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File Note

Area Under Discussion: Mr Jim BROWN

Date: 13.09.10

Name: Michael Elliott

Position: Director of Professional Standards

phone call received

meeting

other

phone call made

Details:

On the 13.09.10 I was contacted by Mr Jim BROWN. BROWN wished to take up an offer I made to him via his solicitor Peter Cleaves of professional counselling. He said he is considering a guilty plea at his September 20th Court appearance but can't recall all of the incidents as alleged so is still unsure of his position.

Of concern, he stated that he was being represented by Paul Rosser (Chancellor) and further, that Rosser had previously represented him in the early 1990's where he successfully had charges of indecent assault on a teenage boy dismissed. The victim in that case was Phillip Damond who BROWN had procured from St Alban's boys home and is again a victim in current proceedings.

BROWN stated that he felt he was groomed into a culture within the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle where sexual abuse of boys was accepted as the norm. He claimed he had a consensual sexual relationship with both Fr. Peter RUSHTON and Fr. Lindsay Mcloughlan although he felt these relationships were abusive. BROWN stated he did not wish to pursue either of these matters formally.

Signed _____