

**Meeting of the In Care Institutional Abuse Survivors Sub-Group of the  
Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse Reference Group**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2007 11-1pm  
Marine Crescent Glasgow**

**Present:**

Gary Westwater	Chair
Moyra Hawthorn	Scottish Institute of Residential Childcare
Harry Aitken	Independent
David Whelan	Former Boys and Girls Abused in Quarriers
Jackie Brock	Scottish Executive – Care and Justice Division
Carolyn Wales	Scottish Executive – Care and Justice Division (minute)
Annie MacDonald	Professional Adviser to National Reference Group

Apologies: Helen Holland  
Heather Gray  
Chris Daly  
Jeannie Hunter

**1. Minutes from previous meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> July amended and agreed**

Matters arising

David to e-mail Carolyn electronic version of the FBGA draft proposals

A file will be kept at INCLUDEM's office and Scottish Executive which contains all paperwork that we have referred to at each meeting.

**AP01 Carolyn will arrange this**

Harry did not receive an electronic copy of the minutes and they were not received within the agreed timescales. Due to unforeseen circumstances this could not be avoided however should there be any delay to issuing paperwork in the future, Carolyn will advise the group by e-mail.

It is hoped that Tom Shaw will come along to the next meeting. By that time his report will be published

**AP02 Carolyn and Jackie will confirm his availability**

**2. Updates from each area**

Jackie Brock thought that it would be unlikely that someone from the Scottish Law Commission will be able to attend one of the group's meetings, instead it

was suggested that a member of staff from Justice Department could come along. David told the group that he had spoken to a QC called Colin McEachram who will hopefully come along to one of the meetings. Colin has submitted a paper to the Scottish Law Commission and he would deliver a presentation based on his submission.

**AP03 David to contact him to arrange.**

Jackie updated the group on the position with ADSW. They did not manage to appoint a member at the last committee meeting, hopefully there will be someone nominated before our next meeting. Carolyn will send out an agenda and background papers and rationale for the purpose of the meeting highlighting the relevance and importance of their involvement.

**AP04 Carolyn to send reminder to ADSW and send them our terms of reference as well**

The visit from Care Organisations to meetings was discussed. It was suggested that we should invite them along once our proposals had been formalised and ask them what current practice models their organisation follows, and do they make any provision for former children who were in their care. It would also be useful if they could provide statistics showing how many children had made allegations of abuse and the number of staff involved.

### **3. Framework**

We discussed Harry's framework papers, in conjunction with David's Draft Proposal for Institutional In-Care Survivor Services

The key aspects on which there was general agreement were:

- A system that would support survivors across Scotland.
- It would be an integrated team which links survivors to the appropriate services available.
- A flexible system where survivors are able to leave then come back when they felt happy to do so.
- The helpline as the first point of contact is crucial
- Initial assessment for accessing the service should be carried out by a practitioner, not a former survivor of abuse.
- The role of survivors providing direct help would not be appropriate but their involvement on the management committee, was essential

### **4. FGBA discussion paper**

Permission and consent forms with regards to the Data Protection Act was discussed. It was agreed that protocols for sharing information were essential. Confidentiality at each stage is required. We discussed the various practices of retaining notes and files. Annie expressed the need for minimal details to be kept on records due to these being sought after by any defence team should a court action be raised.

