

**FILE NOTE**

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FROM: HGH

RE: <sup>CIB</sup>

AND THE MATER DEI SCHOOL

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Attending today on Inspector Jenny Davidson.

She rang to advise that the police enquiry in relation to the complaint instigated by CIB has now been completed and that the matter is not to be pursued.

It transpires that CIB was interviewed by a police officer at the time of the original problem and she was by reason of intellectual deficit or otherwise unable to maintain a consistent story as to how she had got hurt.

Accordingly, so far as the school and its handling of the disclosure is concerned, the matter is at a finish.

So far as the alleged offender is concerned, the matter is not to be pursued further it would seem.

However, again, there is a hint that there may be still some issues alive following recent publicity in respect of the Royal Commission or otherwise in relation to the Mater Dei School.

The police may pursue some sort of dialogue with the Department of Community Services in relation to risk management/safety and protection issues. The impression that I got was that any discussions that might be pursued involving DOCS and representatives from the School are being pursued constructively and based on learning from the Royal Commission and other processes and not from the point of view of trying to nail or blame individuals in relation to problems from the past but primarily from the point of view of sharing with all stakeholders in the residential school scene learning that has recently been achieved.