

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry**Supplementary Witness Statement of**PGI
[REDACTED]**Support person present at telephone: Yes**

1. My full name is PGI [REDACTED]. My contact details are known to the Inquiry. My date of birth is [REDACTED] 1950. I have given a statement previously to the Inquiry. I have remembered a further incident which occurred during my childhood in care. I now wish to give a supplementary statement.

Institution: Widowers' Home, Corstorphine, Edinburgh**Physical abuse**

2. An incident occurred when I was 13 or 14 in about 1963 or 1964. This was during Auntie HRF [REDACTED]'s (Ms HRF [REDACTED]) time as SNR [REDACTED]. However, she was on holiday visiting her aunt in Selkirk, I think.
3. There was a black woman who worked at the home. She was a former police officer. She came from Falkirk but I cannot remember her name. She was about 6 feet tall and weighed about 13 to 14 stones. She worked with both boys and girls in the home.
4. On a particular day I was attacked by this woman. She put her arms around me and there was a struggle. This happened outside the office. I managed to put my leg behind hers and tripped her. We both fell to the floor. Then SNR [REDACTED] SNR [REDACTED] came out of the office. She had a belt in her hand which she used to strap me on the stomach, back and legs. Then the black woman put my arm up my back

and forced me into the office. I was again whipped with the belt by SNR [REDACTED] SNR [REDACTED] in the office.

5. A couple of days later I required medical attention. I had a suspected appendicitis. SNR [REDACTED]'s husband took me to Leith Hospital where I was checked over. They told me I was ok. I did suffer from an appendicitis when I was 15.

6. SNR [REDACTED] and the black woman were worried about what would happen following this incident, when Auntie HRF [REDACTED] returned. Auntie HRF [REDACTED] dismissed both of them when she returned. It was Auntie HRE [REDACTED] (HRE [REDACTED]) who told Auntie HRF [REDACTED] about the incident.

7. I want to add that I once saw Auntie HRF [REDACTED] using the belt on someone. She belted [REDACTED]. She had bought 3 pairs of new jeans for [REDACTED]. He had ripped all 3 pairs. She belted him for that. That is the only time I ever saw Auntie HRF [REDACTED] belting anyone. I am aware that other residents are making allegations on [REDACTED] and have been giving statements to the police about events during Auntie HRF [REDACTED]'s time as SNR [REDACTED] of the home.

8. I have no objection to my supplementary witness statement being published as part of the evidence to the enquiry. I believe that the facts stated in this supplementary witness statement are true.

Signed..... PGI [REDACTED]

Dated..... 23.9.16