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Diocesan Committee for Allegations of Sexual Misconduct

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The Right Revd. Roger Herft
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Dear Bishop Roger,

Please find enclosed information concerning Allan Kitchingham. I received the information via mail yesterday.

Regards

**JEAN SANDERS
CHAIR - CASM.**

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To Whom It May Concern,

Allan Kitchingham^m

In the 1967 Year Book of the Diocese of Newcastle, the entry for the above person appears on page 15a. He was then Assistant at Wallsend. His name also appears on the Clergy List on page 26a.

In the 1968 Year Book of the Diocese of Newcastle, there is no entry for the above person on page 15a. His name is also omitted from the Clergy List on page 26a.

In the 1968 Presidential Address to Synod, (page 35a) under the heading "Departures", the above name does not appear among the list of those retiring, resigning or transferring out of the Diocese. This "disappearance" was deliberate.

The "silence" in this matter is because the above named resigned his position and left the Diocese of Newcastle because of a "sexual misdemeanour". He was subsequently employed in the Diocese of Grafton where he, as we now know, re-offended.

The report in the Newcastle Herald of the 6-8-02 may be misleading when it says the above named was "of good character ... before 1975", and "the assault happened during an isolated period". Those giving character references may need to be aware of this information, especially when considering information contained in the Newcastle Diocesan Year Books.

Diocesan authorities may need to recognise that this practice of deleting names from the clergy list, without comment, could today, be construed as a type of "cover-up". There may be instances where an apprehension by police was made, the matter reported to superiors, then dealt with quietly. This is why there is no record of arrest or court appearance.