

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

Witness Statement of

FEL [REDACTED]

Support person present: Yes

1. My name is FEL [REDACTED] My contact details are known to the inquiry.

Background

2. My birth name is FEL [REDACTED] and I was born on the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 1986. I have always been known as FEL [REDACTED] I have also used the name FEL [REDACTED] I have two children, [REDACTED] who is 7, and [REDACTED] who has born in [REDACTED] this year, 2016.
3. My mum is still alive but I don't see her. My dad was a drinker, an alcoholic and he died about 5 years ago. They were not married. I was born in Bellshill Hospital.
4. My mum and dad had two kids before me, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. As far as I know [REDACTED] was to my mum and dad [REDACTED] but I am not sure if [REDACTED] is my full sister.
5. My brother [REDACTED] is two and a half years older than me, and my sister [REDACTED] is 10 months older than [REDACTED] so about three to three and a half years older than me. [REDACTED] has stayed with my nana, my mum's mum, practically from when she was born. I also have two younger sisters and they are to another guy [REDACTED] not to my dad.

Life in Care

6. I was in the care system from the age of 6 weeks old because of the erratic lifestyle of my parents and because they could not cope. I know this from my records which I have obtained from the Social Work. For my first two years my mum and dad fought to get me back. My mum didn't actually want us but she wanted to keep the benefits. My dad wanted me but he didn't want my brother [REDACTED] but dad was a drinker so they couldn't give me back to him. They did give me back to him a couple of times but when he was showing up he was drunk and we got taken off him. He fought for me for a while but he ended up in jail and I never heard anything from him again.
7. The social work were trying to give my mum access to [REDACTED] and I. They took us to her house but she was not showing up, and there were issues with her duty of care when we were with her. She was leaving me wearing the same nappy from 6 hours previous and basically she just wasn't interested.
8. My mum didn't have a drink or drugs problem, not that I know of. She must have drunk sometimes but I don't think that was the issue. She was just selfish. My mum had a really erratic life and was leaving [REDACTED] a lot with other family members.
9. For a while, before we were adopted, we lived with a woman [REDACTED] and her husband for a short term, her last name was [REDACTED] I think. She was from the Family Centre. She is dead now.

Foster Care with the JCK/SPO [REDACTED]

10. When we were first put in to care [REDACTED] and I went to different foster parents. From the records I have read that there were problems with these homes. [REDACTED] was smacked and wasn't allowed to go on Nursery trips and wasn't being cared for. The people I was with owned a shop and I used to get left outside the shop all the time in the pram.

11. Although [REDACTED] and I were separated for a while before we went into foster care we were back together by the time we went to the foster carers [REDACTED] JCK/SPO [REDACTED] JCK/SPO.
12. [REDACTED] and I went to [REDACTED] JCK/SPO [REDACTED] with a view to them adopting us. [REDACTED] couldn't have children and that's why they wanted us. They had been married about a year and a half when we went there. We were the first children they had taken. [REDACTED] and I stayed with them until 1990 or 1991. The adoption went through in 1990 for both me and [REDACTED] I was about 2 and [REDACTED] was about 4 when we got adopted.
13. Reading the files, because I can't remember, when we were living with them [REDACTED] made allegations that her husband [REDACTED] JCK [REDACTED] had been abusing me so he moved out. This was a few months after the adoption went through according to the records.
14. I don't really remember my time with [REDACTED] JCK/SPO [REDACTED] but I remember they had a nice house, and they were strict but that's all I can remember. Both [REDACTED] and I called them mum and dad.

Foster Care [REDACTED] JCK/SPO [REDACTED] - Abuse

15. One time when we were at a caravan park on holiday [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] JCK [REDACTED] fell out and [REDACTED] left to come home with [REDACTED] and I was left with [REDACTED] JCK [REDACTED] When we got back home that's when [REDACTED] said she found blood on my pants. I don't remember this; it is just from the records.
16. I have got a memory of [REDACTED] JCK [REDACTED] doing something to me but I don't know if that's just because over the years I was told that he did or if I have dreamt it. For some reason I think my brother [REDACTED] was looking in the window and saw it happen but I'm not going to ask my brother if that's true or not. As far as my time with them goes that is the only one wee memory but I don't know if it was real or not.


17. After [REDACTED] and I had been at the caravan [REDACTED] supposedly took me to the doctors because I had a tear down below but the Social Work later said that she didn't take me to the doctors, so that was a lie. [REDACTED] was apparently asked where the pants were with blood on them and she said they had been washed them but why would she do that. The police came and searched our house for pornography but only found adult pornography. I remember the police being in the house.
18. [REDACTED] JCK left the house after that and we were left with [REDACTED]. After a while she said that she couldn't cope with our sexualised behaviour, as it transpired I may have touched her on the bum once when we were in bed. That's what it says in the records. I know [REDACTED] had a mental illness but it had settled down before we moved in.

Foster Care [REDACTED] JCK/SPO – Visits / Inspection

19. I know I had two social workers Margaret Kerr and Sandra Sage but they didn't have a good relationship with [REDACTED].

Life in Care - Torrance House

Secondary Institutions - to be published later



Foster Care with the JCL/JCM

22. In 1992 me and [REDACTED] moved in with JCL/JCM [REDACTED] after we had visited them with a view to them being foster parents. This address was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Cumbernauld. They were supposed to be short term foster parents. JCL/JCM [REDACTED] were nice at the visits although I can't remember how many visits we had. I can only remember one visit but we probably had more than one. They gave me and [REDACTED] money for sweets at the shops when we were there so we thought they were really nice. I can't remember the first time I ever arrived at JCL/JCM [REDACTED] to stay there, I just remember being there.

Foster Care JCL/JCM - Background

23. JCL/JCM [REDACTED] already had 3 children; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and they were their own children. They were a good bit older. [REDACTED] was about 13 years older than me. She was their oldest daughter.
24. JCL/JCM [REDACTED] also had an adopted son JCN [REDACTED] but I don't know when they adopted him. I believe his name is now JCN [REDACTED] and he might be about 43 years old. I remember JCN [REDACTED] being 21 when we lived with the JCL/JCM [REDACTED] and he was maybe 15 or 16 years older than me. He would have been 21 when I was 5. I 'Googled' his name a couple of years ago and I found a newspaper article saying that JCN [REDACTED] had been in trouble, fighting with somebody and he was 41 then.
25. [REDACTED] also lived in the house. She was the same age as [REDACTED] I think she had been with them since she was 3 years old and she was adopted. JCN [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are not brother and sister. I don't know how long JCN [REDACTED] had lived with them.
26. I think both JCL/JCM [REDACTED] worked with people with special needs. I know there were issues with them working. I don't think they were supposed to be working. I was aware from the start about her drinking and I know she was an alcoholic. I didn't really know it then but now realise she was drunk a lot of the time. JCM [REDACTED] and JCL [REDACTED]

used to argue mostly about her drinking and it was obvious that he was the boss. Sometimes JCL would go out the back of the house and smash her bottles.

27. Their house had 4 bedrooms which were all upstairs, a living-room, a kitchen and two bathrooms, one upstairs and one downstairs. my brother shared a room with and JCN. I shared with. and were in a room, and the parents were in the fourth room.'s room had 2 sets of bunk beds, and the other girls room was just two single beds. My room had bunk beds on one side and there were two sets of drawers, or maybe a wardrobe and the telly. There were no clothes or anything lying about. It was's room so I wasn't allowed to touch anything because she was older. There was not a thing out of place in our room. The boys' room was the same. There was a TV in my room but I wasn't allowed to use it. There was a TV in mum and dad's room and one down the stairs. We were sometimes allowed to sit in the living-room and watch Home and Away and Neighbours.

