visit Dee at Balgay?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Apart from the instance where you say you took her back  
15 there --

16 A. Apart from the time I brought her back up from that.

17 Q. I am just going to go on now, 'Pierre', to paragraph 40,  
18 I think it is, of ... I will just double check I have  
19 the right paragraph.

20 Okay, it is paragraph 42, sorry, of your statement,  
21 and it refers to paragraphs 50 and 51 of Dee's. She  
22 goes on to say:

23 'The regular Friday meeting and the sexual abuse by  
24 'Pierre' continued throughout my time at Balgay. He  
25 told me that I would have to keep my mouth shut about



1           what was happening as he was a respected psychologist  
2           and I was just a young delusional delinquent child in  
3           care. No one would believe me and not believe him.  
4           I would get the bus or train to [REDACTED]  
5           [REDACTED] Glasgow every Friday. I was always the last  
6           appointment of the day. He would take me back to the  
7           station in Glasgow, so I could get back to Balgay.  
8           I was aware that 'Pierre' did not like menstrual blood,  
9           so I used to pretend I had my periods to protect me from  
10          his advances.'

11                    What is your position in relation to that?

12   A. Again, complete fantasy.

13   Q. Okay.

14   A. I was never there in Glasgow on a Friday, Friday  
15          afternoon, and she never came by train or anything  
16          regularly down from there, so that's untrue.

17                    This thing about menstrual blood, I don't know.  
18          I wasn't conscious of ever having had that kind of  
19          feeling.

20   Q. To be clear, 'Pierre': what did you say about the train?  
21          She never came on the train when? I think you mentioned  
22          something about her --

23   A. She describes herself as coming by train to Glasgow on  
24          Friday. She never did that.

25   Q. No, but there were times when she was at Balgay that she

1           would have travelled [REDACTED] to see you?

2    A.  No, she might have travelled to see -- back to her  
3           parents, but she never came [REDACTED] to see me on  
4           a Friday.

5    Q.  Okay.  But, on a different day.  I think your position  
6           is she did come on a different day of the week?

7    A.  She did come, but very rarely.  You know, because it is  
8           a distance between -- well, it was usually when she was  
9           back at -- back home when she came, not from Balgay.

10   LADY SMITH:  Well, she could have gone to Glasgow by train  
11           from Dundee, couldn't she?

12   A.  Pardon, sorry?

13   LADY SMITH:  She could have gone to Glasgow by train from  
14           Dundee, couldn't she?

15   A.  Yes, she could have got a Dundee train down to Balgay  
16           and down there.

17   LADY SMITH:  So she could have gone to a [REDACTED]  
18           appointment from Balgay by train?

19   A.  Yes, but she didn't.

20   LADY SMITH:  How do you know that?

21   A.  Hmm?

22   LADY SMITH:  How do you know that?

23   A.  Well, because I was there.

24   LADY SMITH:  You did see her on occasion [REDACTED]  
25           [REDACTED]?

1 A. Mm-hm. But most of it was when she was at home.

2 LADY SMITH: Okay, you say mostly, so sometimes it would  
3 have been from somewhere else?

4 A. No.

5 LADY SMITH: Do you see what I mean? I am just wondering if  
6 you could be mistaken in thinking that she never went [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED] for an appointment by train from  
8 Dundee?

9 A. I wasn't conscious of that, unless that is how she met  
10 her parents.

11 LADY SMITH: Right.

12 A. Unless she came by train to meet her parents and then  
13 came [REDACTED] with them.

14 LADY SMITH: All right, thank you.

15 MS FORBES: My Lady. 'Pierre', just so I am clear:  
16 I thought when you gave evidence earlier you said that  
17 there was a time when Dee would come from Balgay [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED], but also a time when she was back  
19 home and she came for a while.

20 A. A short spell from -- the time she came [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED] was when she was coming with her parents  
22 for the group meetings. And the time she came on her  
23 own, she came from Fairlie.

24 Q. Okay. So is your evidence, then, that the time she came  
25 from Balgay was for the parent, group family therapy

1 sessions --

2 A. Yes, yes, mm-hm.

3 Q. -- before she went back home?

4 A. Yes, I can't remember how she met the parents before  
5 they came, because they came as a family.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. So I am assuming she must have come down or something to  
8 meet them.

9 Q. But, just so I am clear: is your evidence that she  
10 didn't come at all from Balgay after this family therapy  
11 session to see you [REDACTED]?

12 A. I wasn't -- I am not aware of that being the case.

13 Q. Okay.

14 At paragraph 44, Dee talks about -- this is  
15 a reference to paragraph 52 of her statement, and she  
16 talks about an occasion when you took her to your house.  
17 I will just read out what's said there, and it says:

18 'On one occasion he took me to his own house in  
19 Biggar. It was to let me see what normal family life  
20 was like. I felt terrible as it was obvious to me what  
21 was going on between him and me, and I am sure his  
22 family must have picked up on this. I remember his  
23 daughter [REDACTED]. I know 'Pierre's' wife has since  
24 divorced him.'

25 So, in relation to that paragraph, you have said in

1           your evidence that there was an occasion when Dee came  
2           to stay at your family home for the weekend; is that  
3           right?

4   A.   She didn't come to stay in my house in Biggar.

5   Q.   No.   That was going to be my next --

6   A.   She came to my house in Polmont.

7   Q.   The next question is: your position is that your home at  
8           that time was not in Biggar; it was in Polmont?

9   A.   Yes, I only moved to Biggar in 1983, and it was Polmont  
10          that she came to.   And I took her to Polmont Station.

