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**Before HIS HONOUR JUDGE DURHAM HALL QC
THE RECORDER OF BRADFORD**

R E G I N A

- v -

**BASHARAT IQBAL KHALIQ, SAEED AKHTAR, YASAR MAJID,
NAVEED AKHTAR, PARVAZE AFZAL AHMED, IZAR KHAN HUSSAIN,
KIERAN HARRIS, ZEESHAN ALI, FAHIM IQBAL, MOHAMMED USMAN**

**MS K MELLY QC and MS S BEATTIE (instructed by the Crown Prosecution Service)
appeared on behalf of the Prosecution**

**MR A IQBAL QC and MR F ARSHAD appeared on behalf of the Defendant Khaliq
MR P MOULSON QC and MR A SHAKOOR appeared on behalf of the Defendant
Saeed Akhtar**

MS G BATTIS appeared on behalf of the Defendant Majid

MR R FRIEZE appeared on behalf of the Defendant Naveed Akhtar

MR A BELL appeared on behalf of the Defendant Ahmed

MS G KELLY appeared on behalf of the Defendant Hussain

MR G WILSON appeared on behalf of the Defendant Harris

MS F HERTZOG appeared on behalf of the Defendant Ali

MR A DALLAS appeared on behalf of the Defendant Iqbal

MR R FERM appeared on behalf of the Defendant Usman

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A JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes, Ms Melly?
MS MELLY: We were due to commence – well, conclude the timeline this morning and then move on to a number of social work witnesses that predominantly impact on the complainant, [Person B].

B JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Absolutely.
MS MELLY: I was notified yesterday on leaving court that we had some difficulties with the attendance of some of the witnesses for tomorrow, but unless your Honour wanted details about that we would just ---
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: No, no. Save that.

C MS MELLY: Yes.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: These are all semi-professional. I would without hesitation issue summons ---
MS MELLY: Quite.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: --- to – to get them here.

D MS MELLY: Yes.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: And I will order – if you wish, order them to be here in an hour. But maybe you think that might be a bit harsh.
MS MELLY: At this stage, I think we'll try and use some other tactics, but we absolutely will be taking up your Honour's offer if that does become necessary. We will ---

E JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Lovely.
MS MELLY: Yes.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: So ---
MS MELLY: However, what that left with today was two social work witnesses who are due

F in the building at about 11.15 for when we conclude the timeline. Since that – that will have meant, I think, an earlier day, and I apologise for that. But since then, I've been informed that my learned friend, Mr Iqbal, has some – if I can take you to ---
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[REDACTED]

G [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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H [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

A MR IQBAL: One way forward would be to deal with the two social services witnesses first, but I am told that they have not been warned to attend until a quarter past 11.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Right. We're going – we're going to have to stop that.

B Witnesses will be here. If I am here, witnesses will be hear for 10 o'clock, unless they are complainants.

MR IQBAL: Yes.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: So we'll stop that. Summons will be available. I'll just say to Ms Melly I'll – I'll make a blanket direction. If you're having any trouble with a witness or the defence, just ask the clerk to issue a summons. All right? So we'll try and get these

C witnesses here now. Is there any reading we can be doing of social workers before then? No?

MS MELLY: I've just had an indication whilst Mr Iqbal was on his feet that the witnesses will set off. So – so may I suggest that we resume with the timeline with Ms Beattie, and then once the witnesses are here I can deal with meeting them at court, make sure their

D statements are read and hopefully have them into the witness box by about 11.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes.

MS MELLY: And I think that will in fact conclude their evidence. They're both fairly brief.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Lovely. Absolutely super.

E MS MELLY: And then if – and then if we haven't finished the timeline, we can return to it at that point after Mr Iqbal has departed.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes. We'll – we'll do that. We – we keep forgetting that you now are under this intolerable burden, and many think unprincipled burden, of meeting and greeting, aren't you?

F MS MELLY: Yes, many times a day, it seems.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Many times a day. Yes, well, we do like to have a good meet and greet service, don't we, Miss ---

MS MELLY: Yes.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: But – so you will have to have your witnesses here in order to press the flesh before 10 o'clock, OK?

G MS MELLY: Yes. But I think we're now in a position to resume.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: OK.

MS MELLY: Thank you.

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(The jury entered court at 10.15)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much. Sorry for the slight delay. There's just been a slight mishap with a couple of witnesses who've – who've fallen foul of – and others – of personal problems. So we're going to do the best we can, and certainly we'll fill the morning, but I don't have a problem – the early stages of an inquiry such as this are – are often beset with one or two problems, deciding who should come and give evidence, who can come and give evidence. So any slippage will be regained. Is that the - we'll catch up, OK, but you may be finished by lunch time. Hello, officer. Remember, you're still under oath and will be throughout the trial.

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OFFICER: OK.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you.

DC RILEY, On former oath

Examined-in-chief by MS MELLY (cont.)

