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18 November 2005

Mr Richard Campion

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BY EXPRESS POST

Dear Mr Campion

**North Coast Childrens Home**

Thank you for speaking with me recently concerning your time at the North Coast Children's home.

May I say that I am sorry that you suffered as you did.

Childhood trauma can have long term effects upon a persons life which of course can never be underestimated and I am genuinely privileged that you felt able to speak to me as you did.

We have been receiving calls from a number of people who attended the home at various times all of whom have relayed to me details of severe physical ,emotional and sexual assault.

They have asked that we assist them by representing their interests in claims against the Anglican Church.

We believe at this time that these matters will be capable of being resolved without resorting to the Courts.

Indeed having been involved in a number of such actions over the years it is almost always the case that the institutions involved whether that be Churches, private Schools or other organisations do not want to see these matters reach the Courts.

X I will therefore very briefly outline how we would see matters progressing:

1. We would need to have you provide information as to the experiences that you had at the Home and how you believe that has affected you over the years. We can do this by you setting it out in writing for us your memories of what happened and what you witnessed (you need only put down short notes as to what happened if you find that easier). Some people prefer to do this in one sitting at home, others find it easier to take their time over it, there is no right or wrong way you must simply do what feels right for you.

If you chose not to write matters down then we can of course take instructions from you over the telephone.

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2. Once you have been able to provide us with such information we can then have a statement prepared for you to sign. We will explain the importance for you of doing this later in this letter.
3. Once we have prepared your statement we will contact you to discuss and provide our advice as to how we would propose to proceed.
4. ~~X~~ The statement will be provided to the other side, in this case the Churches Lawyers. We will at that stage ask for them to admit liability for what you have been made to suffer;
5. We may well need to obtain a medical report setting out the effect of the assaults upon you. We will attend to this. Because we would have a statement from you, you would not again have to go through details of what happened to you.
6. Once we have discussed the report with you we would then arrange to meet with the Church and its lawyers to try to settle matters in an informal conference. We would be seeking to obtain compensation for you and a full and unequivocal apology at the meeting.
7. The church would wish to formally apologise for what you suffered and again it is a matter for you as to whether you wish that to receive an apology.

I would also say that you do not need to attend the meeting and may prefer to be on the end of a phone for example, this is entirely a matter for you.

No settlement will take place without your approval.

Please be assured that details of the assaults will not be discussed at the meeting unless you wished to. The assaults and their effect upon you would be set out in your statement and the other side will not be entitled to ask you any questions. If they want

You are not on trial here, it is you who has been wronged and this is the way that the conference will be conducted please be well and truly assured of that.

Once we have discussed any matters that either side wish to clarify then both parties will separate into different rooms and offers to settle the claim and other issues would then be conducted between ourselves and the churches lawyers.

Normally what will happen is that we will sit with you (and anyone you wish to come with you) in a private room and when the other side want to start to make offers to settle your claim (or when we go back to them with our observations) we as your Lawyers would meet them in a third room. We would not have any discussions taking place that could cause even the remotest possibility of anxiety for you.

As I mentioned at the outset of this letter the above is a typical description of how these matters would be dealt with.

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If for any reason Court proceedings would need to be issued we would advise as to why we would be recommending that course and it would be a matter for you to consider whether you wanted to do that :again we have to say that this would be rare.

We are more than happy to discuss any aspect of this letter further with you and please do not think twice about asking questions no matter how minor you may consider them to be.

Assuring you of our best attention at all times.

Yours faithfully  
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