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Subject Behavioural issue - Larkins

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- Went to Newcastle Regional office for 6.00 pm meeting with AA [redacted] re Larkins matter.
- Whilst there, spoke with Allan Currie who provided some additional Regional documentation re Larkins:
 1. Group Council minutes dated 17.4.94 re Larkins being denied entry to hall.
 2. Undated/unattributed note on FAI notepaper, advised by Allan Currie to probably be from former Area Commissioner.
 3. File note dated 20.5.97 by Craig Whittford, re call from AB [redacted] (mother of child involved in pool incident with Larkins).
 4. File note dated 12.9.97 by Craig Whittford, with name of Police officer investigating pool incident.
- AA did not show up by 6.40 pm so I called him at home - he was there and had forgotten meeting. Very apologetic.
- I met him at his home - REDACTED [redacted]. His partner was present.
- After giving him general information about the "new approach" in Scouting to behavioural matters; open and honest, with Police involvement ASAP, I briefed him on what I saw as his four options:
 1. Go to Police and make a full statement and be prepared to appear in court.
 2. Have a more "hypothetical" meeting with Police to discuss the matter; may or may not go further.
 3. Decide not to go to the Police, but report it to me and depend on my internal investigation
 4. Do nothing.
- We considered the pros and cons of each approach, down to issues such as his exposure to stress, and how wide the protection offered by each to others would be.
- I indicated that we would support him (including counselling if he wishes) in whatever choice he made, but my preference was that we get Police action as this offers the greatest protection for everyone both inside and outside Scouting.
- He indicated that he knew of others who have had similar experiences with Larkins, who may be willing to go to Police.
- However, they would probably prefer to talk with me first.
- After consideration, He agreed to go with me to meet Police and have a hypothetical discussion.
- I agreed I would set this up ASAP, and would call Det Sgt Wright of Newcastle Police on Monday.
- I will then call AA [redacted] to arrange exact meeting times etc.
- He was happy with this approach.