

To The Manager

Subject: Interview J.A.B. Officers Janelle Podlick and Sue Tomsett
with Annette Harding.

The two officers arrived here at 7.25am. I had spoken to Annette Harding at 8.30am informing her of their coming and letting her know that she could choose a staff member to sit in and support her. She chose Lorraine Hayward.

On arrival of the two police officers, Annette and Lorraine came down from the wings and they all made themselves some coffee in the staff room. They all decided that the staff room was the nicer sunnier room to conduct the interview. I stayed in my office.

Some time later the two police officers came past and informed me that Annette and Lorraine were discussing the issue. I then immediately went to the staff room and asked Annette if she would like me to be present as well to which she replied yes. The issue discussed was what factors were stopping her from making a formal complaint. I immediately with Annette's consent, asked the two police officers to rejoin the interview. The time without them being present would not have been more than 3 to 5 minutes.

She implied that some of the reasons for not going ahead with the complaint were a. the length of time for it to come to court (6 - 12 months) and b. the fact that she was receiving verbal abuse from some of the boys and [REDACTED]. The interview finished at 10.45am after Annette was asked to sign a note she read out loud in the police officers notebook acknowledging the fact that she had decided she would not make a formal complaint. Lorraine and I were both asked to witness her signature and both police officers signed as well.

At the completion of the interview we arranged for Mrs Harding to be telephoned and Janelle Podlick informed her of Annette's decision. Annette then spoke to her mother and we arranged to collect her from her home in Eagleby to visit Annette in the afternoon.

After my telephone discussion with yourself I went round each wing and informed all the children and staff of the consequence of any verbal abuse i.e. 3 hours in a room. I will also inform Mr Cox the oncoming Senior of this arrangement.



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