

Mr Brennan is the Department's specialist dealing with 'Children at Risk'.

Mr Brennan was informed concerning a number of the reported, now documented, incidents involving Bro Gregory during 1985 and 1986.

Mr Brennan's reflections are listed - rearranged from my notes. (Mr Brennan has not seen this documentation.)

- There seems to be evidence of an illness involving deep emotional needs that are hard to control. The behaviour seems compulsive.
- Admonition may not be effective because of the deep needs. He is not responsible - he cannot help it.
- Bro may have been at that level for years.
- Professional help is needed - though he may not want to accept help until a crisis jells him to seek/accept it.
- At this stage it is not 'serious', yet the actions are inappropriate and there is need for concern at the impact on children of this age.
- Normally the actions progressively worsen
- In Bro's case built-in inhibitions may stop this progression
- He needs to get out of the school situation and be given other duties.
- It will be hard for him to voluntarily withdraw from the situation

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Mr Brennan advised the following:-

- (i) Document information from parents and others that is clear - the facts are needed stating exactly what happened and where.
- (ii) Don't wait for another incident. Act now.
- (iii) Inform his superior
- (iv) Enquire about a) background information from superior general. Is there a pattern or history?
b) what options are available to him if removed?
- (v) Assess what the risk is after the extra information is related from his superior's and previous principals.

I reported the contents of this letter at the Special Executive meeting on Friday 28th February.

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