11  Q.   And on that occasion when she came to stay in your house  
12          in Polmont, I think you tell us about that, at  
13          paragraph 45, and you have given some evidence about  
14          that already.   And at paragraph 45 of your statement,  
15          you say:

16               'I picked her up in Glasgow on the Friday afternoon  
17               to spend the weekend with my family.'

18  A.   That's right.

19  Q.   So was this an afternoon that you weren't at Barlinnie  
20          Special Unit?

21  A.   No, I probably came back into town to pick her up, and  
22          take her.

23  Q.   Now, in that paragraph that I put to you, there isn't  
24          any allegation there of any sexual abuse.   However,  
25          I have an additional allegation now, 'Pierre', to put to

1           you in relation to this stay at your family home.

2   A.   Mm-hm.

3   Q.   I am just going to go through that; okay?

4   A.   Okay.

5   Q.   The allegation is that when Dee was about 14 and  
6           a half years old she stayed at your house. This was  
7           a house in Biggar. And it was definitely before she was  
8           15. She was at your house staying at the weekend and,  
9           on the first night, the Friday night, you kissed her in  
10          the lounge of the house, you felt her breasts, she  
11          masturbated you, and it was all done and over very  
12          quickly.

13                Then on the second night, on the Saturday night, you  
14                came into the bedroom she was staying in and the next  
15                thing happened, and Dee was worried that your wife would  
16                come in.

17                Now, in relation to that; what's your position?

18   A.   Totally untrue, because (a) the living room was  
19           constantly occupied by the children and myself, and my  
20           wife at the same time, and also everything's on the same  
21           ground floor, and the children would have heard  
22           something if I had been doing anything. They were very  
23           close. It is a bungalow and the rooms for children --  
24           the three rooms down there, and my wife and myself were  
25           in the other room, further up.

1 Q. Did you ever kiss Dee at your house --

2 A. No.

3 Q. -- either in Biggar or in Polmont?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Did you ever feel her breasts in your house?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Did you ever get her to masturbate you?

8 A. No.

9 Q. There is also, 'Pierre', an allegation that you would

10 regularly buy Dee perfume; was that something you did?

11 A. I didn't buy her perfume. But what we used to do is,

12 sometimes I would walk her along to get her train back

13 to her family, and we would go in by Boots and she would

14 smell the perfumes, but I wouldn't buy them.

15 Q. If we could just go on --

16 LADY SMITH: Did you buy her anything on those visits to

17 Boots?

18 A. No, no.

19 LADY SMITH: Okay, thank you.

20 A. She just used to like to go and smell perfumes.

21 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

22 MS FORBES: In relation to that, 'Pierre', when would these

23 visits to Boots take place?

24 A. Sorry.

25 Q. When would the visits to Boots take place?

1 A. Usually when I was walking down to take her down to the  
2 station. I would be taking her down there and I would  
3 go back up [REDACTED]. I would take her down there  
4 and leave her on the way to the station, and go in by  
5 Boots because she would smell the perfume there, because  
6 there were different types she liked.

7 LADY SMITH: Which station would that have been?

8 A. It would have been Central -- no, it wouldn't be Queen  
9 Street; it would be Central.

10 LADY SMITH: In Glasgow?

11 A. Glasgow, yes.

12 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

13 A. Yes, it wasn't Queen Street, I don't think. It was  
14 whichever station the train to Ayr down to Fairlie went.

15 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

16 MS FORBES: How often did that happen?

17 A. Pardon?

18 MS FORBES: How often did that happen?

19 A. How often?

20 Q. Yes.

21 A. No, maybe once or twice.

22 Q. And when would that happen?

23 A. It would happen probably after she had been up, and I  
24 would walk down. She would be up in the morning.  
25 I would take her down to the station to get her back



1 home.

2 Q. So was this after she had been [REDACTED] for  
3 a session?

4 A. [REDACTED]. Yes, I think when she was [REDACTED].

5 Q. Was there ever any other occasions that you saw her when  
6 that took place?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Okay. I think, 'Pierre', if we can go forward in your  
9 statement to paragraph 47, it is put to you that in  
10 paragraph 53 of Dee's statement she says that:

11 'Pierre' spoke about his special girls that he was  
12 seeing and I am very sure that these girls were also  
13 victims of his grooming and subsequent sexual abuse.'

14 What is your position in relation to that?

15 A. I never used the term 'special girls' with anybody.

16 Q. Did you ever have any special girls that you were  
17 seeing, as far as you were concerned?

18 A. No, I had the normal kids that came up and saw me from  
19 it -- came up from the edge -- the borstal [REDACTED]  
20 [REDACTED], who would come in by -- on their way back from  
21 Woodside School. But they weren't special girls. They  
22 weren't any different.

23 Q. So you didn't use that phrase?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And you have mentioned the girls from the hostel. You

1           did mention earlier there were other girls who came to  
2           stay at your house; is that right?

3   A.   Mm-hm, yes.

4   Q.   Is that the girls from the hostel?

5   A.   Yes.

6   Q.   'Pierre', I just have to ask you this: have you ever  
7           sexually abused Dee Buchanan in any way?

8   A.   No.

9   Q.   What about any other child or young person?

10  A.   No.

11  Q.   I think then later it is put to you about the fact that  
12           Dee was going to go to Ardrossan Academy because she was  
13           quite intelligent.

14  A.   Yes.

15  Q.   The paragraph that's put to you there states you were  
16           pushing to get her into a flat on her own because she  
17           wouldn't have to then go back to her parents; what's  
18           your position in relation to that?

19  A.   I was not involved in any of the re-homing or whatever  
20           from Balgay; that was all done with the social services.

