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Officer's Report

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TITLE:

I have to report that I have fully researched the HOLMES account with a view to establishing all allegations against ██████████ including any corroborative evidence. In addition where I have found a suggestion that there is potential to develop existing evidence or there is a likelihood that new evidence will be adduced I have included this within the body of this report.

Evidence of Abuse Currently Documented

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Extract from ██████████

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"One of ██████████ favourite punishments was to make the boys have cold showers at five o'clock in the morning. He would come into the dormitory, make us put on our dressing gowns, march us downstairs to the bathroom and make us get into the freezing cold showers."

"When I refused to get under the cold water of the shower he would use physical force to make me. He'd grab me by the hair, twist my arm behind my back and hold me under the shower getting himself soaked in the process. He'd keep me under the shower by holding me by my throat.

" Whenever he did this he'd use a considerable amount of force. The shock of the cold

water and the force of been held by the throat made it difficult to breathe and this really frightened me."

"On another occasion when I was aged about eleven I was helping to put Christmas Murals on the walls. For some reason, which I can't remember now, I answered ██████████ back. Before I knew it he'd grabbed me by the back of my shirt, held me still, picked up a tin of Evostick glue and poured it all over my head.

" I couldn't wash the glue out of my hair and ██████████ had to cut it in the places where the glue had stuck. I'd had long hair in those days and after it had been cut it looked"

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"There were also occasions involving Mr. WATERIDGE when he'd flick a wet towel at us whilst we were naked in the shower. He'd do this to me on numerous occasions leaving red marks on my legs" "██████████ was also handy with the flicking of a wet towel"

"On other occasions when I'd answered ██████████ back he'd grab and twist my arm behind my back whilst putting his other arm around my throat pressing onto my windpipe making it difficult to breathe. When he was finished he'd just push away."

Witness Appreciation

██████████ against WATERIDGE ██████████ he is described as being an intelligent man and that he would make a decent witness. He is described as "having issues and that he could be quite self pitying under duress. ██████████ refers

In ██████████ makes reference to two counts of sexual assault which occurred when he was approximately 6 years old whilst resident at HDLG.

Extract from ██████████

"Whilst at the home I was indecently assaulted, and I recall this taking place in the bathroom which was located immediately off our dormitory. I can say there were at least two occasions when this happened. I would have been about 6 years old on the first occasion. I can only remember the first occasion in any detail. I was required to stand naked, with about 8 – 10 other boys, in the presence of ██████████ and another person, who I cannot identify, other than to say that he was "stocky" and older than ██████████ possibly in his forties at the time. We were made to stand there, and we were stood to attention with our legs slightly apart. If we didn't stand as they wanted then the unknown male would whack us on the leg with a stick. I recall being made to bend over, and the unknown male touching and fondling my genitals. I can't remember if anything was being said when this was happening. On this occasion I recall having a finger, or certainly something that felt like it, inserted into my anus. This was again done by the male I cannot identify ██████████ was present and aware"

██████████ also makes reference to an unknown male frequently climbing into bed with him. The male was not a fellow resident because of his size and build. ██████████ states that this man would fondle his genitals. ██████████ implies that he may have been sodomised by this man the term he uses in his statement is "I can also remember feeling pain in the region of my anus." Whilst ██████████ cannot state that it was ██████████ he believes his attacker to be of similar build and Stature. The attacks as described when he was approximately 8.

"The physical abuse consisted of being caned with a stick across your bare backside, and occasionally across the hands. This punishment would be administered by ██████████ or Mr

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TILBROOK . It usually consisted of 2 or 3 strokes of the cane across your backside."

Witness Appreciation

With regards to the reliability of this witness there are two messages shown against his nominal. The first is from a [REDACTED] who contacted [REDACTED] police and stated that [REDACTED] could not be trusted further more he believed that any allegations made by [REDACTED] were purely for the purposes of extracting compensation from the States of Jersey. The basis for his point of view was that years before [REDACTED] had prostituted himself for an elderly gentleman in [REDACTED] refers

The second is from [REDACTED] was old friend of [REDACTED] he states that he had seen [REDACTED] and that he had never mentioned any abuse to [REDACTED] or his family.

In [REDACTED] details incidents of physical and psychological abuse at the hands if [REDACTED]

Extracts from [REDACTED]

"Kids were made to run around the fields at night. This was a punishment for just being awake at night. You would have to run around the field in your pyjamas. This would happen often and would be carried out by whoever was on duty at the time. Staff that would carry this out would be [REDACTED] , [REDACTED] . You could be out in the field for several hours. They would be inside looking out. They would be laughing as you were crying."

[REDACTED] states that [REDACTED] would frequently have a cup of tea in his hand if he was not happy with an individual he would remove the hot teaspoon from the tea cup and hold it against the individuals hand and hold it there for several seconds leaving a red mark; [REDACTED] did this to [REDACTED] on 5 occasions.

Recommendation 1

[REDACTED] request clarification of any injury caused to her hand when [REDACTED] placed the hot spoon on it. This action is currently in the referred queue and I recommend that it be allocated.