Foster Care JCL/JCM - Routine

28. There was no routine in the house and we only got a bath on a Sunday and that was the three of us sharing a bath together, me and JCM just shoved us all in the bath together. We didn't have a bath or anything every night. I can't remember if JCM helped us get dressed in the morning or anything like that. I don't really remember how we got up in the morning or if anyone helped us. I can't remember getting breakfast but I imagine we would have.
29. Me and used to get the bus together to school and JCL/JCM would give us a sweetie for a play-piece but I used to eat mine before I got to school. At first me and used to get a pound for lunch from JCL/JCM but later on we got a ticket for a free school lunch.

School

30. When we moved to JCL/JCM I had to move school again, this time to St Mary's in Cumbernauld. I was in Primary 1. was also at this school. went to a protestant school. I definitely felt different at school probably because we were new

because we got moved about schools. From the records I know [REDACTED] and I had holes in our clothes and buttons missing and definitely were like wee tinkers.

31. Apparently I just played up for attention at school, and I was different from the rest. I used to try and buy my friends, like one time I gave away [REDACTED]'s perfume and my watch. At primary school though I used to get top marks for maths quizzes.

Leisure Time

32. The Dad, JCL [REDACTED] would take [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] out but never took us. JCL [REDACTED] took them to places like ice skating at the Time Capsule. [REDACTED] worked in a Chinese and she would do her own thing. JCM [REDACTED] was an alcoholic so she just used to sit down the stairs and get drunk listening to music.

33. JCL/JCM [REDACTED] had a small garden but I don't really remember being in their garden playing. I was in the neighbour's next door garden all the time, they had a big rhubarb patch. If we weren't on a punishment me [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would be outside probably playing in the neighbour's garden but the majority of the time we were on a punishment. We were on punishment most of the time. They just didn't like us.

Supervision

34. I know that I had two social workers from Airdrie, Sandra Sage and Margaret Kerr. Sandra Sage was with me from when I was a baby but she has now left. I think she left in 1993. She was my social worker for about a year after I went to the JCL/JCM [REDACTED]. They knew me inside out. Margaret was my Social Worker from when I was with JCK/SPO [REDACTED] when I was two and a half.

Food

35. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were getting different food, better food than me, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I remember that we were getting microwave meals and they, that is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were getting salad and steak. Sometimes JCL/JCM [REDACTED] would get a Chinese

takeaway but again it wasn't shared with us. Sometimes we ate our meals at the same family table.

36. If [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and I did anything bad we would be punished and got sent to our rooms and we didn't get anything to eat. We had to be in for dinner at 5, and if we were late we would get punished which was usually getting sent to our rooms without anything to eat. Even if your dinner wasn't ready you still had to be in by 5.
37. The only memory I have is always taking forever to eat my dinner and being left sitting there until my dinner was finished, so maybe by seven o'clock I would be sent to my bed because I hadn't finished. I would sit there, sometimes for hours trying to eat my dinner. This happened to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as well. We were just made to sit at the table until we were done. I just remember chewing for ages and it was all dead dry. Because you had chewed it for such a long time it was so dry in your mouth that it was really difficult to swallow it. I don't know how often this happened but it just feels like that's what happened all the time. I don't know if it was just that my stomach had shrunk because often we were going for days without food. Most times at the weekend we wouldn't get food and would be in our room the full weekend.
38. I can't remember a particular time when I was late or after 5 but it happened regularly. If I was on a punishment you wouldn't get your dinner. One time I was brought down to have my dinner and JCL asked me a question and I made a gesture as if to say 'mind your own business' and I got sent back up to my bed without my dinner.
39. If any of us were punished we didn't get anything to eat. No breakfast, nothing. If you were on a punishment you didn't get fed at all. [REDACTED] worked at a Chinese so she would get in about midnight and she would bring in food for them and they would sit up. Because they stayed up really late I remember at the weekends, every weekend, me [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] used to just get up in the morning and the JCL/JCM wouldn't get out their beds until after 12 so we weren't allowed to do anything until they got up.
40. Me, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] normally got sent to our bed straight after dinner. That's just what happened because I never finished my dinner. There is only one time that I remember ever getting to stay up after dinner in the living-room with everyone .

41. On that day I remember I was allowed to stay up late and I was really favoured that day. JCL took me to the shops, and bought me stuff. I remember at night it was really late before I went to my bed. In the morning I was the only one that got woke up for my breakfast because [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were on punishment so they didn't get breakfast. I got up and had my cereal, and when I had finished I stole another bowl of cereal. I got caught by JCM and was sent up to my bed on a punishment.
42. I sometimes used to go down and steal the Chinese food. I would sneak down and grab a handful of Chow Mein and run back up the stairs but never got caught. I was starving and had hunger pains all the time and used to drink water from the tap in the toilets. We were only ever given water to drink and not milk. We were told there was plenty of 'council juice' in the tap.
43. If you were punished on a Friday, sometimes you wouldn't eat all weekend. We wouldn't get anything else to eat until we went back to school on the Monday. I just remember being hungry all the time and [REDACTED] was starving. [REDACTED] is a lot bigger than me and he is a boy so he was always stealing food constantly.
44. A big pile of food wrappers got found behind the drawers because he used to steal food. We got caught once because he stole me a flake and I got bits of chocolate on the carpet. They put pots and pans in the cupboard to make a noise to stop him but [REDACTED] was too fly for them and just opened the cupboard a wee bit and put his hands in.
45. In the house you weren't allowed to go in the kitchen and help yourself to something to eat from the fridge.

Medical

46. I know that I had a medical every 6 months when I was in the care system. JCM would take me for the medical when I was with JCM and JCL and it was organised through the social work. JCM would take me but would try and do everything in her power not to take me. As far as I remember they just checked my body, they

didn't check me down there. I remember JCM arguing with them about having to take me for medicals. I just know this all from the records.

47. I don't know how they picked up when I had a discharge, if JCM told them or if it was because they have asked. They picked up on it and JCM admitted she knew it was happening. It was put down as being normal for children.
48. I don't know if the other time when I was bleeding JCM told them about it because she thought the doctor was going to examine me down below so she told them about it just before my medical. JCM told them a week before that I had been self-abusing with a wooden spoon and a toothbrush and had burst a blood vessel and that's why there was blood in my pants.

Holidays /Special Occasions

49. They did take us on holiday. We all went to Blackpool and Butlins and that was at the very end of the placements. They must have hired another car to fit us all in. At Butlins we were in a caravan. Me, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went to Sunday school every week as well.
50. I have no happy memories from these holidays or at any time when I was in JCL/JCM house at all.
51. I only remember one Christmas day when JCL who didn't sleep in the marital bed but slept down the stairs on the sofa. JCL barricaded himself in the living-room on Christmas Eve and slept till 1 o'clock on Christmas afternoon so we couldn't get in to get our presents. I remember I got a Teddy and a colouring-in set. I don't remember any other Christmases there.
52. The first birthday I was there I got beauty and the beast toys and a watch but I gave it to one of my wee boyfriends at school. I don't remember other birthdays after that. They didn't do anything for our birthdays, but [REDACTED] who fostered us organised something for us at the Family Centre. We had a cake there. At the Family Centre they said [REDACTED] and I weren't dressed properly for parties.