21  Q.   And from your point of view; where did Dee go when she  
22           left Balgay?

23  A.   She went back home, to Fairlie.

24  Q.   And that was to live with who?

25  A.   Pardon?

1 Q. Who did she live with?

2 A. Her parents.

3 Q. Were you ever involved with Dee when she was living away  
4 from her parents, after that?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Were you ever involved with her when she was living in  
7 a bedsit down that way?

8 A. I was never aware of her living in a bedsit.

9 Q. What about when she was living in Ardrossan?

10 A. All I knew was when she moved to stay with her parents.

11 Q. Okay. So, from your point of view, when she left Balgay  
12 she went to live with her parents and that was the end  
13 of your involvement with her?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. I think we can go forward to your statement, 'Pierre',  
16 to paragraph 51. This is where there is a reference to  
17 contact being made by you, and this paragraph of Dee's  
18 statement says:

19 'In 1993 I was contacted by 'Pierre' who had seen  
20 an article in a magazine that was about me. I was  
21 married at this time. He told me that he often came to  
22 Aberdeen on business and wanted to meet up with me.  
23 I told him I was married and couldn't meet with him. My  
24 husband at the time, who was present when I took the  
25 call, tried to encourage me to contact the police, but

1 I just couldn't do it.'

2 What's your position in relation to what's said  
3 there?

4 A. Totally untrue. Because I wasn't, I didn't go to  
5 Aberdeen in 1993, I went to Peterhead Prison in 1996,  
6 because that was when I started that period of working  
7 with the prisons, in the special units.

8 LADY SMITH: I am not sure the allegation was that there was  
9 contact in person, but rather that there was a phone  
10 call.

11 A. Sorry?

12 LADY SMITH: Did you phone her?

13 A. No. I didn't have a phone number.

14 LADY SMITH: You see, the point was not that you were there  
15 and met her in Aberdeen, or tried to meet her in  
16 Aberdeen, but that there was a phone call; you are  
17 saying that there wasn't one?

18 A. No.

19 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

20 MS FORBES: Yes, just to be clear, 'Pierre', the allegation  
21 is that you made a phone call to Dee and asked her to  
22 meet up with you at a hotel in Aberdeen.

23 A. No, untrue.

24 Q. Okay. So --

25 A. I wasn't staying in Aberdeen at that time, in hotels or

1 otherwise.

2 Q. But you have told us about the fact that you, I think  
3 you said, 'wrote a note' is the way you put it, and sent  
4 it to an address to try to get in touch with Dee in  
5 Aberdeen; is that right?

6 A. No.

7 Q. I think you said that earlier in your evidence?

8 A. No, I said that I was in Peterhead, and I was staying up  
9 there. And that was between '96 and '99, and I saw in  
10 the magazine her address there, and I contacted to see  
11 if she was interested in having a catch up.

12 Q. So that's my fault, apologies. It was Peterhead you  
13 said?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And it was a later date. But you told us about  
16 an occasion in your evidence where you tried to make  
17 contact with her by writing to her at an address?

18 A. Well, no, I invited, I said I was up in Peterhead, and  
19 was round about that area. If she was interested in  
20 meeting I would be quite happy to do that.

21 Q. What's being said by Dee is that this contact was  
22 actually a phone call --

23 A. No.

24 Q. -- by you at a point in time in 1993?

25 A. No.

1 Q. And that was trying to see if she wanted to meet up.

2 A. No.

3 Q. Your position is that didn't happen?

4 A. That didn't happen, because I didn't have her phone  
5 number or anything. The only way I could contact was  
6 through that address in the magazine.

7 Q. Okay. In the magazine; would there not have been  
8 a phone number?

9 A. Well, there could have been a phone number, but  
10 I wouldn't have phoned.

11 Q. And was there a reason you wouldn't have phoned?

12 A. Probably because I prefer to write -- drop a note, just  
13 to see what she was doing.

14 Q. Because a phone call might get an immediate response if  
15 this was somewhere you were only staying for a short  
16 period of time?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Whereas dropping a note might make it more difficult?

19 A. It wasn't a question of doing it while I was in  
20 Peterhead and I dropped her a note. It was some point  
21 where I had the magazine, in fact I took the magazine  
22 home with me.

23 Q. And I think then later, 'Pierre', at paragraph 53 of  
24 your statement, it is put to you from Dee, at  
25 paragraph 59 of her statement, she says:

1            'The abuse stopped when I was 16 and I no longer had  
2            to see him. I was still under the care of the social  
3            work department and he did try to keep up the visits,  
4            but I was finding more excuses to stop him coming to me  
5            or for me to visit him in Glasgow. I think that he only  
6            visited me twice at my flat.'

7            And in relation to that; what is your position?

8            A. Untrue, because she didn't have a flat in Glasgow and  
9            I never contacted her or anything to visit and ...

10           It is all part of the same fantasy.

11           Q. Okay. And in general, then, 'Pierre'; what is your  
12           position in relation to all these allegations that have  
13           been put to you this afternoon by me?

14           A. Totally untrue.

15           Q. Do you have any idea as to why Dee would say these  
16           things about you?

17           A. I think -- I mean, to be quite honest, I would say she  
18           just had a fantasy world.

19           Q. I think there is a part of your statement that deals  
20           with this, 'Pierre'. It is paragraph 56. You say:

21           'I have no idea why Dee has made up these  
22           allegations about me. Looking back, it could have been  
23           because in her mind she may have actually wanted these  
24           things to happen between us and for me to abuse her.'

25           So I just want to ask you about that, that statement

1           that you have made there: what do you mean when you say  
2           that?

3    A.   Well, fantasies -- fantasists are people who believe  
4           things have happened, and have an imagination of what  
5           they would like to happen, but don't actually happen.