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Q. Yes, your Honour, ladies and gentlemen, if you would turn to page 8 of your timeline, please. We mentioned yesterday that there may be certain events that interconnect, and this in fact is the first demonstration of that, because if we look at the lines for [Person A] and [Person B], officer, we can see that they meet. There are two lines leading both down and then correspondingly up in relation to joint incidents.

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Now, we can see also that they demonstrate where we see this events where, as I say, [Person A] and [Person B] coincide in terms of the sequence of events. So we see there for example on the 25th of May they leave [Location B1] in company with each other. It's recorded that [Person A] returned safe and well.

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On the following evening, we see a similar entry, an unauthorised absence – that's on the 26th of May. Now, on the 27th of May, there are two events. The first relates to [Person A1] and [Person B], both reported missing and last seen at 20 past 10 the previous evening. There was no details of return.

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Above that we see the following entry, and by way of context, officer, is it correct that in terms of describing an allegation in relation to the defendant, Basharat Khaliq, a timeframe was given that it occurred on the same night that there'd been a shooting in Bradford.

A. I – yes, I believe the – the complainant said that there'd been gunshots.

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Q. Yes. And that in fact on checking the police systems, on the – the same night that they had gone missing together, there was an incident in [Location P], Manningham, Bradford, where gunshots had been reported by a number of callers around the [Location Q] area. And just so it's absolutely clear, ladies and gentlemen, you see what it says there: this relates solely to the date re count 6; it doesn't relate to any of these defendants. It was just an incident that they were aware of and mentioned in terms of the evidence that they had given to the police.

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So that was the 27th of May. There was a further absence on the 29th of May, where they both went missing together. Similarly, on the 30th and on the 31st of May. Then we see on the 1st of June, a further absence, where they left in particular – the penultimate box on the top line – that they had left having activated the fire alarm. And they were both returned by police officers. Once again on the 3rd of June, they were both reported missing. And all these, officer, effectively late at night into the following morning tends to be the pattern. Is that correct?

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A. That's correct, yeah.

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Q. If you turn on to page 9, again this relates to the first few entries. There are three reports of her missing, [Person A], on the 4th, 6th and 7th of June. Then in relation to the 8th of June, a joint unauthorised absence by [Person A1] and [Person B1]. Then further absences, three absences on the 10th, 11th and 12th in relation to [Person A], [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] And again, invariably go missing at night time or been away into the early hours.

If we look at the page 10 of our timeline, we see three joint absences on the 14th, 17th and 19th of June, and again what you'll see is self-explanatory, but what's noted there is for example on the 19th, where it's known it's indicated when someone returns. So [Person B1] returned of her own accord, but as of half past midnight on the morning of the 19th of June, the third entry, [Person A] was still missing.

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Then we move on to the top line of [Person A], and that indicates that she is still outstanding. They'd received a call from a family member saying she was at their address. Then she was still missing in the afternoon, and then she returned back to [Location B1] in the early hours of the morning of the 20th.

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A The next entry relates to medical records, when [Person A] records that she wants to go on the pill. She thinks she's pregnant now. There was an examination which was negative. Now, just so we can remind ourselves, [Person A]'s date of birth is the 9th of July 1993, I believe, so at this stage she's 15 years of age.

B We then see the next entry on the 21st. Once again she's missing from [Location B1].
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. Further, [Person A] was still missing on the 22nd, and again a further call on the 22nd regarding her whereabouts; she was staying at someone else's house.

C Now, we see here the first entry for a strategy meeting. Can you just tell us in general terms what a strategy meeting is? Who runs it?

A. Well, the best people to ask about that would be the witnesses called up from the social workers, because it's essentially something that they are involved with.

Q. Right.

D A. However, it's generally involving a number of agencies, police, social care to discuss concerns regarding young people. In a nutshell, that's what a strategy meeting would be.

Q. In a nutshell, that's what it is. So we see there was a strategy meeting, and it related both to [Person A] and [Person B].

A. Yeah.

E Q. We hear about that later. If you turn on to page 11, now again we see the same pattern in respect of [Person A] and [Person B]. They went missing for three consecutive nights on the 25th, 26th and 27th of June, returning, for example on the 25th, at 10 to three in the morning. And on the 27th, [Person B] returned at half past four in the morning, and then we see the following day [Person A] returns. Again just looking at [Person A]'s, the top line on the 30th of June, she's reported missing again, as is [Person B] on the line below. And then in relation to [Person B], between the 30th of June and the 3rd of July, she is missing for three nights, so the 30th of June, the 1st of July and the 3rd of July. She returns during the day of the 3rd of July.

G Looking at [Person A], she also is reported missing on the 3rd of July from [Location B1]. She attended school the following day, and again this gives an example of how – the sort of information that's available in relation to children in care, so the school records indicating when she had got home.

H Miss – she went missing again on the 5th of July, as did [Person B]. And looking at [Person B], there was a report – it's the penultimate box on the line relating to her – there was

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a report by [Location B1]: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] So that's 10 to two in the morning. That was refused, and then she is shown as returning the following day on the 5th of July. And the time her return was reported to the police was half past nine the following evening.

