

DEPARTMENT FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
CHILD PROTECTION REPORT

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Date of Notification: 26.08.91 Notification Number: 44685

CHILDREN SUBJECT TO NOTIFICATION:

	CHILD 1	CHILD 2
Name	LH	
Address	REDACTED	
DOB/Age	REDA 76 Age: 15	
School/Yr	St Annes (A Christian School for children with Special Needs)	
	CHILD 3	CHILD 4
Name		
Address		
DOB/Age		
School/Yr		

PREVIOUS ABUSE OF CHILDREN: No Yes

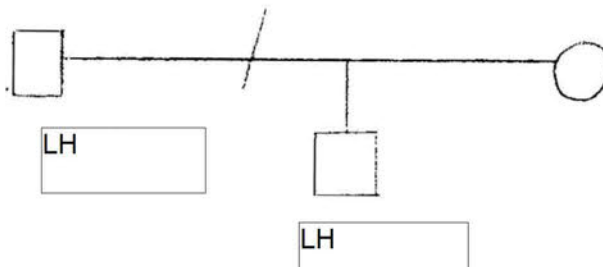
ALLEGED PERPETRATOR: Name: Brian PERKINS DOB/Age: Adult
 Address: Not known
 Relationship to Child: parent Guardian Relative Friend Other, specify Woodwork Teacher
 Present Location to Child: Lives with Supervised Access Unsupervised Access No Contact Other, Specify

ALLEGATION:

Police took statement from LH re sexual abuse by volunteer attached to St Annes School. Photos were taken of LH in the nude. Also LH was forced to give 2 men oral sex and they did the same to him. Other children may also have been involved.

FAMILY GENOGRAM:

LH is long term foster child with NE Regular contact with father.



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Police (Darlington CIB)
CPS Peter Mulhearn, has seen LH and foster parents

NE

REDACTED

INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT:

Type of Abuse Physical Emotional Sexual Neglect
 Level of Risk No Abuse No Risk Ongoing Risk Low Medium High
 Where Child is Now: Home Foster Care Relatives Independent Other, Specify

LH is a special needs child placed with NE in 1982 (FACS pays a subsidy).
He is not on an Order, and has spasmodic contact with his father.

LH was interviewed by CIB prior to FACS being notified by Police who were following up information in relation to an offence against another young person over 18. He made a statement to Police as per the allegations on page 1. The two alleged abusers, one of whom was a volunteer at the school, have disappeared before police were able to interview them.

After consultation with social worker, REDACTED (who has had experience in assessment of abused children who are disabled) it was decided to refer LH to Child Protection Services for an assessment and medical - LH is able to communicate, and was willing to participate.

LH foster parents have been very supportive of him and report that he has coped well with what has happened. It was agreed that as LH did not currently have a FACS social worker (case was unallocated) he would not be spoken to about what had happened by anyone from FACS, but would talk with CPS in due course when an interview was organised.

LH is reported by Peter Mulhearn of CPS to be co-operative. His mother who reportedly has a manic depressive illness has not been told of the abuse. LH is adamant that he does not want either of his parents informed of the abuse and his wishes are currently being respected. It may be an issue which needs to be addressed in counselling. Peter believes LH needs are well catered for by the intervention plan. Follow up counselling for LH is being arranged and there is no likelihood of further contact or abuse.

RATIONALE FOR REGISTRATION DECISION:

Child made statement to police indicating abuse.

IS REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED Yes No

INTERVENTION PLANNED/UNDERTAKEN:

LH [redacted] referred to CPS, FMC (Peter Mulhearn).
[redacted] mother seen at CPS [redacted] 91. LH [redacted] was away at a camp. [redacted] father seen at CPS [redacted] 91 on return from overseas. LH [redacted] has been seen for preliminary interview. LH [redacted] (and foster father) have appointment on [redacted] 91 for psychsocial assessment and medical examination.

Foster parents have arranged (in consultation with CPS) for LH [redacted] to have ongoing counselling with [redacted] at [redacted] re his sexuality. First appointment is on 15/10. (This was seen as a useful measure in ensuring LH [redacted] does not abuse anyone else as a result of his own experience).

Case will remain open.

The possibility of other children being involved was followed up by MSS Chris Conway on a regional level.

PLANS FOR REVIEW: Ongoing Involvement: yes No
Review Yes No Next Review Date:

[redacted]

Date: / /

REGISTRATION DECISION AND MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Report sent to Maureen Healey for endorsement 9/10/91

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Maureen Healey
District Manager
Adelaide Office
Date: / /