53. [REDACTED] and I would go to the family centre quite regularly. It was organised by [REDACTED] but arranged by the Social Work. They had loads of toys in the room there for us to play with and different workers and we did arts and crafts with them. We went there maybe every fortnight. Margaret Kerr the social worker would take us to these things in her car. I can't remember what day we went there but I remember being there quite a lot.
54. Holiday times were the worst times for us because [REDACTED] and I were in our rooms nearly all the time. I think they were stricter with us because we weren't going to school every day. They just didn't want us involved in their lives.

Foster Care [REDACTED] - Abuse.

55. I think the first couple of months [REDACTED] were okay but to be honest I don't really remember. They were horrible to me and [REDACTED] I don't know where to start. They weren't caring for us. They would feed us sometimes and not feed us at other times. They would do things with their own kids but not do anything with us. [REDACTED] me and [REDACTED] were treated differently from their own children [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. As I already said if we were punished for doing something on a Friday we might go the whole weekend without anything to eat.
56. Sometimes me, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would be playing upstairs and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would come in and batter us. Me, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were always sent to our room and we got different food from them and any treats were never for us, it was always for their own children. I would normally get punished for being cheeky, for not coming in on time, or for fighting with each other. If you answered [REDACTED] back you just got put to your room. Everything was just getting put up to your room.
57. If we were sent to our rooms, I was sent to mine, [REDACTED] to hers and [REDACTED] to his. We usually waited until the dad was out and we would run about into each other's room.
58. We had to stay in our rooms until they got up in the morning but me [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] used to sneak the lego out of the room, so we could play with it.

When we got caught with the lego that was enough for us to be punished again for the rest of the weekend. Sometimes me and [REDACTED] would sneak out of our rooms and go to [REDACTED]'s and play with the Lego in there. [REDACTED] had toys in his room but it was all like action figures that JCL/JCM had from when they were younger and they were all set out and [REDACTED] used to always get into trouble for touching them but he was in his room all the time and they were there so he used to always touch them. I used to knock them down.

59. We spent a lot of time in our rooms at JCL/JCM and we never had any toys to play with, just the toys we brought with us. I had a phone I loved and a big yellow Teapot, and the Lego but I think that may have been theirs. I didn't have any toys in my room, none at all. All the toys were in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]'s room sitting like ornaments, just sitting round. I didn't get to play with the toys.

60. Me, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] used to sneak the stuff out of the room and when we were sneaking about upstairs we weren't supposed to so if we got caught we would be on punishment. When me, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were left upstairs and JCM was drinking she would catch us in each other rooms and she would come in and hit us.

61. JCM used to tie our room doors together with her husband's ties just to keep us in our rooms. My room door handle was tied to [REDACTED]'s room and [REDACTED]'s room was tied to the toilet door. Me, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] used to try to pull the doors to go to the toilet and stuff like that and then I wouldn't be able to get out so I would just pee myself in the room. One occasion I got into trouble for peeing myself when JCL came back and I said 'What was I supposed to do?'. I don't remember saying this to him but I remember JCL was angry that I had peed myself and that we had stretched his ties. JCL/JCM tied our doors together nearly every night. That was the only time I remember him being angry about his ties. I always cried because we were always left locked in our rooms.

62. One time [REDACTED] slapped me on the leg because I stole her perfume which I had given to my friends at school. I took it to school in my bag and she noticed they were missing and she slapped me on the leg. I had a swollen hand print on my leg. I don't remember JCL ever hitting me but I saw him hitting [REDACTED].

63. I remember getting hit by JCM for running in the hall and making a noise. You used to hear her coming up stairs and we used to run and hide. I would go into my bed right to the back so she couldn't get me. I was in the lower bunk . Once she grabbed me by the ankles and hung me upside down.
64. JCM was thin but I was tiny, and she held me by one ankle and hit me on the legs with a slipper or a hairbrush or her hand. She would hit me with the back of the brush, the same way she would whack me when you weren't staying still when she was brushing your hair. I only have one memory of JCM dangling me by the ankle and hitting me. Usually it would be a slipper which she hit you with and she would hit you several times.
65. JCM hit with a dog chain. I was in's room and JCM must have heard us and she came running up stairs. I can't remember if she hit us all or not but I slid down between the two single beds and JCM mustn't have known I was there. was above me and was lying on the beds and she peed in my mouth. I heard crying. I didn't actually see the dog chain, and I didn't see her getting hit, but I heard it.
66. Obviously the stuff that I remember wasn't every single night but that's just the way I remember because I don't remember there being any good. I just remember we were always in our room, and they were always out, and the abuse that we were suffering when we were left with JCM. It seemed like it was every night that JCM was left with me and we would always carry on and she would hit us. I don't know where JCL was every night but he was out with the other two or else just out but he was just never in the house at night.
67. My memory is just that it felt like we were outsiders. It was like me, and were a team and were always together. We were always treated different. JCN wasn't included in JCL/JCM life but because he was older so he was out and about doing his own thing. JCL/JCM had a different relationship with their own children and JCN was different again.

Foster Care - JCN - Abuse

68. The sexual abuse against me was committed by JCN who was also later reported to the police for the abuse of my brother and . When the three of us, me, and were sent to our rooms, that's when JCN the abuser would come up and abuse us. We hated it and we were upset. I can't remember the first time JCN abused me, and I don't really know if it had happened several times or just the once before I told the prefect at school
69. One incident happened in the bathroom upstairs on the bathmat. JCN was touching me and tried to have intercourse with me but couldn't. I can't remember how we came about being in the bathroom. Normally the abuse from JCN happened in my bedroom. I can't remember how I came to be lying on my back on the bathmat. I don't know what I was wearing. He was touching me down below and I didn't have any pants on. I can't remember if he took my pants off me or if I wasn't wearing them but I didn't have any on. I don't know if he said anything to me. He was touching my vagina and was lying on top of me and trying to have intercourse with me. That was his routine, he would try and have sex with me. JCN tried to insert his penis in me. I knew it wasn't right. I don't remember feeling anything but I know JCN was trying to have intercourse with me. I know from the records that I had described that JCN's penis was different from my brothers in the bath because it had grew.
70. I can't remember if I was upset or anything by what JCN was doing. I don't really know how it ended but I ended up in my room speaking to and she asked why me and JCN were in the toilet together. She told me she seen me lying on the floor when she looked under the door, but not anything else. I am not sure if she said to me then or if it was later that JCN had done stuff to her as well. I wouldn't normally be in the bathroom at the same time as JCN. 's room is right next door to the bathroom so that's how she knew me and JCN were in the bathroom together. I can't remember much about my discussion with . I am fairly certain that this was not the first time JCN had done this to me.
71. From the records I can say that I told a prefect at St Mary's school in 1992 around my 6th birthday. I told the girl prefect in school that JCN had touched me in private places and that I knew it wasn't right. I remember

telling the prefect this but I can't remember what else I told her. I really don't know how soon after this incident happened that I told her. I didn't mention anything to her about [REDACTED] having seen it. This prefect may have been in primary 6 or primary 7 but I don't know her name. I think this prefect was looking after me and was in the playground making sure we were alright. I can't remember the exact words or how it came about.

72. After I told the prefect I went home from school and was in the kitchen with JCM [REDACTED] when someone phoned. It was a friend of JCM [REDACTED]'s and she was a health visitor. I think her daughter was a friend of the prefect. I don't know who the health visitor was but she told JCM [REDACTED] about what I had told the prefect. I don't think the prefect told anyone in authority.

