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Diocesan Committee for Allegations of Sexual Misconduct

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File Note: February 11, 2003

Respondent: The Revd. Peter Rushton

Complainant: Val Hall, former parishioner St. Luke's Wallsend.

Phone contact by Val Hall re allegation of paedophilia against the Revd. Peter Rushton. Val advised me she now longer worshiped in a church due the experiences relating to Revd. Peter Rushton. She advised me that a complaint had been taken to Bishop Holland by COA then assistant priest at Wallsend Parish with regard to an allegation of sexual abuse of his son, COE a minor, by the Revd. Peter Rushton. the offences were reported to Bishop Holland in 1978 or 1979. Bishop Holland refused to believe the complaint and no action was taken. Val Hall also mentioned a possible act of abuse by Revd. Peter against REDACTED son, an alter boy at Wallsend at the time. COA later left the priesthood. He also suffered a Cerebral Vascular Accident [stroke] and the REDACTED were eventually divorced. The effect of the alleged assault on the REDACTE family was catastrophic.

Mention was also made regarding a sexual relationship between the Revd. Peter Rushton and REDACTED who was an REDACTED when the Revd. Peter Rushton was priest in charge at Maitland.

I advised Val Hall I would be happy to speak with any complainant or their parents at any time and if she could arrange that I would be most grateful.

October 2003 – To this time, no further contact from any individual mentioned in this file note.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sanders', written in a cursive style.

JEAN SANDERS
 CHAIRPERSON – C.A.S.M.