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Looking at page 12, now again in relation to [Person A] and [Person B], they went missing separately or had unauthorised absences from [Location B1] on the evening of the 6th of July, [Person B1] returning in the early hours of the morning. Then in relation to [Person A], her medical records indicate a family planning referral on the 7th of July, and in relation to that she was – her medical records record about contraception. The use of the pill was explained, and she indicated she would use condoms to protect herself.

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On the 10th of July, she was again reported missing from [Location B1]. Then both she and [Person B] went missing again jointly on the 11th of July. On the 12th of July, [Person A] went missing, returned again in the early hours. They went missing jointly, unauthorised absence of both of them, on the 13th, [Person A] returning at 1.15 and

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[REDACTED].

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [Person A1] went missing on the 15th. She'd last been seen on the 14th and she returned at 10 to two in the morning saying she'd been in Lidget Green. There was then a joint unauthorised absence from [Location B1]. They had both gone out at half past 10 in the evening and returned at 1 o'clock in the morning, and that was the 16th of July.

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Then both her and [Person A], as we can see from the joint interconnecting line, were reported missing. They had last been seen at 25 minutes past 10 and returned at around 3.30 in the morning.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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Q. [Person A] – we can see at the top line – she again was reported missing on the 22nd of July. She had returned to the home at five past 11 in the evening but wouldn't go inside

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the home. Then [Person B1] was missing daily between the 24th and 27th of July, returning around 4 am in the morning following her absence. So for example on the 24th, she returned at 10 to five in the morning; on the 26th at 10 past four in the morning – sorry, on the 25th at 10 past four in the morning; on the 26th at nine minutes past five in the morning; and then on the 27th at 3 o'clock in the morning.

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[REDACTED]

Q. Looking at [Person A] on page 14, an authorised absence again, didn't return but returned at half past midnight.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The interconnecting line indicates a joint absence on the 6th of August, when they went out and returned at 8 o'clock.

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[REDACTED]. [Person A] was also absent on the 9th of August overnight with her – saying she was with her grandparents, and she returned the following day.

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Turning on to page 15, now in relation to [Person A], over a – effectively a five-day period she is absent for three evenings. So that's the 13th of August – she's located at someone else's address during the day. She went missing on the 15th. Again she returned on the 15th. And she went missing on the 17th. She'd actually been reported missing on the 16th but returned – was located by the police at 10 to four in the afternoon.

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[REDACTED]

This is from - to indicate as opposed to a police log, the next interconnecting entry is from Bradford Council case notes, which shows that they went out at 21.30. [Person B1] returned at around 2 pm the following day and [Person A1] did not.

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[REDACTED]

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On the 10th of October – that seems to be a two-week period when neither girl is reported as missing – but on the 10th of October, [Person A] is reported missing, believed to be in company with [Person V], she again last being seen at half past 10, and the girls returned just after midnight the following morning.

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[REDACTED] Similarly in relation to [Person A], she was missing on both the nights of the 15th and the 16th, both – on both occasions with [Person V], and she returned the following afternoon as we see the call. She in fact – and this again is police reference number – we see on the 21st of October she was stopped on Weetwood Road, Girlington, and found to be in the company of [Person V].

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[REDACTED]. On the 17th of November, [Person A1] was reported missing. She had last been seen at 6 o'clock, hadn't returned, and then later that afternoon on the 17th she returned to the home. Again on the 21st, she went missing in company with [Person V], and again she phoned at 2 o'clock on the morning of the 25th saying she was safe and well and at a friend's house. That was on the occasion on the 25th of November when she went missing.

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Turning on to page 19, we see again missing persons reports in relation to [Person A1] on the 25th of November, a breach of curfew on the 7th of December. She was reported missing on the 31st of December. She hadn't attended an appointment that she had at Bank House, which is the youth offending team in Bradford. She contacted the police in the early hours, stating that she's on the [REDACTED] Road, Manningham. In fact, she was at a house at [REDACTED] Terrace, and they found her at 3.26 in the morning, and once again she was reported missing that evening from [Location B1].

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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We turn on to page 20, please. Now, this again is the follow-on entry in relation to [Person A]. You remember that she went missing on the 31st of December. There was a call received to say that she'd returned. She'd been watching fireworks in the city centre.

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In relation to [Person A], just looking at her timeline, you can see that on the 10th of January there were three unauthorised absences reported. And just so as to be clear, when it says three unauthorised absences, three people are named, so the first of three individuals not one person going missing three times.

A. Yes.

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Q. There was then a call received in relation to [Person A]'s absence from her saying she was outside a house on [REDACTED] Road, Bradford, next to [REDACTED] takeaway, and then there was a report from [Location B1] again rung in at 10 to five in the morning that [Person A1] and [Person V] had returned safely. Once again a further absence on the 11th of January. She'd last been seen late at night on the 10th, so in other words having returned she went absent again, and she returned home at 4.30 pm in the afternoon.