Witness Appreciation

[REDACTED] against **WATERIDGE**. The interviewing officers are of the opinion that she would be a good and credible witness. [REDACTED] refers

In [REDACTED] details the abuse he suffered whilst resident at HDLG at the hands of staff including [REDACTED]

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Extracts from [REDACTED]

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"He started the beatings. It would start with a slap at the back of the head. Maybe I spoke out of turn, or my pillow wasn't straight. He didn't just slap me. He slapped other boys as well. None of them intimidated me at all. The slaps went to punches in the arm and dead legs. I would drop to the ground."

"I mentioned earlier that I had been punched and kicked in the side of the leg. When I dropped to the ground I was then picked up by [REDACTED] by my hair or ears."

"[REDACTED] would grab me by the arm and swing me and then throw me along the floor and I would crash into a bed or a wardrobe in the dormitory."

"[REDACTED] got pleasure out of twisting up a wet towel and whip at us, particularly to me. It would leave welt marks on me. This was at shower times when we were naked. [REDACTED] on one occasion stripped me off down to my pants when we were camping and ran with me and threw me into a patch of stinging nettles"

Witness Appreciation

[REDACTED] against WATERIDGE he of his own admission suffers from depression and has mental problems he is given to temper outburst that appear to come out of no where indeed being interviewed he became extremely unstable towards the officers and it took them an hour to calm him down. [REDACTED] refers

[REDACTED]

Extract from [REDACTED]

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"I remember one particular incident that stands out when I was in the laundry room. I was in trouble for something and he told me off by shouting and poking his finger repeatedly hard in the same place so it left a red mark."

Witness Appreciation

The interviewing assessment of [REDACTED] is that he would make a credible witness.

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Potential Evidence

[REDACTED]

Extract [REDACTED]

" I remember seeing [REDACTED] hit [REDACTED] across his face so hard that as a result it

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enraged [redacted] and made him "flip" and tried to attack [redacted]. [redacted] would have been about twelve years old at the time."

[redacted]

[redacted] in common with [redacted] Refers to [redacted] Being slapped by [redacted] " [redacted] hit [redacted] so hard with the flat of his hand across his face that he left a hand print mark on his face. [redacted] was about 8 years old. [redacted] could not go to school for a few days until the hand print mark wore off. This took place in the dormitory during the daytime"

Comment

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[redacted] was seen on 30th September 2009 by DC MAYMAN . [redacted] detailed his time at HDLG and describes incidents of abuse but makes no reference to being assaulted as described by [redacted] further more he states that one night a member of staff (staff member unknown) tipped him out of bed and letting the bed fall on top of him. This was done every hour on the hour for the whole night.

The bed tipping incident is identical to the one described in the intelligence report re

[redacted] which details an identical incident to the one described by [redacted] [redacted] states that as a result of him attacking [redacted] [redacted] tipped him out of bed every hour on the hour. (NB an action has been raised for [redacted] to be interviewed regarding this incident it has been updated to include any corroboration he can afford [redacted] in support of his allegation. The action is currently allocated to DC HARVEY . Arrangement will be made to see [redacted] after 06/11/08 [redacted] refers).

Further to this [redacted] also makes reference to being tipped out of bed on one particular occasion this happened 5 or 6 times in one night. [redacted] did not see this as abuse but as a way to tire the children out and make them sleep [redacted] refers. I have considered recommending that a statement be obtained from this man however he lives in the USA and I feel any statement would be of limited value.) This would tend to support accounts given by [redacted] and [redacted]

Recommendation 2

[redacted] to be re interviewed. The assault as described by [redacted] is to be put to him directly. Also to include a) the incident when he was tipped out of his bed. b) Did he witness [redacted] being tipped out of bed in a similar manner?

[redacted]

Alleges that he was sexually assaulted by [redacted]

Extract from [redacted]

[redacted] called to say that he had been psychologically, physically and sexually abused in Westaway

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Creche and in HDLG between 1964 and 1973. [REDACTED] was sexually abused in HDLG in the detention rooms by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] and has yet to be seen with regards to the allegation detailed above. [REDACTED] relates to interviewing [REDACTED] has been allocated to DC MCGRANAHAN . In relation to [REDACTED] DC MCGRANAHAN is compiling a report regarding [REDACTED] status in addition we are awaiting legal advice as to whether we can approach [REDACTED] as a witness with regards to his allegation against [REDACTED]

Conclusion

- a) As it stands the allegations against [REDACTED] are largely uncorroborated save from the "towel flicking incidents as detailed by [REDACTED]. However when considering the separate allegations as a hole they are supportive of each other and present a clear argument that [REDACTED] is guilty of systematic abuse. This is further supported by evidence afforded by [REDACTED] refers who states that she saw [REDACTED] punching a young 12 year old boy in the stomach. Subsequent enquiries revealed that the boy in question was [REDACTED] who in unfortunately deceased
- b) In relation to the allegation of sexual abuse made by [REDACTED] whilst there is no suggestion that [REDACTED] took any part in the assault he was clearly aware what was happening and did nothing to prevent the commission of the offence, it could therefore be argued that he be treated as a principle in the commission of the offence. The allegations made by [REDACTED] should be treated with caution as his credibility I would argue is in question
- c) The outstanding allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] re the bed tipping incident (if made in statement form) would only strengthen the over all abuse case against [REDACTED]
- d) With regards these matters in common with most cases of historical child abuse there is not clear prospect of a successful prosecution there is certainly sufficient evidence to arrest and interview [REDACTED] and I recommend this course of action once all outstanding actions as detailed above are completed.

I now submit this report for your information and guidance.

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