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File Note 11.11.10

I rang ES on REDACTED to follow up an email from Chris Cole

He had seen John Lucas this morning at the Esther Centre . He was in Riverview boys Home and was abused by Bennett.

He is aware that at Rockhampton there is a support group – next meeting on Tuesday and he is planning to attend.

He feels shame about what happened to him and he has kept it hidden for 40 years. He is fearful about his reactions to his daughter and so has moved out of home to protect her. He is having counselling and began this 9 months ago. This has helped him begin to talk about what happened.

I explained our process and said that I would wait for John Lucas to send us the information and we would then support him through the process. Usually a visit is organised once his impact statement is presented to PICC.

I validated his courage in facing these issues and look forward to talking with him again soon

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