6    Q.   So is your position, from what you have said there, that  
7           you think Dee wanted you to abuse her?

8    A.   I think that was it, yes.

9    Q.   So that's your position in relation to that?

10   A.   Mm-hm. I think it is what she had in her head which was  
11           the problem.

12   Q.   And I think you tell us, 'Pierre', that you were  
13           contacted by the police in 2005; is that right?

14   A.   Mm-hm, yes.

15   Q.   And this was in relation to allegations made by  
16           Dee Buchanan; is that right?

17   A.   Mm-hm.

18   Q.   And I think you attended and spoke to the police?

19   A.   Yes.

20   Q.   Now, was that the first time you had heard any  
21           allegations from Dee about --

22   A.   Yes.

23   Q.   -- when she was younger?

24   A.   Yes, that's right. I never knew anything about them,  
25           otherwise I wouldn't have continued any contact with her



1 at all, because she would have been seen as dangerous.

2 Q. Now, the allegations that you were made aware of in  
3 2005; did they involve allegations of you having any  
4 sexual intercourse with Dee?

5 A. Yes, all of that stuff. Mm-hm.

6 Q. It did?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay, because --

9 A. She kept telling people the same story.

10 Q. Because what's been put to you from her statement today,  
11 and in the statement that you have signed, what's been  
12 put to you in that doesn't include sexual intercourse;  
13 it includes some sexual assaults.

14 A. No.

15 Q. But it doesn't include sexual intercourse.

16 A. Mm-hm.

17 Q. Do you see the distinction that I am making there?

18 A. No, but neither of them were actually happening.

19 Q. Okay. But I am just asking: in 2005; were you made  
20 aware that there was an allegation of sexual  
21 intercourse?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Okay. Is today the first time you have heard  
24 an allegation about you having sexual intercourse with  
25 Dee?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. You tell us in your statement, 'Pierre', at  
3 paragraph 63, that your lawyer was involved in speaking  
4 to the police and you were told there would be no  
5 further action at that time; is that right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. But you then go on to say it was established by this  
8 police investigation in 2005 that it was all untrue; who  
9 told you that?

10 A. I think it was my lawyer.

11 Q. Okay. So this is your lawyer telling you this?

12 A. Mm-hm, yes.

13 Q. You didn't hear from the police in relation to that?

14 A. It was through the police, through my lawyer.

15 Q. And you then go on to say:  
16 'They also said that she could have been charged  
17 with malicious reporting.'  
18 Again: who said that?

19 A. Er, I think that was the police at one point, when they  
20 first talked about the accusations.

21 Q. And who did the police say that to?

22 A. Me.

23 Q. Okay, so you remember that?

24 A. Mm-hm.

25 Q. And in what context were they using that term,

1 'Malicious reporting'?

2 A. Well, it was just what they said, because of her  
3 accusations being untrue, and because of the nature of  
4 them, she could be charged with something like malicious  
5 reporting.

6 Q. I just want to be clear, then, 'Pierre', because I asked  
7 you just a minute ago about whether or not the  
8 investigation had resulted in someone saying that it was  
9 untrue, I think you said that came from your lawyer.  
10 But just what you said there was that the police had  
11 said because it is untrue she could be charged with  
12 malicious reporting; what do you actually remember being  
13 told?

14 A. No, what I said from the police was they said she could  
15 have been charged with malicious reporting. They didn't  
16 say to me that it was all untrue. There is  
17 a difference -- two different things there.

18 Q. Is this the police saying this to you or is this the  
19 police saying this to your lawyer?

20 A. No, the police saying that to me.

21 Q. Okay.

22 LADY SMITH: Which police said that?

23 A. Strathclyde.

24 LADY SMITH: Strathclyde. Do you remember which particular  
25 police officer said that?

1 A. Oh, I couldn't honestly tell you.

2 LADY SMITH: A male or a female?

3 A. Hmm?

4 LADY SMITH: A male or a female?

5 A. A male.

6 MS FORBES: 'Pierre', at what point in time was this said?

7 Was this after you were made aware of the allegations?

8 A. I think it was after we'd had the interview. Maybe

9 I was going out the door or something, and they said:

10 you know, you could charge her with malicious reporting,

11 you know.

12 Q. So this was a police officer saying to you, you could

13 charge her with malicious reporting?

14 A. Aye, mm-hm.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. Because remember, she reported it to the Aberdeen

17 police, and the Aberdeen police contacted the

18 Strathclyde police, who contacted me.

19 Q. And did you do that?

20 A. No.

21 Q. You didn't make a complaint to the police?

22 A. No. I didn't want to keep things going that were

23 unnecessary.

24 Q. Okay. You then tell us, 'Pierre', that you heard from

25 someone that there were further -- that the allegations

1 had been raised again, in 2014.

2 A. Mm-hm.

3 Q. But that you were never contacted by the police or told  
4 anything about that, so you were not sure.

5 A. Mm-hm, yes.

6 Q. Who did you hear that from?

7 A. I couldn't honestly tell you. But it was part of the  
8 later investigation by the Care Professions Council,  
9 some of the information there.

10 Q. So are you saying that somebody from the Health and Care  
11 Professions Council?

12 A. I honestly can't tell you who said that. But I was  
13 aware of the fact that the police had been, you know.

14 Q. Okay. And I think you did receive papers from the  
15 Health and Care Professions Council in relation to  
16 allegations made by Dee in 2019; is that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And that matter was ongoing, I think, throughout 2019,  
19 until 2020; is that right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. And that matter is at an end now; is that right?

22 A. The matter ended, mm-hm, with her being seen as  
23 inconsistent allegations, unsupported, and there wasn't  
24 a case to answer.