73. When JCM [REDACTED] came off the phone she just came over and slapped me across the face and it was a hard slap and this was quite unusual and I was shocked. I was upset and was crying. She said 'What have you been saying about JCN [REDACTED] in school'. I told her what he was doing and she said I was nothing but a liar. I said to her to ask [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] knew. Other people were there but I don't know who. JCL [REDACTED] and JCN [REDACTED] weren't there. JCM [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] agreed that she had been looking under the bathroom door and that what I said was right. JCM [REDACTED] took [REDACTED] up the stairs and went in to JCM [REDACTED]'s room. I think it was just JCM [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. It felt like it was forever they were there.

74. I stayed downstairs but I don't know where. JCM [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] came back downstairs and [REDACTED] said it never happened and that I had blackmailed her. [REDACTED] denied JCN [REDACTED] had done anything to me. She didn't expand any more. JCM [REDACTED] then told the social work her side of the story, according to the records. Everyone else in the house fell out with me over it, and I remember JCN [REDACTED] being really nasty to me as if I had betrayed him. It was harder for me in the house after that.

75. The head teacher from the school came late one night to the house but I don't know why they were there. I don't know how close this was after this happened but I thought it was really strange that the head teacher would come at night.

76. The social workers never spoke to me about it they just took JCM [REDACTED]'s word that JCM [REDACTED] had spoken to me about it and they just used the fact that I might been

abused in the previous house I was in before and this was me reliving this abuse and mentioned JCN's name as an accident instead of JCK I don't think I was ever questioned by the social work. I just knew that the house wasn't right after that incident.

77. JCN continued to abuse me after I had told the prefect and I remember at least 3 or 4 occasions when JCN did more stuff to me. JCN would come in my room, lift up my nightie and try and put his fingers in me, then try to have sex with me but couldn't do it. One time he tried to do my back passage as well. He just bent me over, and he got me to sook his willy, but I just don't know when exactly. I know that when he was trying to get me to sook his willy he ejaculated all over the floor cos I got in to trouble for the marks on the floor, but obviously JCL/JCM must have known what the marks were.
78. It usually happened in the evening. One time it happened when [REDACTED] was in her bed. JCN sneaked in to my room and she was asleep in the bunk bed above me. I normally wore a nightie at bed-time and I think I would wear pants. JCN would lie on top of me and try and have sex with me. One time I woke up and he was touching me down below and I didn't have any pants on.
79. I would normally be in my bed and that's when JCN would sneak in to my room and the majority of the time he would leave the door open. Often it was early in the evening then he used to go out after. He would bring us biscuits later so we were happy because we were getting something to eat
80. JCN used his fingers and definitely his penis and it was erect. It was sore. I don't think he ever actually penetrated me but there was pressure and he did damage me. I don't think he could ever could get his penis in. I think once he ejaculated on me because again I know that from the records I told them that I was sticky down below. When he tried to enter my back passage it was sore and I shouted to him to stop as he was hurting me. When he tried to have sex with me at the front I shouted out to leave me but he just told me to Sshhht. There was only one time that I remember he tried to enter my back passage.

81. I don't think anybody heard because JCM used to sit downstairs the majority of the time with her music up loud so JCN just had the free reign of the house to do what he wanted. JCL was out sometimes with the others but he was probably in the house sometimes too.
82. After I told the prefect it was horrible because everybody in the house was against me. JCL/JCM even tried to turn against me. When I went in to the hospital they made out that was happy that I wasn't there because he wasn't going to get taken away from this loving family because of the things I was saying. They drummed it in to that nobody else would want us, and that and I would get separated.
83. Around Christmas 1992 I remember JCM and JCL came upstairs. I am sure it was night time when this happened because it was dark. Anyone coming up the stairs would be able to see in to our room because our bedroom door faced the stairs. JCN was lying on top of me on the bed and the door was open. They started shouting and bawling. I don't know what they've said to JCN but they've told me to get down the stairs.
84. I can't remember how JCN came to be in my room, and the first thing I do remember about this incident is JCL/JCM being at the top of the stairs and they were really angry, and then me sitting downstairs at the Christmas tree. JCN was lying on top of me and trying to have sex with me. It all happened really fast and I think JCN realised he had been caught and he jumped away. The only reason that I can remember it was Christmas was because the seat they made me sit on was behind the Christmas tree and I couldn't see the telly and that's all I could care about, that they had me sat in this chair for ages and I couldn't see the telly.
85. JCL/JCM just said to me that if anybody was to find out about it then they would call me a dirty wee girl and and I would get separated and that I would get punished. JCM started shouting at me. I think JCM was dealing with me and JCL was dealing with JCN. JCM was telling me I was a dirty wee girl and wasn't to tell anybody or I would get taken out of there and I would get punished for this. JCM said I would be in a lot of trouble, and I was dirty. Looking back I got the blame for it, as if I was the abuser. JCL/JCM chucked JCN out the house but not for long, maybe a

couple of days, then he came back and the abuse continued, but I can't remember how soon after.

86. [JCM] often said that me and [redacted] would get separated. I remember I was angry and upset that [JCM] called me a liar. After that I just thought that was what happens in here. I felt like I was dirty.

87. In March of 1993 I was admitted to Monklands hospital because I had serious problems going to the toilet. I was in hospital for 13 days. When I was there they identified that I had psychological problems and that I had a 'big bag of worries'.

JCL/JCM Abuse - Post Hospital

88. There was no real change after the hospital. It was just always the same pattern. I wasn't getting fed and [JCN] was still abusing me. It happened for the next two years. The only time it didn't happen was when [JCN] was chucked out the house or when he was in jail. I know he was committing crime outside and I think he also had a girlfriend.

89. I don't think [JCN] ever managed to rape me and although he tried to enter me he never did. The damage was caused by his fingers because he managed to get his fingers inside me. He did lie on top of me and he did try to penetrate me but never managed. There was only one incident I remember when he got me to masturbate him, and I think that was when he ejaculated on the carpet. I think he did masturbate himself. I don't know how often [JCN] abused me. It wasn't every night but it felt like it was every night. The abuse didn't get any worse, and there is only that one time when [JCN] tried to anally penetrate me. This continued until we left the [JCL/JCM]

90. I don't really remember ever being really shocked. I think the whole set up with the family just didn't feel right, because there was no secrecy about what he was doing. [JCN] wasn't shutting doors so it was as if it was allowed. That's the way I felt. The foster parents never ever done anything about it, even when they did catch him they still never done anything. We weren't protected and we knew we couldn't go to them and tell them everything that was going on.

Foster Care - JCL Abuse

91. There was one day, I remember it was the same morning that I told you about earlier when I stole the bowl of cereal in the morning and JCM sent me up to my bed. JCL's room is next to my room and JCL was lying on his bed and he said to me to come in to where he was. He had his trousers on and his big fat belly was out. He was sitting on the side of the bed. I was only there for a couple of minutes and I sat beside him and he grabbed my hand and put it down his trousers.
92. All I can think now is that JCL must have had warts or something because that's what I could feel. I had warts on my knee when I was younger so I knew what warts were, and that's what I felt. I knew what I was touching because of JCN but JCL was totally different from JCN because he wasn't aroused, he wasn't hard, it just felt like a wee wrinkly warty disgusting thing.
93. JCL was wearing trousers, he always had his trousers on. He wore them for weeks at a time. He was stinking, disgusting, to the extent the social work picked up on the smell when they came in the house. The house was stinking. It felt like as soon as my hand was down JCL's trousers JCM walked in the room and then she shouted and bawled that I had stolen cereal and I was to get put to my bed. She obviously seen what happened but she didn't say anything. I don't know but I think she knew and she was maybe jealous.
94. That was the only time JCL ever did anything to me and I'm not aware of him doing anything to anyone else in the house.