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There's then a note in her medical records, which relates to the fact that she was not engaging with the CAMHS counsellor – or, sorry, with the CAMHS involvement, and so she was discharged from their care on the 12th of January, and there were further reports of being missing on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Again further absences of page 21 in relation to [Person A]. Now, in this instance in relation to the 24th, having gone missing overnight, she was then located at her home address but with another individual that is also featured in the timeline earlier named [NN1]. Then we see an entry for Crisis Care, and again that indicates where she was placed by Bradford social services. Is that correct?

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A. Yes, that's right.

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Q. So she's put with Crisis Care in Bradford on the night of the 30th of January. She went missing from there the same day. Then on the 3rd of February, she went to stay at her grandparents' address. Then she was reported missing by her grandmother on the 6th of February. Then she went back to social services. They believe that she – in fact she'd gone

A back to the [Person NN1]'s address. And then she was sent to the [Person NN1]'s address by social services by way of a temporary residence. So that indicates that again she'd been placed by social services there for a short while.

B [REDACTED]

B [REDACTED]

C We then see a connected timeline, and I think this is the first connect – interconnection in relation to the defendants. And again, if we look at the timeline for Parvaze Ahmed and Izar Hussain, you'll see that this is a record of a stop check in relation to a green Peugeot, which was on the Thornton Road junction with Listerhills Road in Bradford, and it was in relation to smoke from the exhaust, the material point being that the driver was someone called Nasser Hussain, but the passengers were Parvaze Ahmed and Izar Hussain of [REDACTED] Road, Bradford. They were all spoken to and said they had been out together for the evening.

D Turning on to page 24, in relation to [Person A], once again she's moved on the 9th of March, reported missing the same evening because she had gone to stay at her mother's address. So she's reported missing on the 9th, 10th and 12th of March from her mother's address. By this stage it's recorded on the 12th of March that she's five months pregnant.

E So then on the 13th of March, she is missing, and it refers there to refusing to go to a placement at [Location O], so it follows from that that by that stage there was a plan to move her to [Location O] residential care by social services.

F On the 13th however she attended at [Location O], and again you can see that the – she takes up that accommodation, and it's recorded on the 16th of March that that is where she is – has been placed. However, she then moves from there to [Location H] on the 17th of March, and then she moves to foster care on the 18th of March. And she goes missing from foster care on the 4th of May 2009, so within that period where she's next reported missing on the 4th of May.

G Turning on to page 23, now this relates to an entry regarding [Person BB]. Can you just remind us who [Person BB] is? Is that her – her mother?

A. She is, yes.

Q. Saying that [Person A1] had gone to her address and would be staying with her. So that ties in with the report of her going missing from foster care on the 5th; she had gone to her mother's address. And again, there's a similar record on the 8th of May that she was

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A missing from foster care. And then on the 8th of June, her – it says, "formal notice given"; in other words, that was terminating that placement.

A. Yes.

B Q. And then she moved to her mother's address on the 26th of June, and then her medical records recall that [Person S1] was born on the 12th of July 2009, so that would be shortly – within days of her 16th birthday. She was discharged from hospital to her mother's on the 14th of July, and then in October she was put into a supported tenancy. And then we can see by the 28th of November she was placed with her mother again.

C And in relation to the timeline from the defendants, you see in relation to Yasir Majid that he began working at Next on the 2nd of August 2009, and you'll remember, ladies and gentlemen – I won't take you back to it – but that Saeed Akhtar was also working at Next, so they were working at the same place.

D [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
E [REDACTED] In relation to [Person A], she has moved again from parents to her grandparents on the 19th of December 2009. Her medical records note that she had a CAMHS appointment but she didn't attend it. That was on the 18th of January 2010. Then on the 27th of January 2010, she was put in an emergency B&B, and again that's by the local authority. She booked herself into [Location O], which of course we've heard of before.

On the 28th, the following day, she's into a temporary accommodation at [Location R], and then we see, [REDACTED]

F [REDACTED] Looking back to [Person A], in April 2010, she's moved back with her mother. Her medical records indicate gynaecological problems, in particular bleeding. And then on the 20 – on page 25, this again is still in April 2010, we see recorded that [Person A] took a drugs overdose. That's on the 25th. [REDACTED]

G [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

H In relation to [Person A], on the 26th of May there are two entries in her medical records. They relate to requiring full sexual health screening but also on the 26th to the overdose that's recorded at the beginning of that line. She'd taken an overdose. She was

A admitted to A&E – "Would benefit from ■ counselling. Not living with mum. In B&B accommodation. Wounds to wrists. Self-harm, dressings supplied. Feeling down, depressed and hopeless. Tired, poor appetite or overeating." And then again her medical records contain letters relating to liaison about the overdose, and on the 30th it indicates that the overdose was co-codamol. And then it indicates certain blood tests, which were returned as normal.