25 Q. But I think you also say that you have been involved in

1 separate, unrelated proceedings with the Health and Care  
2 Professions Council; is that right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And you tell us a little bit about that from  
5 paragraph 67 and 68. This related to a female that you  
6 had previously been asked to provide a report for in  
7 relation to criminal defence proceedings; is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you prepared that report on instructions from her  
10 lawyer; is that right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. But then this lady got in touch with you a few years  
13 later asking for advice, and that was through [REDACTED];  
14 is that right?

15 A. Yes, what happened is she contacted me asking something  
16 about if she had told me such and such, and such and  
17 such, would that have made a difference. Because she  
18 was always -- she was accusing people of malicious --  
19 being violent towards her, her ex-husband and so on, she  
20 was always accusing. I think she was about 40. She  
21 wasn't a child, but she was about 40, 40-odd at that  
22 time. And her husband -- and there was another, [REDACTED],  
23 a physiotherapist or something, that she was saying --  
24 she was accusing of sexual behaviour.

25 Q. And you provided a report in relation to that in your

1 professional capacity at that time?

2 A. Yes, mm-hm.

3 Q. And I just want to refer you to dealings that resulted  
4 after she contacted you through [REDACTED], and that was  
5 the dealings with the Health and Care Professions  
6 Council. And there is a reference for that, that I will  
7 read out just now, it is INQ-0000000796. We will just  
8 bring that up on the screen.

9 So, in relation to what's on the screen, 'Pierre',  
10 this is a decision by the Health and Care Professions  
11 Council from their tribunal service; is that right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. And this related to you; is that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And if we look at the first page, just further down, it  
16 says that this is a hearing in 2023. Halfway down, if  
17 we go further down it says 'outcome: struck off'. And  
18 if we go further down, it says 'Allegation', and I am  
19 just going to read out the allegation that is there. It  
20 says:

21 'As a registered psychiatrist [there is a reference  
22 number] your fitness to practise is impaired by reason  
23 of misconduct in that between [and it gives dates  
24 between January 2020 and May 2020] ... you practised as  
25 a registered practitioner psychologist while your

1 registration was subject to an interim suspension order  
2 in that (a) on or around [it gives a date in 2020] you  
3 offered to speak to Service User A on Facebook Messenger  
4 and [REDACTED] after Service User A approached you for  
5 your professional advice and/or opinion [REDACTED].

6 '(b) while exchanging messages with service user A  
7 on Facebook Messenger you offered your professional  
8 advice and/or opinion and/or support to Service User A  
9 to, on or around [it has a date in 2020] ... while  
10 exchanging messages with Service User A on Facebook  
11 Messenger you (a) stated that "I have completely stopped  
12 working due to finding difficulty driving longer  
13 distances after my hip replacement" or words to that  
14 effect and/or.

15 '(b) did not disclose to Service User A that your  
16 registration was subject to an interim suspension order,  
17 which prevented from you practising, and/or providing  
18 professional advice.

19 '3. You did not maintain appropriate professional  
20 boundaries and/or abused your position of trust in  
21 relation to Service User A in that you:

22 '(a) persistently and/or excessively messaged  
23 Service User A both on and/or outside of Facebook  
24 Messenger;

25 '(b) continued to message Service User A despite



1           them indicating on one or more occasions that your  
2           persistent messages were negatively impacting their  
3           mental health and/or that they did not wish to engage in  
4           further contact;

5           '(c) formed an inappropriate sexual and or emotional  
6           relationship with Service User A.

7           "4 your conduct in particulars 1 and/or 2 was  
8           dishonest.

9           '5 your conduct in particulars 1 and/or 2 and/or 3  
10          was sexually motivated.

11          '6 the matters set out in particulars 1 to 5  
12          constitute misconduct.

13          '7 by reason of your misconduct your fitness to  
14          practice is impaired.'

15          So those were the allegations that were made against  
16          you; is that right?

17         A. Yes.

18         Q. And those allegations were found after evidence was  
19          heard to be proved by the tribunal; is that right?

20         A. Which I dispute, still.

21         Q. And I know your position is that you don't accept that,  
22          and there is an appeal process; is that right?

23         A. I was not -- I was not practising as a psychologist  
24          during that period.

25         Q. Okay.

1 A. I stopped in 1918 -- 2018, because of my hip injury and  
2 so on, and stopped driving, back in -- didn't register,  
3 didn't record any work at all. This is all ongoing  
4 while I was an ordinary citizen.

5 Q. Okay. And I accept that's your position and that's the  
6 position that's outlined in the decision as well.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And are the appeal proceedings in relation to this still  
9 ongoing?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Are they still underway?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Are they finished?

14 A. I have given it up as a bad job, because I don't think  
15 they were fair.

16 Q. So, in relation to this decision, it is not under appeal  
17 anymore; is that right?

18 A. It is not under appeal anymore because --

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. I am not practising and I wasn't practising at that  
21 time.

22 Q. I understand what your position is in relation to that.  
23 Your position is you were a private citizen and you  
24 weren't engaging as a --

25 A. That's right.

1 Q. -- psychologist at that time?

2 A. No, I wasn't.

3 Q. And you weren't registered?

4 A. I told the person I wasn't practising as a psychologist,  
5 and the person was aware of it.

6 Q. But the outcome of that, 'Pierre', was you were struck  
7 off the register?

8 A. Yes, I fail to see how I can be struck off something  
9 I wasn't on.

10 Q. No, I appreciate that is your position in relation to  
11 that.

12 I just want to take you to a couple of parts of the  
13 decision, though, and I think in relation to this, the  
14 background to this, if we can go to page 3 of the  
15 decision, at paragraph 7 of that page, it outlines the  
16 background which we have spoken about already; that you  
17 were previously involved with this lady in providing  
18 a report for a criminal defence.