Formal Reporting - JCL/JCM

95. I have told some of my friends about this incident, but never told anybody else, including the police. JCL is dead now so that's how I never wanted to bring it up because I thought 'what is the point'. Before I would have said what had happened but I didn't think I would have been believed but now that I've got my Social Work Records

and it is documented about him not being right, I wish I did years ago, because he will never suffer now. I don't remember ever telling anybody about getting hit by JCM

JCN Abuse against

96. One time I just went in to's room and JCN had bent over the ladders on the bunk beds. I can't remember when this was but I think it was through the day. The room was dark but I think it was because the blinds were shut. my brother is my soft spot and I get upset talking about him. I went in to his room by chance. I was not aware before then that anything was happening between and JCN I was shocked.
97. was bent over the ladders of the bunk beds and I think JCN was inside him. I don't think was wearing any clothes. JCN maybe had trousers at his ankles, that was his normal. I am not aware of saying anything. I just left the room. I knew it wasn't right. I think JCN was penetrating because knowing the actions now I know they were the actions of someone having sex. JCN was moving back and forwards but I was only there for a split second. I couldn't see's reaction to what was happening.
98. didn't like me for saying it had happened because he was now going to get taken away even though that would be the best thing that could have happened. I don't know if anything else happened with Seeing what happened with has affected me more now than what happened to me.
99. 's room was full of flies so he was getting hit by JCN and because he was causing the flies but they wouldn't change his bed covers so he was lying in peed bed covers for days. I saw them both hitting They hit him all the time. I didn't see JCL hit him but he did deliberately shut's finger in the door one time on purpose. was standing with his hand on the door and JCL shut it. He had to go to hospital and he still has a scar. That was in 1994 or 1995. I don't know why JCL did it.

100. We knew what JCN was doing wasn't right but didn't see JCN as being the enemy, the mum and dad were the enemy. Although what he was doing was wrong JCN was providing us with food so he wasn't totally bad. I just remember the dread when he used to come in the room, and there was always that fear of me and being separated.
101. JCL/JCM didn't say good morning to us when we got up in the morning or kiss us before we went to school or greet us when we got home from school. I don't think they were capable of loving.
102. The social work were brain washing us that they were going to find another family for us, but they apparently couldn't find another family that's why we were left there so long.
103. I think I have told you everything that I remember, but I am sure there are lots of other things I don't remember.

Formal Reporting - JCN

104. I used to see Margaret Kerr the social worker but I never told her anything, and no one ever spoke to me about what I had said about JCN I never told anyone else. I don't think I told anybody else in authority about the other things that had been going in the house about not being fed, getting hit with a brush, being sent to and locked in our room.
105. As soon as we left JCL/JCM I told about the abuse that had happened and they all believed me and I drew a picture of JCN's willie. They must have known that a wee lassie wouldn't know that. I don't know why they couldn't have done that when I was in the house.
106. has never told about the abuse that happened to him, it was me that told, and JCN admitted to it. always totally denied it and he never knew that I had seen him. wouldn't have seen me there. JCN pled guilty so I didn't actually

have to give evidence and he got sentenced to two and a half years but only served about a year and a half.

Foster Care [REDACTED] – Impact of Abuse

107. I had to go to Monklands hospital in March 1993 when I was at [REDACTED]. I couldn't do the toilet and I was retaining my faeces and urine and I had to get my bowels evacuated. That's when they picked up there was something wrong with this wee girl. It says in the records that I was not right on the ward and that the problems I was having in my stomach were emotional, and I was to get a child psychiatrist. I was in hospital for 13 days and they said I had problems with my bladder and then that I wasn't eating on the ward. On the final day I ate a full meal and the staff were so proud of me.
108. They put me to a child psychiatrist. All through the files [REDACTED] were doing everything in their power not to take us to the child psychiatrist and everything in their power not to leave us alone with them saying that I needed them to be there, even though Social Work were documenting that [REDACTED] is a lot better when [REDACTED] were not there.
109. They said that while I was on the ward the nightmares were telling a bigger picture and because of this and through conversations they believed that I had psychological problems and that something emotional was happening inside. They called it 'I kept my bag of worries in my stomach'. The hospital staff said this. They gave me a book something about 'A big bag of worries that they kept in their belly and made them not well.'
110. I don't think I told anyone in there about my worries. I think they did refer me to a Psychologist. People did come and speak to me in the hospital but I don't know who they were but when I was there I never told anybody about what had happened. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did visit me sometimes in the hospital.

111. When I got out of hospital I can't really remember how soon after but I started going to see Chris Lieberman a psychologist and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] used to take me

to see her. The appointments were all spaced out because JCL/JCM were cancelling a lot of the appointments. I don't think I ever told Chris Lieberman what had happened.

112. JCL/JCM took us to the appointments with the psychologist and they were supposed to bring everyone, the whole family but they only brought me and JCL/JCM were totally sabotaging the whole process. They didn't see the need for the process for something that was physical. They couldn't see the importance of all their family being there that they wanted to speak to them all. They were just cancelling and I know in the house it was drama on the days of the appointments because no one wanted to go to these appointments. At the initial sessions they wanted to meet everybody from the family but it was a couple of sessions in before they got everybody. Then sometimes they would want me and JCN and sometimes they would want JCN to be at the session, but I don't really know why.

113. Chris Lieberman and her team watched us play and asked us how things were. I never disclosed to anyone at these sessions that I was being abused and I never told them about any other abuse that was going on in the house. Apparently I just sat silent on the floor in the sessions, unless it was play time I would play with the toys but if it came to talking or anything like that I would clam up and say nothing, but in the records it says that the Psychologist or Psychiatrist had picked up on it that JCM was silencing me, so they were wanting her left out of the sessions. The sessions went on for some time after I left JCL/JCM house.

114. JCL/JCM controlled us and that was it. From the records they just silenced us completely. They wanted to control who we were with and who we were talking to. I think because they were doing all this stuff they were trying to cover it up. We just weren't the same people. Me and JCL/JCM were going to child psychiatrists and stuff like that. The psychiatrists even picked up on it that the family were silencing us. They didn't like the dynamics of the family.

115. JCL/JCM was peeing the bed, I know that, and stealing food. JCL/JCM peed himself until he was about 12 or 13 years old.

116. I remember at Sunday school we told lies about how often we bathed. They asked everybody how often do you bath and me and JCL/JCM said every second day

but [REDACTED] had said don't tell lies we only have a bath on a Sunday. We were dead embarrassed because he told everybody at Sunday school we only had a bath once a week.

117. I still don't understand why the social work, who suspected I was being abused, didn't pursue anything when I was in the house and according to the records they had the evidence but they didn't want to upset the family by questioning them about it. I just think that's disgusting. In July 1995 there was a panel meeting for me and [REDACTED] to leave and the Social work said in an 8 hour panel that there were no adverse reports about JCL/JCM family. The records say otherwise.