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C She was then moved to temporary accommodation at the [Location S] on the 13th of April, and then within two weeks she is admitted with another overdose on the 11th of May 2010. On the 25th of May, we see at the top of page 26 a number of entries from her medical records which record using recreational drugs, living in a B&B, no psychotic symptoms. That's the 25th of May 2010. It also indicates that on the same day she was prescribed citalopram, which is in effect a mild antidepressant, I understand, officer, 14 tablets. The reason she is feeling depressed, she also had a possible hand injury from punching a car window the previous evening, and she was referred to the mental health team clearly as a result of those matters on the 26th of May 2010.

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E There was then a planned move to [Location G], which is one of the addresses the jury will hear about, in Dewsbury on the 7th of June 2010. So that was her own accommodation. Her medical records on the 11th of June again indicate a further prescription for citalopram. There was no actual diagnosis mentioned in the records, but it records that there had been another prescription for citalopram, an antidepressant medication. Then on the 18th of June, she was reported missing from [Location G], and again just to be clear, [Location G] was in effect supported or meant to be supported accommodation.

F A. If I can just correct you, the [Location G] in – in this – where there's an entry that [Person G2] has reported her missing.

Q. Yeah.

A. This was like a – a home for 16-plus people leaving care.

Q. Oh, I see.

A. And they lived all together, and there was workers working there.

G Q. Yes.

A. So it wasn't totally independent.

Q. Sorry, forgive me. It was – after care, it was a moving on from care ---

A. Yes, yeah.

H Q. --- type of accommodation, which was supported – I see. Sorry, forgive me. So she wasn't living independently. She was under – in a supported placement. So there was an

A unauthorised absence from [Location G]. She was contacted, and she said she was in Bradford.

B Then there's an interconnection on the timeline in relation to [Person A] and [Person B]. [Person A1] was missing. She was believed to be at [Person B]'s address. When she was contacted however, she said she was in Scotland with a friend, and she returned on the 22nd of June.

C Once again on the 13th of June from [Location G] she was reported missing on the 24th. Then a week later, at the top of page 27, this was a request from Kirklees safeguarding team, so that's the safeguarding team of the local authority, to do address checks for [Person A]. She was believed to be with [Person B] at her address. [Person A1] was spoken to by phone and said she was with friends, and the log was closed.

Once again in relation to [Person A] – and again she's still at [Location G], there was a report from [Person G2], and in fact it says CMS – that's Care Management Services.

D A. Solutions.

Q. Solutions, who ran [Location G].

A. Yes.

Q. [Location G] being an accommodation unit. It's probably – is that a fair way to describe it?

E A. Yeah.

Q. Care Management Solutions – that [Person A1] had left the previous day, and she was in company with [Person EE]. This was the 3rd of August. They returned the following evening of the 4th of August. Then on the 6th of August, there was a call from

F [REDACTED], still of CMS, we call them, "concern for the safety of [Person A] and [Person EE]". That was on the – the early hours of the 6th of August.

The next entry shows that she was also reported as an unauthorised absence by [REDACTED], along with [Person EE]. [Person A1] was spoken to at 1.15 in the morning by the police and stated she was at [REDACTED] Drive. Now, [REDACTED] Drive, as you will no doubt remember, is the home address of who?

G A. Saeed Akhtar.

Q. The next entry relates to this – the follow-up to this, which was checks conducted in relation to that report, and [REDACTED] Drive was checked. The address was that of Saeed Akhtar, and the log states that both [Person A1] and [Person EE] are located hiding in a cupboard at the address: "They didn't want to return to Dewsbury as they are 18 and

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A 17 years old." Now, in fact at that stage, [Person A] was 17 years of age, having turned 17 in July 2010.

A. If I can clarify, neither of them were 18.

Q. Yes.

B A. And the – that – I don't know where the information came from about their ages on that log.

Q. Right.

A. But obviously that is not correct.

C Q. Right, thank you. And then we see a joint interconnecting timeline, [Person A] and Saeed Akhtar. This was a report submitted from [REDACTED]. Again, the jury will hear evidence about the sequence of events. But that's just to put it within the context of the chronology. And then in relation to Izar Hussain, we see there that a log – a call had been received from Izar Hussain giving his address as [REDACTED] Road, Bradford, reporting an unrelated crime. And he gave a mobile number – I won't read it out; it ends in 448 – and
D that was a number which appeared on exhibit SC1 under the name of "Billy Jo Jo". And SC1, which is a handwritten note made by [Person A], which include telephone numbers and names of people, so a list that she had kept and produced to the police, and that was his – that number was on it.

E Now, looking up then into the 11th of August, this relates to [Person A] again. And at the conclusion of this period of time, which is in effect a week, she was admitted having taken an overdose of 24 diclofenac, so a further overdose on that date.

And then turning on to page 28, and again it relates to [Person A] and is linked to Saeed Akhtar for reasons we'll see in the second entry. [Person A1] and [Person EE] were reported missing once again by CMS from [Location G]. However, when officers went to
F [REDACTED] Drive, Saeed Akhtar's home address, present at that address were – as well as Saeed Akhtar were [Person A] and [Person EE]. That was the 17th of August.