19 A. I provided the report -- provided the report, end of  
20 contact, nothing at all. She made the contact;  
21 I didn't.

22 Q. And I think then if we go to paragraph 8, it talks about  
23 the fact that there were dates in 2019 and 2020 between  
24 which you were subject to an interim suspension order in  
25 relation to unrelated fitness to practise proceedings?

1 A. Dee Buchanan.

2 Q. Is this in relation to Dee?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Just to put it into context --

5 A. She caused this and left me picking up the pieces.

6 Q. It goes on, in paragraph 9 on that page, to talk about  
7 a date in 2020 when the Service User A contacted you [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED] in the hope that you might provide her with  
9 advice and support in relation to ongoing issues in her  
10 life and personal relationships.

11 If you go over the page to page 4, paragraph 10, it  
12 states that you replied that you would like to speak to  
13 Service User A and proposed that they should communicate  
14 on Facebook Messenger. So that's then moving from  
15 [REDACTED] to Facebook Messenger.

16 This is just me going through the background; okay?

17 A. Mm-hm, okay.

18 Q. That's what it says there; is that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And then it says, at paragraph 11:

21 'There followed a sequence of communications between  
22 the registrant and Service User A which at the  
23 registrant's instigation became increasingly intimate  
24 and sexualised in content.'

25 It goes in, in paragraph 12, to say that at a date

1 in 2020 Service User A contacted the HCPC on the advice  
2 of her GP in relation to these online communications  
3 with yourself.

4 At paragraph 13, it says on a date after that she  
5 provided the HCPC with the messages she had exchanged  
6 with you, between dates in 2020, and that was on  
7 [REDACTED] and Facebook Messenger.

8 At paragraph 13 there, it states in the last  
9 sentence:

10 'You also provided images and pictures that were  
11 exchanged between them at that time.'

12 A. Had I been a practising psychologist I would never have  
13 done that. I was an ordinary person communicating with  
14 an ordinary adult woman.

15 Q. Yes, I understand what your position is in relation to  
16 that, 'Pierre'. I just want to go to some of the  
17 findings in fact. That's from paragraph 19.

18 The allegations that I have read out to you at the  
19 beginning, when I was looking at this, they were all  
20 found to be proved, and it also outlines your position,  
21 which is that you stopped working as a psychologist.  
22 However, that obviously wasn't accepted by the Tribunal.  
23 If we can go forward in the decision to page 7, and go  
24 to paragraph 28, this is where the Panel, the Tribunal  
25 are outlining their judgment. It says:

1           'In the Panel's judgment the exchange of  
2 contemporaneous messages clearly established that the  
3 registrant offered professional advice, opinion and  
4 support to Service User A.'

5           Then if we go down to (a), it says you didn't  
6 maintain appropriate professional boundaries:

7           '... and/or abused your position of trust in  
8 relation to Service User A in that you (a) persistently  
9 and/or excessively messaged ...'.

10          Her. And that again goes through the allegations  
11 that we went over at the beginning, and that was found  
12 to be proved. In particular at paragraph 29, they say:

13          "Evidence in support of the particulars at 2(a),  
14 2(b) and 2(c) is provided by the contemporaneous  
15 messages between ...'

16          You and her. And then at paragraph 30, they say  
17 that with regard to 2(a) the Panel found:

18          'From an early stage in their correspondence the  
19 registrant persistently and excessively messaged Service  
20 User A and this continued until Service User A  
21 terminated the correspondence.'

22          And then there is a date in 2020. And then they  
23 find that to be a breach of professional boundaries.

24          And then at paragraph 31, they say that with regard  
25 to 2(b):

1           'The Panel noted that the registrant continued to  
2 message Service User A despite her telling him that his  
3 messages were having a negative impact on her.'

4           In particular they quote from messages that the  
5 Service User gave to them, and I am just going to read  
6 that out:

7           'Service User A messaged the registrant, "I have not  
8 healed from past traumatic experiences. I am having  
9 PTSD like flash back to previous times. I do feel the  
10 best thing is that we do remain professional and  
11 platonic."'

12           And the message from you after that is then quoted  
13 in 2020, and you say:

14           'Apologies, I seem to have forgotten the  
15 professional and the other bit.'

16           Go over to the next page, and paragraph 34, so this  
17 is page 8, it says:

18           'With regard to particular 2(c), there were numerous  
19 and explicit texts from the registrant to Service User A  
20 with an emotional and sexual content. This was plainly  
21 in breach of professional boundaries, and particular  
22 2(c) is therefore proved.'

23           And if we go to paragraph 4, it says:

24           'Your conduct in particulars 1 and/or 2 was sexually  
25 motivated.'

1           And then -- sorry, that was sub-paragraph 4 of 34.

2           Then, at paragraph 36:

3           'The text from the registrant to Service User A  
4           contained explicit sexual messages. The Panel found  
5           that these messages were sent by the registrant for his  
6           own sexual gratification and also in pursuit of a future  
7           sexual relationship with Service User A. Accordingly,  
8           particular 4 is proved.'

9           Then go on to the next page, which is page 9,  
10          paragraph 42, the Panel states:

11          "The registrant engaged in emotionally charged and  
12          sexualised correspondence with Service User A who had  
13          consulted him and to whom he had offered help in his  
14          professional capacity as a practitioner psychologist.  
15          The registrant knew well that Service User A was  
16          emotionally vulnerable. The Panel considered his  
17          conduct in so doing to be a serious breach of  
18          professional boundaries and one which could properly be  
19          described as deplorable by the standards of ordinary,  
20          decent members of the public. This was compounded by  
21          his dishonesty in offering and giving professional  
22          advice and support when he was subject to an interim  
23          suspension order.'