118. As for JCL and JCM they just didn't protect us and then with the drinking and the fighting and JCL was controlling and we were just never given anything. They tried to cling to us, they just lied that we were Catholics and couldn't go to another family that wasn't Catholic. It was really hard to find another Catholic family. Why the Social work didn't pick up on that either. They weren't taking us to church. We went to Sunday school. They were kidding on they were taking us to church so they could keep us because we were worth them a certain amount of money a year. Me and [REDACTED] lived in fear that we were there permanently.

119. I don't remember ever getting any love or any affection from either of the JCL/JCM. We refused to call them mum and dad but sometimes they told the social work that me and [REDACTED] did and the social work took from that we loved the family.

120. From the records it says I used to sit on JCL's knee sometimes and touch his inner thigh apparently. The social work have said that JCM used to get me to sit on her knee when they were there and was saying 'Good girl Good girl' and this was to prevent me from talking.

121. Their own kids were older so weren't that sort of huggy way. In some ways I feel they had a good relationship with their children but other ways they didn't. [REDACTED] their only son died of a drugs overdose. The things they must have seen must have affected them.

JCL/JCM - Leaving Foster Care

122. We left JCL/JCM because we were supposed to be leaving anyway. They found a family for us JCO-JCP because they were looking for an adopted family for us a Catholic family. Initially there was an incident in their house that involved their adopted son and adopted daughter which meant there was a delay in us going there.

123. [REDACTED] and I went to a panel and this was the first we had been to for a while. This one was in [REDACTED] 1995. The purpose of this panel was to decide what was going to happen to us because the two families, JCL/JCM and JCO-JCP, were fighting for us. At this hearing it was decided we should move in with JCO-JCP.

Foster Care with JCO-JCP**Background**

124. We went home with JCL/JCM so we could get our stuff together. I think we went to JCO-JCP the next day. I was apparently acting sad but deep down I was happy to be moving. JCO-JCP had two dogs and a cat so I was happy.

125. The first address we were at with JCO-JCP was [REDACTED] and after a year in 1997 we moved to a bigger house at [REDACTED] JCO-JCP are still there.

126. The mum was JCO the dad JCP, adopted daughter [REDACTED] adopted son [REDACTED] and two older adopted children [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who had left the house. When we moved in [REDACTED] would have been about 14, [REDACTED] about 15 and I was nearly 8. [REDACTED] had just turned 10. They lived in Clydebank. JCO worked as a child minder. JCP worked for [REDACTED] who have something to with semi-conductors. JCO-JCP weren't man and wife like they told the social work. They made out like they were mum and dad and a loving family but they hated each other and weren't together. JCP didn't want the kids, never wanted any of us. JCO did.

127. When we were at [REDACTED] JCO-JCP lost their licence to child-mind so [REDACTED] JCO-JCP then took in more foster kids so there was a regular turn around.

128. It was when we were at [REDACTED] JCO-JCP that [REDACTED] was abused.

Foster Care [REDACTED] JCO-JCP - Routine

129. [REDACTED] had been in loads of trouble, allegations that him and his pals that he had done stuff to [REDACTED] when she was younger . That's why there was a delay in us moving in with them before. [REDACTED] has learning difficulties so although they believed what she was saying to some extent there wasn't enough to take them to court.

130. There were about seven children in the house most of the time and at the weekend another boy would come for respite. There were other children who came and went from the house because [REDACTED] JCO-JCP did child-minding, although

131. I shared a room with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] shared a room with [REDACTED] JCO-JCP [REDACTED] JCO-JCP had their own bedroom but [REDACTED] JCO never slept in it and she slept in the living room.

132. We didn't see much of [REDACTED] JCP because he was either at work or was out drinking.

School

133. We moved school to Our Lady of Lorretto in Clydebank. I was in Primary 5 [REDACTED] was in Primary 6. When we moved in [REDACTED] would be 10 and [REDACTED] was 15.

Running Away

134. Me and [REDACTED] ran away a lot when we were at [REDACTED] JCO-JCP and when we were at [REDACTED] JCL/JCM . When we were at [REDACTED] JCO-JCP it was just to the neighbours across the road and their kids gave us eggs and we used to egg [REDACTED] JCO-JCP windows.

135. One time me [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ran away and slept in a close overnight and me [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] got taken in to a house but we got taken back. I got the blame from JCO [REDACTED] even though I was the youngest.

Foster Care JCO-JCP - Abuse

136. When I was at the JCO-JCP I thought my treatment was normal but realise now it wasn't right. If you done anything you weren't spoken to in the house and everyone would fall out with you. The way JCO [REDACTED] works there is always someone in the house who is the baddie and nobody else in the house is allowed to talk to the baddie.

137. Me and [REDACTED] still felt like we were outsiders when we were in this house. When we first moved in we were running away all the time. There was an incident when she tried to hit me with a belt and I ran away. That was almost as soon as we got there. We used to go to the neighbour's house across the road because I remember she gave us eggs and we egged the JCO-JCP windows.

138. Mrs JCO [REDACTED] used to slap me across the face but if other people were there she would slap your bum. She was hitting [REDACTED] and she was hitting [REDACTED]. Usually it was a slap, quite a hard slap. I didn't really feel like it was abuse because I was used to much worse, although I knew she shouldn't be doing that. When Mrs JCO [REDACTED] tried to hit me with a belt I had been arguing with her. I think I was being cheeky. I remember saying to her that she was stealing other people's bairns because she couldn't have her own.

139. Mrs JCO [REDACTED] was strict in her own way but she was evil because she turned it on and off when she wanted. She didn't act like that in front of people like. She would only act like that when people weren't there. The social work think the sun shines out her butt, but it's not true, she was nasty and as soon as the social work went away she was horrible. Mrs JCO [REDACTED] did more for her child minding kids than she did for us, so we were more like skivvies to the child minding kids, other foster kids and kids there for respite, although she showed us affection in some ways.

140. Mrs JCO was horrible to [REDACTED] called her an idiot, a retard, ugly and lots of other things. [REDACTED] has been through a hard time in that house.
141. When I was at JCO-JCP we were all sitting at the table one day and we were tasting the vinegar in the cap. Just as I drank it JCO came in caught me so she slapped me then poured the vinegar over my head. I ran out the house in my bare feet along to a friend's house along the road. I told my friends mum what had happened but she would normally just take me back to JCO-JCP
142. JCP hated us, he just never liked us. He hated all the kids. We were not allowed to speak when he was in the house. We were told 'Shoosht'. He was quite a drinker, he used to drink whisky. You weren't allowed to speak if he was in the house. He didn't do any disciplining in the house but he hit [REDACTED] a few times in the later years. He really took nothing to do with us.
143. JCO-JCP just weren't nice people and they didn't really show us any affection, and it was obvious that JCO cared more for the kids she was child-minding.
144. [REDACTED] used to beat [REDACTED] up because [REDACTED] used to wet the bed. JCO was aware that [REDACTED] was doing it because she often split them up and as [REDACTED] got older the beatings got worse but she didn't do anything about it. [REDACTED] never hit [REDACTED] back, he just wouldn't. He never hit anybody even if he was being bullied. I saw [REDACTED] hitting [REDACTED] and he was also hitting [REDACTED] but not as bad as he was hitting [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] hit me as well, just kind of ruffled me up. Sometimes when I was in my room I often heard [REDACTED] squealing when he was in his room and that was when he was getting beaten up by [REDACTED].
145. Once when I heard [REDACTED] squealing I saw JCO go in the room and I saw [REDACTED] battering [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had been grounded and wasn't allowed to switch the television on, but he sneaked the television on so when [REDACTED] came home he battered [REDACTED] I can't remember what he was doing to him that time, but I have seen him at other times jumping on [REDACTED]'s head, punching him. I would usually just see the aftermath.