Once again a report that [Person A1] had gone missing on the 1st of September, and once again in relation – and again the jury will hear the evidence in relation to this – as we
G can see on the timeline, there was a strategy meeting held on the 13th of September 2010 in relation to [Person A] and clearly the events in relation to being found at Saeed Akhtar's address.

On the 14th of September the following day, she went missing again. Similarly, on the 17th and 18th of September she went missing. She said she'd gone to Birmingham on the
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A 18th of September – that's the penultimate box – and then she was reported missing again that night, again from [Location G].

B Then turning on to page 29, she's reported as returning safe and well from the previous absence on the 20th. However, she was reported missing on the 23rd of September, and that was – she'd been seen at quarter to one in the morning. However, she was then located again on the 23rd of September at [REDACTED] Drive, being the home address of Saeed Akhtar. That was on the 23rd on the – on the evening of the 23rd. Then we see on the 24th she was – [Person A] was smashing, damaging her address on [Location G], where she was residing, and she was arrested for criminal damage that evening.

C She was arrested on the 24th of September. She went missing from [Location G] on the 25th. She was then recovered on the following day and was refusing to speak to staff. She was then being picked up in a green Audi – K999 5HY – and the inquiries were connected – the driver was unconnected to this inquiry.

D There was then a further address check because she was missing, and there was an address check at [REDACTED] Drive. She wasn't at [REDACTED] Drive, but she was spoken to on the phone and wouldn't tell officers where she was. Once again she was reported missing on the 29th of September, returning in the early hours of the 30th. And then again there's an incident which the jury will hear of and relating to when [Person A1] – a police community support officer had been approached by [Person A] on Folly Hall Road in Wibsey in **E** Bradford, and that was in the morning of the 3rd of October.

F Moving on to page 30, into October 2010 now. Once again [Person A] was reported missing by CMS at [Location G]. That was in the early hours. She returned at 3.37. She went missing again that evening, and she turned up again the following morning around 7 o'clock in the morning.

On the 16th of October, another resident – I won't read the name out there, but was that someone else who was a resident at [Location G]? Can you recall?

A. Yes, I believe so.

G **Q.** So another person in the residential unit had gone missing, believed to be with [Person A]. On the 17th she was reported missing. Similarly, on the – I think there were two absences on the 17th, but she returned on the 18th in the early hours. Her medical records recall that she was suffering from depressed mood on the 19th of October. Once again she was reported missing on the 21st of October. She'd been seen with the – the same resident that she'd gone missing with on the 16th. She returned to the unit at 2.58 but wouldn't say **H** where she'd been.

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Once again she was reported missing on the 22nd of October, and then moving on to 31 – and again just to restate, officer, where it's been possible to identify a return, that's been identified. But sometimes the return wasn't possible to identify. But clearly she did return, because she went missing again on the 26th of October, returning on the 27th of

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October in the evening. Once again on the 29th of October she went missing. She returned in the afternoon, lunch time of that day.

She was reported missing again on the 1st of – 1st of November. She was located at [REDACTED] House in [REDACTED] Road. She went missing again the same day in the evening of the 1st of November, and she returned on the 3rd of November at – in the afternoon saying she had been with her grandparents.

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Then her medical records note a letter from [REDACTED], who is a community psychiatric nurse. She recorded that [Person A] had disclosed both drug and alcohol misuse. Once again, same day, she was reported missing. She had been spoken to on the phone and said she wouldn't be coming back that evening, and in fact she didn't come back that evening. If we turn on to page 32, we can see her return is noted as being the early hours of the 5th of November.

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And here we have – and again the jury will hear of this in due course – another interconnecting timeline, which is [Person A] and Saeed Akhtar, known as Sid. This is on the 10th of November. Officers attended at [REDACTED] Drive, Allerton, Bradford to serve a harbourer's final warning on Saeed Akhtar in relation to [Person A], alone at the house with [REDACTED]. Now, the jury will hear about this, but could you just very briefly tell us what a harbourer's warning is?

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A. It's basically – I believe another officer's explained in a witness statement previously ---

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Q. Yes, but just so the jury ---

A. --- but it's when a – a young person under 18 is persistently found at somebody's address, they receive a warning to say that you cannot have this person at your address.

Q. Right.

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A. Basically, that's – that's it, yeah.

Q. That – that's it in – in a – we'll hear some – but just to give the jury an idea what a harbourer's warning is. Now, then we look at the 24th of November 2010. Now, this is again a CMS-supported tenancy at [Location E1]. Can you again just briefly – can you assist the jury in relation to that? Was that a single house or part of a unit?

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A A. The CMS-supported tenancy was a placement where CMS ran it but [Person A1] lived independently on her own, and it was with a view to encouraging and seeing how she could get on with independent living.

Q. I see.

B A. So she lives on – on her own, but they would come and visit intermittently and sort of oversee how things were going.