24          And then in relation, the Panel then says:

25          'The Panel found each of these particulars to



1           constitute misconduct and that such misconduct was  
2           extremely serious.'

3           I am just going to take you to a couple of  
4           paragraphs in relation to the decision --

5   A. Can I say I am fed up with this, because this is trying  
6       me of something that has happened over a period of  
7       a couple of months, which I terminated, and this is all  
8       this fabrication by yet another fantasist, who was  
9       creating a -- and had a history of it, and counsel  
10      failed to pay attention to all that.

11           I didn't have a lawyer to deal with because I was no  
12          longer registered with a lawyer who -- to cover that.  
13          And, you know, she wrote to me. I tried to give back  
14          answers to what she was talking about. Okay, we started  
15          talking, communicating, but I ended it [REDACTED]. Two  
16          months later, I made sure we didn't carry on. Any  
17          contact I had had in between was checking to see if she  
18          was okay.

19   Q. Okay. I just want to take you to some -- a few more  
20       paragraphs.

21   A. I should be at home looking after my wife.

22   Q. I won't be taking too much more of your time.

23   LADY SMITH: I appreciate that, 'Pierre'. I promise you, we  
24       have almost completed your evidence.

25           Ms Forbes.

1 MS FORBES: If I can just take you to a couple of paragraphs  
2 on the decision on impairment, and that's on the same  
3 page at paragraph 46. And this is --

4 A. I have never seen this before.

5 Q. Okay, I am just going to go through these bits, and then  
6 if you want to say anything you can, okay, 'Pierre'?  
7 Paragraph 46 --

8 A. This is libel.

9 Q. 'with regard to the personal component the Panel noted  
10 that the registrant had made no admissions to the  
11 allegation and had expressed no remorse. He appeared to  
12 blame the registrant for contacting him and suggested  
13 without any evidence that she had stalked him. He  
14 characterised the explicit sexual contents of his  
15 messages to Service User A to be flirting. The Panel  
16 considered his behaviour towards her to have been  
17 sexually exploitative.

18 '47. The Panel considered that the registrant had  
19 shown no insight as to the negative impact of his  
20 conduct on Service User A or for the reputation of his  
21 profession.

22 '48. In the absence of any evidence of remorse,  
23 insight or remediation, the Panel considered that there  
24 would be a significant risk of repetition if the  
25 registrant were permitted to practice without

1 restriction.'

2 And then I am just going to go to a part of the  
3 decision on sanction at paragraph 53, which is talking  
4 about aggravating factors, and at that part they say:

5 'The registrant engaged in a sexual relationship  
6 with Service User A who had previously been his client.  
7 He abused her trust in him when she had asked for his  
8 professional advice and support. His conduct towards  
9 her was a gross breach of trust in the professional  
10 duties which he owed her. The registrant knew from the  
11 outset that Service User A was emotionally vulnerable,  
12 and exploited her vulnerability for his own sexual  
13 gratification. The registrant has shown no remorse,  
14 insight or remediation and has sought without any  
15 justification to class blame on Service User A for  
16 stalking him.'

17 I am just going to take you to two more parts, just  
18 over the page at page 11, and this is at paragraph 59,  
19 it says:

20 'in the Panel's judgment all of the indicative  
21 criteria for a striking off order are present in this  
22 case. The public is entitled to expect members of the  
23 profession to behave with decency, honesty and  
24 integrity, all of which qualities were conspicuously  
25 lacking in the registrant's conduct towards Service User

1 A. In the Panel's judgment the registrant's misconduct  
2 was so serious as to be remain incompatible with his  
3 remaining on the register.

4 '60. The Panel concluded that the appropriate  
5 sanction is a striking off order.'

6 And at that stage an interim suspension order for  
7 a period of 18 months was granted to cover the appeal  
8 period. And I think, as you said, 'Pierre', you did  
9 initially appeal against that decision, is that right?

10 A. Well, I gave up because they wouldn't reply to me when  
11 I made any comment to them about it. And they wouldn't  
12 accept the fact that I had actually stopped being  
13 a registered psychologist in 2018.

14 LADY SMITH: 'Pierre', you said a little while ago that you  
15 had never seen --

16 A. Pardon?

17 LADY SMITH: You said a little while ago that you had never  
18 seen this document. I wonder if you made a mistake  
19 about that. You must have seen it to be able to appeal  
20 it.

21 A. No, no, I wasn't appealing, what I was appealing was the  
22 process that I was undergoing at that time, I wasn't  
23 appealing that document, I was appealing what they were  
24 doing beforehand, which was going through the --

25 LADY SMITH: Okay, there must have come a time --

1 A. I have never seen that before.

2 LADY SMITH: There must have come a time that you knew  
3 the Council, the professional body, had --

4 A. I knew they were going to -- in fact I was still dealing  
5 with that.

6 LADY SMITH: 'Pierre', can you just let me finish.

7 A. Sorry.

8 LADY SMITH: Because if we both speak at the same time the  
9 stenographers can't cope, I am sorry.

10 There must have been a time that you knew the  
11 decision of the Council was that you were to be struck  
12 off.

13 A. Yes, I knew that, I knew that.

14 LADY SMITH: Okay. How did you know that?

15 A. Because I saw a letter, I got a letter about it.

16 LADY SMITH: Right, you got a letter about it.

17 A. Yes.

18 LADY SMITH: This must have been in the letter.

19 A. No, it wasn't.

20 LADY SMITH: Are you sure?

21 A. I am sure.

22 LADY SMITH: No reasons given in the letter at all?

23 A. Mm-hm, I got a letter that was summarising what it said  
24 already before, about the complaint, and I had made my  
25 responses to it, explaining that I hadn't been

1 registered at the time, et cetera. And going into that.  
2 And I was undergoing that. And then I had, I think  
3 a meeting, I can't remember, December, where they said  
4 in fact I was being struck off. They were going to,  
5 accepting -- I can't remember the exact wording of it,  
6 but it was way back when. I didn't get that.

