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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your email dated 18/01/2010 regarding my comments in the Sunday Times, article dated 24/01/2010.

Michael, Where are the voices of the genuine true victims/survivors in all of this debate? The establishment/professionals simply do not wish to address there past failings in their duty of care to children in-care in the past care system in Scotland and elsewhere.

We now have others such as the Care Leavers Association (CLA) and others in Scotland now claiming and purporting to represent the historical abuse issues and the "Genuine True Victims of Quarriers which is simply deception, false and fraudulent misrepresentation of our interests and issues. FBGA and I were so concerned about this that we highlighted it recently in the House of Commons.

Yes FBGA and I personally fully recognise and acknowledge some of the issues that FACT raise with regards the issues of false allegations and miscarriages of justices in the debate. FBGA and I personally have robustly addressed such serious issues (including individuals who may make false allegations and embellishing of abuse) in documents submitted to the Scottish Government and the Scottish Human Rights Commission regarding the proposed Acknowledgement and Accountability processes being envisaged.

But the question remains how FACT and its members continue to propagate there message and position in public, as I have personally experienced this in the past and how this seriously damages genuine true victims of historical abuse, abused in Quarriers and other such past institutions.

There are serious issues in our view pertaining to Scotland regarding the Historical Abuse issues including how these issues are being manipulated by others for there own agenda's and self interests including the CLA and the Scottish Officials who are currently preventing a robust system of public accountability and scrutiny of all the processes.

FACT should address such issues in conjunction with others including FBGA. These issues in Scotland, if not addressed, certainly have the potential to create a flawed process such as Acknowledgement and Accountability which results in potentially false allegations being made in our opinion. Which inevitably results in The True Victim-survivors and others being tainted and tarnished in such a process as currently envisaged or being suggested in Scotland including good and decent ex-employees who played no part in such abuse .

Michael, In relation to the numbers, I was responding to the previous comment, and you must also appreciate and recognise Michael, FACT were able to participate and contribute fully to the 2001-2002 Home Affairs, Select Committee report on the basis that there was possibly hundreds of individuals falsely accused of historical abuse incarcerated in the prison system. FACT and its members have referred to these numbers (hundreds) on many occasions in the past since then. Yet the CCRC does not concur with such figures as being quoted by FACT and its members

Michael, we will prevent the polarising of the historical abuse issues when groups such as FACT, others and FBGA can come together, where we have a common joint interest and while recognising fully the position of both parties in the debate, only then I am afraid can it be considered, due to past events and experiences regarding Fact members and the Quarriers, Genuine True Victims.

FBGA and I stand ready to contribute fully to such a debate which is fully transparent and open for public scrutiny.

Michael, I recognise and appreciate your journey in this debate also, as we have both crossed each others paths by each being falsely accused in the first place by others.

I wish you well.  
Kind regards  
David