Q. So we – we've looked at care home then, almost a halfway house, and then this is supported, in quotes, living?

A. Yeah.

C Q. Yeah, OK. So that's [Location E1]. Then we see a further medical record entry. This time it's on the 5th of January, and it says she was living in Dewsbury; she attended a GP with [REDACTED], who was a social worker, and it related to drinking and cocaine on the part of [Person A1]. We then see that Saeed Akhtar on his timeline, he began – sorry, he ceased working for Next on the 14th of January, and indeed just looking down at the moment we see that Yasar Majid also ceased working at Next, but this time on the 5th of March.

D Looking down again in relation to Kieran Harris – and we've already referred to phone numbers – but this was a statement that Kieran Harris had provided to the police, and gave his mobile number, again the last four numbers, 0959. And this number was listed in [Person A1]'s phone under the name "Kieran". So the date that he gave that phone number to the police was the 13th of January 2011.

E Now, then looking up a further interconnected timeline in relation to Zeeshan Ali and [Person A], and this entry is on the 17th of March, the final entry on that page: "Officers attended at [Location E], Staincliffe, Batley", which was [Person A]'s address, in relation to carrying out routine enquiries regarding a silver Golf ending CMW" – the registration mark – "that was parked outside the locus. The occupant of the address introduced herself as [Person A], and also present at the address was Zeeshan Ali and five other males."

F Now, turning on to page 33, and we – we move on to 2000 – March 2011, the end of March. 29th of March, she had a private tenancy move to Bradford Road, Batley. Can you help us with that? What does that indicate? Is this her own property independent? Or again was it monitored?

A. It was monitored.

Q. Right. Still by CMS?

A. I believe so.

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A Q. And then we see – that's on the 29th of March she has a move. On the 8th of April 2011, her medical records show intentional self-harm, cut her wrists. She moved in with her grandparents on the 9th of May 2011, and she had a further move to [Location I] in Allerton in Bradford on the 14th of May. Then on the 28th of June 2011, her medical records
B record that she'd cut down from drinking three bottles of spirits daily plus cocaine use to just drinking at weekends.

And then there's a West Yorkshire Police log on the 30th of Ju – of July 2011, which records as follows, and this again is – is taken from – it says, "log text". In essence, when someone rings in, text is taken; the operator types out an account of what the person is
C saying, the nature of the complaint or information. And it says this, "My ex-boyfriend called Mani is in my house. He told me to open the door, and he walked in. He's been there – 05.00 – today. He has urinated on the carpet and he is very drunk. He's not hit me but has been aggressive towards me and picked up items as though he's going to throw them at me. His friends have said if I call the police he'll break my jaw. I've walked up the road from my
D house, but I can still see it if he leaves – 7.50 – taking the male back to home address."

In terms of that entry at 7.50, taking male back to home address, can you help us with what –

A. I believe that would be officers attended and took Mani back, Mohammed Usman, back to his home address.
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Q. Back to his home address, I understand. [Person A], again this is in September, we move on to, and it's the 5th of September, and this again is from her medical records. A letter from [REDACTED], who's a therapeutic group worker at the Helios Centre within Lynfield Mount Hospital, and again, does that relate mental health treatment?

A. Yes.
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Q. In Bradford. He talked about an appointment that occurred today and states, "[Person A1] mo – [Person A1]'s mood is deteriorating, and she's been drinking alcohol again as a way of blocking out her emotions." And that's the 5th of September 2011.

Then as we turn on to the final page of our timeline, and again just looking in terms of
G chronology, the 17th of December in relation to Kieran Harris, again police spoke to him, the mobi – mobile number given was the same ending 4994, and it was listed as "Kieran 2" in [Person A]'s phone.

And then we see on the 30th of January right at the top – and this relates to Operation Kalarabi, and this takes us back to where we started in relation to DC Taylor ---

A. Yes.
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A Q. --- and (inaudible), because a house search was conducted at an address in Pudsey, and a Co-op paying-in book was seized with girls' names and numbers on, and that – one of those numbers was [Person A]. And then, is that correct, that's how Operation Kalarabi were led to speak to [Person A]?

B A. That's correct, yeah.

Q. Thank you. And then we see the final entry relating to Yasar Majid, and that is on the 1st of August 2014. Yasar Majid witnesses an offence and gives the following mobile phone number to the police, which ends 5468. This number appears on exhibit SC1 under the name Yasar, and SC1 is the handwritten note from [Person A1], which includes numbers and names of people. We've already referred to that note. That was a note she had of people's phone numbers and addresses she'd done some time ago which she'd provided to the police.

C Well, that completes our – our timeline ---

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you.

MS MELLY: --- your Honour and ladies and gentlemen.

D JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes, we're going to have a break, thanks very much. Thank you.

MS MELLY: Yes, I don't think – we're not dealing with any cross-examination of this officer at present. Thank you.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Any discrete questions, you're very welcome. But if they can wait ---

E MR IQBAL: None, thank you.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: OK.

MS MELLY: Thank you.