146. When we moved to [REDACTED] the beatings against [REDACTED] got worse probably because they were both getting older and bigger. [REDACTED] was also starting to take drugs and turned really nasty. I also think he had something over [REDACTED] JCO-JCP and they were protecting him. [REDACTED] JCO was well aware that [REDACTED] was beating [REDACTED] up and she often stopped him if he was really hurting [REDACTED] JCO was often there when [REDACTED] got beaten up.
147. [REDACTED] JCP and [REDACTED] JCO must have been aware that [REDACTED] was taking drugs. He came in to the house some times and he was out of his face either on drink or drugs. They didn't do anything to protect [REDACTED] or me and [REDACTED] regularly got beaten up by [REDACTED]
148. Once my bed was covered with blood and I didn't see it but [REDACTED] had hit [REDACTED] on the nose with a ginger bottle. His nose was burst open. He didn't go to hospital and [REDACTED] still has a mark. [REDACTED] JCO would have been aware and sometimes she would stop [REDACTED] but they would protect him. [REDACTED] has got scars all over his face from getting beat up by [REDACTED]
149. [REDACTED] JCO was always there because she never went anywhere, so she was aware of everything that went on. If she didn't stop [REDACTED] from hitting [REDACTED] I think [REDACTED] would have killed him
150. Sometimes [REDACTED] JCO would call her eldest son [REDACTED] and get him to take [REDACTED] out the house for a while until things calmed down. Other times they would be separated and [REDACTED] would sleep in a different room from [REDACTED] Although I have seen [REDACTED] JCO pulling [REDACTED] off [REDACTED] JCO always denies that [REDACTED] has ever assaulted [REDACTED]
151. [REDACTED] hit me a few times, just really pulling my hair and stuff like that but nothing like what he used to do to [REDACTED] JCP never hit me but I did see him hitting [REDACTED]
152. Once when [REDACTED] was 15 he stole £5 and [REDACTED] JCO slapped him on his back several times and he still had marks some weeks later. She tried to take the belt off the trousers to hit him with but couldn't manage. [REDACTED] came in and he battered [REDACTED]

too, then when JCP came in and when he was told about it he went upstairs and punched ██████ in the belly. I saw this happening.

153. When I was 12 years old and still at JCO-JCP ██████ I had managed to find my mum so I was staying with her. One time I was there for about 12 days and JCO ██████ never reported the fact I was missing to the social work or anybody else. They found out when my mum went to the SW Dept. trying to get money for looking after me and she told them she had been taking me places but the social work realised that my mum had given us up years before and that we were supposed to be at foster carers.

154. When I was about 12 my stay with JCO-JCP ██████ came to an end and I went to a children's home. I would be allowed out of the home at the weekend and I would go back and stay at JCO ██████'s just so as I could see my pals.

155. Once when I went to JCO ██████'s at the weekend I was asleep at the bottom of the bed along with ██████ and ██████ who were at the top of the bed. At this time ██████ was about 2 and ██████ was about 5. We were all sleeping and I got woken up by ██████ who was steaming and had come in the room and was lying on the bed and was dry humping ██████. By this I mean he had all his clothes on and ██████ had her bed clothes on and he was lying on top of her and was doing the movements as if he was having sex with her. They both had their clothes on. He was like in a drunken sleep and I told ██████ to come up to me and she did and she stamped on ██████'s head. By that time he was sleeping and he never woke up. I think he lay there all night. I told JCO ██████ the next day and she just brushed me aside as if I was lying. I can't really remember but I think he was still there when we woke up in the morning. I am sure that he was so drunk he had no idea what he was doing

156. Another time a friend ██████ who was 14 stayed some time and ██████ had sex one night with her but she was willing. I was in the room but I left when they were at it. One time one of the other kids found some hash in ██████'s room and the JCO-JCP ██████ were aware but they didn't do anything about it.

157. According to my records we got taken back to JCO-JCP ██████ to try again. When we were there JCO ██████ slapped me on the face so I hit her with a phone. I was also cheeky to ██████. When ██████ came back he pulled my hair and was banging my

head off the top of the stairs and nearly ripped my earring out and it was bleeding. He hit [REDACTED] then he chased the both of us out of the house threatening us with a knife. JCO [REDACTED] was there and saw all of this.

158. The police got involved and we gave statements and they would have seen the marks on our faces but nothing ever happened as far as I am aware. JCO [REDACTED] told them that she had never known [REDACTED] to hit anybody and they must have believed her. We were allowed to stay at my mums for a while until they sorted things out but we didn't go back to JCO-JCP [REDACTED] after this incident.

JCO-JCP - Adoption

159. Not before we left JCO-JCP [REDACTED] we actually got adopted by them. I think JCO [REDACTED] held off as long as possible so they got more money. I was aware that we were getting our names changed too and I became FEL [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] changed his name too. I am not aware of anyone coming out to see us about being adopted. I just remember me and [REDACTED] were quite happy at the thought of becoming part of a family. I think we might have gone out for something to eat to celebrate but I am not sure.

Blairvadach and Hill Park Children's Home

160. When we were removed from JCO-JCP [REDACTED] was given a choice because he must have been nearly 16. He got to choose whether he wanted to come with me or to stay with my mum. He chose to stay with our mum. I told the social work that I didn't want to move from my pals and Margaret Kerr the social worker told me the home I was going to was only 10 minutes away from JCO-JCP [REDACTED] so not far from my pals. I went in the car but she took me to Blairvadach children's home which was miles away near Helensburgh. Secondary Institutions - to be published later

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Formal Reporting - JCO-JCP

163. The only time we reported anything to the police was when [REDACTED] assaulted me and [REDACTED] and he threatened us with a knife.
164. I used to phone Child-Line regularly when we were at JCO-JCP but they didn't do anything about it. I think they used to think we were at it. Sometimes I phoned when things didn't go right or if I didn't get my own way or if there was an argument or a fight and they probably got fed up with me calling them.
165. I often called Margaret Kerr the social worker when [REDACTED] had been battered by [REDACTED] and was covered in blood and I told her to come straight away, but she wouldn't come out.
166. Margaret might come a few days later but Margaret never asked me or [REDACTED] to speak to her on our own to ask us how we were. The only other times we saw her were at review meetings, and JCO's own social work Mark Fallon might be at some of these meetings, and someone else taking minutes.
167. When [REDACTED] got beaten up I regularly phoned Margaret Kerr and told her what was going on but she just said it wasn't that bad and she would come out and see us. JCO was sometimes there when I phoned the social work. By the time she came, JCO who was really twisted had made sure everything was fine and we would be helping her bake and things. The social work department would come in and ask the group how things were and we would just say fine because JCO was there. The social work never spoke to us on our own, and it was like JCO was her best friend. One time I phoned and told her [REDACTED] had been beaten up and she came the next week and [REDACTED] still had the marks on his face. JCO told her that [REDACTED] had been fighting at school.

Margaret never questioned this with JCO. never spoke up because it was in front of everybody

168. One time my brother beat me up and it ended up we went to a children's panel a couple of days later and I still had marks on my face. Before we went JCO told me that I was to say that I had roller skated in to a wall, so I did.

169. I had also told my key worker when I was at Blairvadach about everything that had gone on with JCL/JCM and JCO-JCP

Records

170. A lot of what I have told you is from the records I have read, but I remember parts of it. I am handing you my Social Work Records from 1991 until 1996. You will see that the documents back up what I remember and they show the failings are proven.