7 LADY SMITH: That's your position, is it?

8 A. That's my position.

9 LADY SMITH: All right, thank you.

10 Ms Forbes.

11 MS FORBES: My Lady. This was, these allegations, you were  
12 made aware of these, is that right, before the Panel,  
13 the tribunal?

14 A. I knew there was this issue with this woman. Dealing  
15 with that. I explained the whole situation as I have  
16 explained in detail. It shows in fact there was several  
17 times I could have sat with a lawyer and worked through  
18 the lies they were actually -- I am not paranoid, but  
19 there were untruths that they were saying there. They  
20 didn't accept that I stopped working  
21 in [REDACTED], 2018, and that I was un -- not  
22 unemployed, but not working during the subsequent  
23 period. And then this accusation, this lady contacted  
24 regarding the advice about her and her relationships,  
25 and I said I can't give you advice, because I am no

1 longer a practising psychologist, but offered to give  
2 any comments if she wanted. But it progressed from  
3 there. And to be honest I felt I was being led into  
4 a trap, when I look back on it.

5 Q. In relation to the proceedings we have just been going  
6 through, I think the position is you are made aware of  
7 them by the HCPC and you made an application for the  
8 hearing in relation to this to proceed in your absence,  
9 and then you submitted something in writing outlining  
10 your position to the HCPC, is that right?

11 A. Mm-hm. I was communicating, I can't remember the lady's  
12 name, explaining the situation, and in fact I got the  
13 feeling, the impression, they were quite supportive, she  
14 was being quite supportive. The last time I wrote at  
15 the middle of last year there was no reply, and there  
16 had been no reply. Their dealing with things is by no  
17 reply.

18 Q. But I think in relation to your application to proceed  
19 in your absence, it was granted and they proceeded with  
20 the hearing in your absence, and heard evidence from  
21 Service User A and used the messages that had been  
22 submitted from Service User A, and to yourself, and  
23 vice-versa, in coming to the decision. I think they  
24 also heard evidence from a doctor about whether or not  
25 it was seen that you were operating or working as

1 a psychologist at the time?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So I appreciate what your position is in relation to  
4 that, but I wanted to put these parts of that decision  
5 to you. I have heard what you have said about it. Do  
6 you have anything else to say in relation to this  
7 decision that you have not already said, 'Pierre'?

8 A. What can I say.

9 MS FORBES: Okay, 'Pierre', I have gone through quite a lot  
10 today and I have asked you a lot of questions. Thank  
11 you for answering them. I don't have any questions to  
12 ask you today, I know we have kept you quite a long  
13 time. My Lady, I am not aware of any other questions.

14 LADY SMITH: Thank you very much. 'Pierre', thank you so  
15 much for bearing with us, I do appreciate that it has  
16 been difficult, but I hope you understand why we have to  
17 ask these questions, and explore the evidence that we  
18 have been exploring. I am grateful to you. I know you  
19 want to get away and get home, and I am able to let you  
20 do that now, thank you.

21 (the witness withdrew)

22 MS FORBES: My Lady, I think Mr Sheldon may have --

23 LADY SMITH: Thank you. Mr Sheldon.

24 MR SHELDON: My Lady, yes, there is just one piece of  
25 housekeeping arising from 'Rizzo's' evidence earlier.



1 LADY SMITH: Yes.

2 MR SHELDON: She made reference to a letter, or report, by

3 SNR of Balgay to the children's hearing.

4 This was --

5 LADY SMITH: You have read my mind. Do you have the

6 reference for that?

7 MR SHELDON: It is GLA-000003241, page 22.

8 LADY SMITH: Thank you so much. I am glad to have got that

9 into the transcript.

10 MR SHELDON: Thank you.

11 LADY SMITH: And that, I think, is the close of our evidence

12 for this chapter, am I right?

13 MR SHELDON: That is correct, my Lady. There is no more

14 witnesses.

15 LADY SMITH: Very well. And I know that it is colleagues,

16 Mr Sheldon, who will be dealing with the next section,

17 but it, I think, doesn't start until Tuesday the 18th,

18 have I got that right? Tuesday the 19th.

19 MR SHELDON: Tuesday the 19th.

20 LADY SMITH: Of March.

21 MR SHELDON: I think, of March, yes my Lady, that will be

22 Mr Peoples leading that with Ms Forbes.

23 LADY SMITH: That's correct. It is the 18th.

24 MR SHELDON: I beg your pardon, it is the 18th, my Lady.

25 LADY SMITH: I had the 18th in my head, which is a Monday.

1 MR SHELDON: Which is a Monday, my Lady, yes.

2 LADY SMITH: That's the day we are, are we having opening  
3 submissions on that date?

4 THE SOLICITOR: We are not sitting on the 21st, Thursday the  
5 21st.

6 LADY SMITH: Of course, it's to make sure we have the  
7 evidence for the week done, and we are going to sit on  
8 that Monday. Thank you so much. Well, I am going to  
9 rise now until the 18th and Mr Sheldon, Ms Forbes,  
10 thanks for all your work in relation to this chapter,  
11 I am very grateful to you.

12 (4.40 pm)

13 (The hearing concluded)

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