

Commission into Sexual Abuse
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The Albert Road Centre for Health
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Attention: Dr. Michael Schwarz

Dear Dr. Schwarz,

Re: Emma Foster
1 Albert Avenue
Oakleigh

I wrote to the Centre on 22 April 1997. For convenience I enclose herewith a copy of my letter. There was enclosed with that letter a relevant Authority signed by Emma and confirmed by her mother.

I have seen your report of the 17th April 1997 to Monsignor Hart.

However, I would appreciate being provided with a more detailed report dealing in particular with any statements which Emma has made relative to her complaint that she was abused by a priest.

My reason in seeking this material is that I require to be satisfied that Emma was in fact abused by Kevin O'Donnell (dec.) in which event I will be able to refer her to the Compensation Panel set up by the Archdiocese which can make an ex gratia payment up to a limit of \$50,000. I can also refer her to Carelink which is an agency set up by the Archdiocese under the Chairmanship of Professor Richard Ball, which provides free counselling, psychological and psychiatric services etc., alternatively indemnifies the patient for the fees incurred from a practitioner of the patient's choice.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Peter O'Callaghan
Independent Commissioner