171. I went to a lawyers when I was 18. Ross Harpers solicitors in Glasgow. I told them about what had happened to me at JCL/JCM and that I had told a prefect and that the social work never did anything about it. They said to me 'How are you going to say that you can remember things that happened when you were five' but I told him I could, and when the records appeared and that confirmed what I had said because it is documented. I remember I told a prefect at school and when the records appeared it was documented there that I had told a prefect. I was also taking action against the JCL/JCM for allowing the abuse to continue. I didn't have my records at this time. Apparently a court date was set but I didn't know anything about it because I was living between lodgings.

172. Because I never showed up, the court case was quashed and the solicitor said he couldn't represent me again but I could go and see another lawyer. I also applied for my records when I first went to court and I eventually got a copy which I subsequently lost when I moved house so I applied for another copy which I had to pay a tenner for. The second lot of records were different from the first lot of records. There was a lot of information in the first set which isn't in the second set. Even in this second set everything that I had said to the first lawyer was in there. I went to another lawyer

A.C. O'Neill and they said something about a decree or an absolver or something like that and I could still go to court but I would have to pay to get something lifted because I didn't turn up. I phoned Citizens Advice but they didn't really help.

173. In the records it says that me and [REDACTED] were part of the grooming process. There are emails warning people that it was getting out of hand. There are a lot of other paragraphs blacked out.

174. In the records Chris Lieberman said she would be writing a bigger report that would take time but hoped a small report would be enough for them to go on just now. She wasn't happy with the dynamics of [REDACTED] family, the way they were set up, their views on abuse, and how [REDACTED] and I were different when they were there, how they silenced me, and totally not letting me speak. [REDACTED] were getting a 50 per cent enhanced fostering allowance for me and for [REDACTED] because they were dealing with children who had been previously abused, even though we weren't previously abused and they were abusing us, and they were getting this enhanced allowance. They were getting training how to deal with children, and Joe Nee the high psychologist actually said a year before we moved out that the foster father [REDACTED] was sexually aroused when they were speaking to him and they didn't think having us in the house was a good idea.

175. Me and [REDACTED] are described in the files as being waiflike, walking dead and basically failing to thrive. Before we went to [REDACTED] I was chubby, although [REDACTED] has always been like a stick insect and he is taller. This is in the records that before we moved in we were described as outgoing. I also know from the records they have picked up on my failure to thrive and my weight loss.

176. In the records when [REDACTED] and I were at the [REDACTED] it is documented in the records from 1992, 1993 and 1994 that from the tell-tale signs, the way the foster family were acting and psychiatrist's reports it was openly documented that they suspected someone was abusing [REDACTED] in the house. In a therapy group I was playing with boys toys saying that all boys were bad. The social work were saying it was because of something that had happened before [REDACTED] but they said a wee girl wouldn't relive this but there wasn't enough to upset the family by questioning them all. In 1992 the

social work documented what I said in relation to the wrong name I supposedly said about the incident when I told the prefect, when they took JCM's word for it.

177. The social work have written down loads of notes about my weight loss, the look of me and everything else and then at the bottom it says, more significantly, the possibility of abuse happening in the present household to FEL, so it's not as if the social work never knew. They knew and they documented it and yet they still allowed us to stay in that house.

178. In relation to me and moving from JCL/JCM, the way the social work seen it JCL/JCM were working directly against the department which was making it hard for them to work with us. They wanted us to move out for that reason. The JCL/JCM were fighting to keep us and because the social work, even with all the bad reports, they reported to the children's panel saying there were no adverse reports on this household. So we remained in that house due to the report Margaret Kerr did, who has known me for years.

179. From the records I read about them finding a pair of pants with blood and they covered it up saying that I was self-abusing with a tooth brush and a wooden spoon. I think they told this to Margaret Kerr. I know that when they found the wooden spoon I had made at Girls Brigade it got taken off me because they said I had been abusing myself with it. It says in the records that JCM had found a toothbrush under my pillow and that I had told her I was using the toothbrush to relieve an itch inside me and that I had burst a blood vessel. That is how she says she found the blood in my pants.

180. According to the records JCM did it twice. In 1993 and 1995 she tried to get me out of the medicals and then came up with these stories again but she was made out to be a liar because the psychologists know the way children are and that they are not going to relive something years later and start acting like that and that something must have been happening.

181. We never left JCL/JCM house until 1995 and in June 1995 the social work actually said that they thought me and were part of the grooming process used by child molesters to silence and draw in and all the rest of it. How can they document that in June and we are still there until .

182. They thought by giving JCL information was more risky to the kids than benefiting us. It is documented that the foster dad was vociferous as if he knew too much, he was too knowledgeable that he must be involved in that sort of thing.

183. I feel bad because I can only remember the bad parts about JCL/JCM family and maybe not the good parts, but then that's not the case because in the files the whole three years we were there, there is not one good report, they are all adverse reports on this family so that's right that I don't have any good memories because there weren't any.

Impact of Abuse

184. When we got moved to JCO-JCP I felt we should have been moved to a house where we could have got the help after the abuse we had already suffered with JCL/JCM. We were put in to a foster parents after being abused at other foster parents and they should have put us with a family who were able to look after us.

185. With all the child minding JCL/JCM did they were in and out it was just too busy a house for us to get the attention and to get over what we had been through, and because of needs and what she had said about we were put on the back burner because they were trying to deal with her.

186.






Other Action

187. Last year I wrote a letter to the Scottish Government and they told me about this enquiry that was starting. They also gave me details of Sandra's support group, INCAS, and they also told me about the National Confidential Forum but they don't deal with me because it was foster care.
188. I feel I keep hitting a brick wall and all of this could have been resolved when I was 18. If I had support then they would have made sure I heard about the court date so I would have turned up.
189. How could they have let me get abused in two different houses. The records suspected I was part of the grooming process but they left me in the house when this was going on.
190. I went to Chris Gordon the solicitor to see if anything can be done but he has found out that because my case was quashed I can't do anything but that shouldn't have happened because no evidence was heard. The lawyer has contacted Nicola Sturgeon and is soon going to a meeting to discuss some change in legislation that is going through which will mean that I can raise it in court again. My lawyer still has confidence that I will be successful.

Treatment and Support

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192. More recently I have been to see the perinatal team at the Southern General Hospital and a psychologist 
 I have been to my own Doctors every now and then when I have been feeling down. The GP knows what I have been through and he has given me details of a counsellor that I can contact but I haven't been in touch with them yet.

Miscellaneous

193. I feel better because of this process and feel that someone is actually now listening.

194. I have been let down most of all by the social work. They took me from my own mum and dad to supposedly give me a better life, but we have been damaged in lots of ways and that has affected us in our adult life and then you are left to get on with it. I got in to trouble through drink and I have had a breakdown. Really I went off the rails. I just feel that when people have been in the care system they should offer them more support.

195. Luckily I have settled now and have got a new partner [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I see Sandra from INCAS sometimes and she is like my counsellor.

196. I am just upset that I have the evidence now in my records and that the social work have never had to answer why they allowed this to happen and how it was all covered up. There was a lot more stuff in my first set of records that I got, compared to the second set and I don't understand that.

197. I have no objection to my witness statement being published as part of the evidence to the Inquiry. I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed. FEL [REDACTED]

Dated. 13 / 10 / 2016