
Stephen Gough Redress supporting statement.

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I've known Stephen most of his life.. from the ages of around 12/13 years old.. a nice boy.. quite quiet but always inquisitive about most things... his behaviour became what they called challenging.. at the time.. but Stephen was going from his early years to teenage years.. so behaviours do change. So eventually as time went on Stephen found himself going into the care system.. I think his first care home was in East Kilbride although I'm not sure of the name of it.. just within a few weeks Stephen was telling us that some of the staff were physical.. verbally abusive.. restrained seemed to come up a bit... I always tried to give Stephen advice on trying to curb some behaviours an staff might not need to restrain as I could see it annoyed him.

Through time I remember Stephen ending up in Fife.. Burntisland in another care home.. and again through time being there I would hear of how some members of staff were far more physically and verbally abusive towards him than others would be.

It definitely affected his behaviours as he grew through his teenage years within care settings.. I noticed more defensive more cautious.. introverted more than usual.

Stephen's grown up into a good man.. he's raised three good boys with the mother.. he asks nobody for help.. does absolutely everything by his own accord and has created a good life for himself and his boys.

Chris Stewart.

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