

CONFIDENTIAL
MINUTES
CHILD PROTECTION TASK FORCE
ARCHBISHOP'S RESIDENCE WEST TCE 18/08/04

Present: Archbishop Wilson, Msg David Cappelletti, Jane Swift, Sue Cain, Pauline Frick, Chris Rann, Alan Dooley, Anne Carolin, Peter Mercer.

Apologies: Tony Fuller

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St. Ann's

Archbishop Wilson referred to Sr. Loreto's letter and asked for comment. He expressed his concerns about the relationship between the staff at St. Ann's and the Diocese and their perceptions about the way in which the St. Ann's Inquiry had been managed. He said that the letter indicated that Martin Aartsen [Family 2] and Paul Morrisy clearly felt let down and misled by the fact that they had been named in the report. He was also concerned about the inaccuracies in the letter. He asked whether Sr. Loreto had a principal consultant and who this was. Allan said that Sr. Loreto had had 3 principal consultants, including [Family 2] and [Family 2]. Allan also indicated that there had been a long history of a separate culture that developed in the special schools, but more particularly at St. Ann's. The relationship with the CEO

had strengthened and improved over recent years but as there was a very slow turnover of staff this had mitigated against a complete change of culture.

Anne said that in her experience of working in partnership with St. Ann's there had been a reluctance to work in close partnership with outside agencies and CEO consultants. In the past the staff at special schools had viewed themselves as separate from other Catholic Schools and consequently did not access professional development or other support services offered by CEO. In recent years this had changed significantly at St. Patrick's Special School and while there have been changes at St. Ann's the staff and community had been caught up in the issues arising past abuse at the school.

Archbishop Wilson said that the taskforce needed to set aside a longer period of time to consider the implications and response to this letter. He emphasized the need for this letter to be treated with utmost discretion and in the spirit of pastoral consideration requested by Sr. Loreto. Tony Fuller would also need to be present for this discussion.

ACTIONS

Sr. Loreto's letter to be tabled for future taskforce meeting	Sue
Advertise helpline in Messenger Press	For discussion at Taskforce meeting 25/08
Arrange parent information session Letter to parents School newsletter	Peter Quigley & Peter Mercer

Family 2