

Witness Name : Darren Picot
Statement No : First
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THE INDEPENDENT JERSEY CARE INQUIRY

EXHIBIT DP3

R E P O R T

NAME: PICOT

08-06-88 Visit to F.G.H. at Mrs. Maguire's URGENT Request

Darren once again! I was taken upstairs to Darren's bedroom and shown the further holes he has made in his bedroom door. I had a long long session with the Maguires and also Darren.

Darren maintains he wishes to remain at F.G.H. He does agree he gets angry and feels this is mostly with himself. He seems to be in deep competition with [REDACTED] and previously with [REDACTED] (now left and [REDACTED]). He is a thirsty boy but says he is going to try not to drink at night in the hope of remaining dry.

I see no real changes in the whole Group Home Scenario. It seems to me that increasingly the Church takes all priority.

Mr. and Mrs. Maguire seemed tired and dishevelled on my visit. Mrs. Maguire says she recently cried in front of the children and both parties re-affirm their inability to deal with Darren. Darren still seems to be scapegoated and seems too sad too often.

[REDACTED] appears to be achieving well at School and has been commended recently at athletics. He enjoys Air Scouts and is often praised by the Maguires'. Nothing in the Bank however for Darren.

Darren last evening (07-06) left his bedroom by way of his window and led Mrs. Maguire 'a merry dance' for an hour or so. He ultimately returned.

Contacts between Darren and the [REDACTED] Staff are now becoming infrequent and is not now seen by the Maguires as useful, a view they also express about [REDACTED].

The Maguires' are anxious about buying a States Home. [REDACTED] is growing up and they may be wishing to extend their family."

Communication between the staff at Group Home seems poor.

In any event:

I seem effectively powerless to change the situation and wonder whether we should act on Darren's behalf.