

Statement Addendum

Client Name: Kelly Prowse
Date of Birth: 16/02/1989
Care Setting: DREGHORN CHILDRENS HOME
Dates: 1998
Persons Involved:

Full Statement

I was around 8 years old when I was placed here. From the moment I arrived, there was no empathy shown towards me. I was scared, emotional, and extremely upset about what was happening. I did not understand why I was there, and I felt confused and overwhelmed. Being placed in that environment at such a young age had an immediate impact on me, including my relationship with my siblings, as we were not able to support each other in the way we needed.

I remember feeling very secluded during my time there. I was often alone and felt completely isolated from others. This isolation was deeply distressing for me as a child. I was also very frightened because the staff would regularly shout at us and laugh at us. This created an environment of fear rather than care.

I was targetted because we was a travelling family snd they hated us for this they was racist toward sme and made fun of us this has impacted me my whole life

One of the things that has stayed with me the most is how they mocked the way we spoke. As we were Travellers, we had our own way of speaking, and instead of being understood or supported, we were made fun of because of it. This deeply affected me. It made me feel ashamed of who I was and where I came from. It damaged my sense of identity at a very young age and made me feel like I did not belong anywhere.

Because of this treatment, I became very withdrawn. I stopped speaking as much, especially in that environment, because I was constantly afraid that I would be laughed at or humiliated. This had a lasting impact on my confidence and my ability to express myself. Even now, as an adult, I continue to struggle with communication and self-expression, and I often feel anxious in social situations.

I remember being locked in my bedroom frequently. I would spend long periods alone, with no staff members coming to check on me or ask if I was okay. I felt completely neglected and invisible. As a child, I needed care, reassurance, and emotional support, but none of that was provided. Instead, I was left alone with my fear and confusion.

There are certain memories from that time that have stayed with me and continue to affect me deeply. The experiences I went through there have had a lasting and serious impact on my mental health. I now suffer from PTSD and anxiety, and I have never been able to fully trust people. The way I was treated made me

feel unsafe around others, and that feeling has followed me throughout my life.

I was often made fun of during my time there, which damaged my self-esteem and my sense of identity. I felt constantly judged and rejected for who I was. As a young child, this was extremely confusing and painful, and it has had long-term effects on how I see myself.

I was forced to wear insoles and other medical aids during my time in care. I was born with kidney issues and twisted hips, and I needed proper medical support, guidance, and care. However, I did not receive the correct help or attention from any of the places I was in. My medical needs were not properly understood or managed, and I was left without the support I required as a child.

This had a significant impact on me, both physically and mentally. Physically, my condition was not properly treated, which has led to ongoing health problems that I still suffer from to this day. I believe that if I had received the right care, guidance, and medical attention at the time, my health would not be as affected as it is now.

Mentally, this also had a deep impact on me. As a child, I did not understand why I was in pain or why I was different, and I was not given the reassurance or support I needed. I felt neglected and overlooked, as my health concerns were not taken seriously. This added to the overall trauma I was already experiencing in care.

I feel that I was failed in terms of my medical care throughout those years. The lack of proper support and intervention has left me with long-term health problems that continue to affect my daily life. This is something I have had to live with ever since, and it has added to both my physical suffering and my mental health struggles.

I felt completely failed as a child. I was emotional, scared, and did not feel protected or cared for in any way. The lack of support, combined with the way I was treated, had a significant and lasting impact on my mental health from a very early age. As a result of these experiences, I now suffer from depression, which continues to affect many aspects of my life, including my relationships, my confidence, and my overall wellbeing.