F JUDGE DURHAM HALL: All right. Thanks a lot. That was extremely helpful. Much obliged – a lot of hard work, whatever. Thank you.

MS MELLY: Thank you.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: We will have a break, ladies and gentlemen. I think the – you need to know who's here, who you want to call.

G MS MELLY: Yes. The witnesses are here, but a few minutes would be of assistance. We have some files to distribute, thank you.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Lovely. Thank you. Could you tell – tell us – tell me perhaps who you're going to call this morning? I know ---

MS MELLY: Yes.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: --- Mr Iqbal has to – has other commitments I fully understand.

H MS MELLY: Social workers ██████ ean and ██████.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes, thank you. I've read their statements.

MS MELLY: Thank you.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thanks every so much. Do you mind having a break, ladies and gentlemen? I'd – I'd appreciate one. I've been locked out of my computer, so – I don't know why. Maybe the Government haven't paid the – the lease on it. But I really don't know why, so I need to go and get some codes to get back in. OK? Is – how long – how long can I give the ladies and gentlemen in order to – I know where – what do you think?

MS MELLY: We – we only require 10 minutes, but if it's for a meaning – if a meaningful break requires a little more then ---

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Twenty. It's got to be 20 minimum, I'm afraid, for you to get down, get a coffee or whatever and come back up. OK, we'll try and aim for quarter to, latest.

MS MELLY: Thank you.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: OK, much obliged to you. Thank you.

(The witness withdrew)

(The jury left court at 11.20)

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(Short adjournment at 11.23)
(The court reconvened at 11.47)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you very much indeed. I do wonder, Mr Wilson, do you think the president, before he launches his missiles, has to ask Microsoft to send to his mobile a code? It's just a nonsense, isn't it? Anyway, I'm all functioning now. Thank you. The

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T&A have printed the names and addresses.

A MS MELLY: Yes, that was one of the matters I was going to raise.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: All right. Please, please can somebody say, "Don't, naughty, in breach of my order. Take them down. Don't do it again, or they'll be in contempt."
Something like that?

B MS MELLY: May I just indicate their response? Because I was very surprised to see that the Telegraph & Argus had behaved in such a way, and giving them the benefit of the doubt, I thought perhaps they hadn't been aware of the order.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: We know they – they are.
MS MELLY: They are. And the information that we have had from their press office via the

C police is that their view was that the order was not retrospective and only apply to future posts, and they therefore felt they were not obliged to remove the relevant details from existing posts. But it is our view that it is continual publication if it remains on their website.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yeah, of course it does. It's a nonsense, a legal – a legal nonsense.

D MS MELLY: Yeah.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: It's fine. Just say, "Look, please ...", the officer can say, "Please, the Recorder of Bradford asks, please, would they – would they not do it?" I've made an order.

E MS MELLY: Yes.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Take it down. What they've published in innocence is fine, but they must – mustn't do it.
MS MELLY: Yes.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Please.

F MS MELLY: Yes.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Don't want to fall out with them. They are a most responsible and highly favoured publi – publisher, but on this occasion, officer, just – or somebody – can we do it? Just say, "Please, I'm sorry, well, you're wrong, but for good reason just get a – get it off the system until further notice."

G MS MELLY: Yes. We will ---
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: OK.
MS MELLY: --- we will do that via the police officers.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Very polite.
MS MELLY: Yes, of course.

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MS MELLY: And whilst we are dealing with that subject, the police have made me aware that, if any of the defendants or their representatives feel that they do need some other assistance from the police, whether in terms of fire safety or any other means, then we would invite them to let us know, and we will be able to offer assistance. Thank you.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Well, thank – I appreciate that, thank you. The defendants are fellow citizens. They are presumed innocent until things change. They are entitled to the full protection of the law, as you and I are. Thank you.

MS MELLY: Thank you.

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(The court clerk conferred with Judge Durham Hall)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Lovely, thank you. That's fine, Mr Iqbal. You do absolutely as you see fit. Mr Arshad will ...

MR IQBAL: Will carry on.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Do his bit, I know, with great competence.

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(The jury entered court at 11.51)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thanks a lot. OK.

MS MELLY: Well, your Honour, we start the next tranche of evidence, which deals with some of the social workers or residential practitioners, but workers at [Location B2].

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Sure.

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MS MELLY: Primarily, these witnesses at this stage will deal with [Person B], the complainant [Person B].

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Of course.

MS MELLY: And so the first witness we will call is [REDACTED]

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: That's lovely. Thank you.

MS MELLY: I-29, your Honour.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you very much. Grateful. I must confirm, for very good reason, we are stopping at 1 o'clock tomorrow. You know that, I think. Did you know that? Ah. We have to. Witnesses have to be accommodated and other – other things. I'm going to try and give you Friday afternoons off, ladies and gentlemen, not because – for any reason, however coincidental it may seem, that it's the day before Saturday. But I have reserved Fridays for us to deal with any technical issues that arise in the week, so that Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday are not – and Friday morning are not interrupted by obviously probably very good and necessary legal argument. So we can do that. I'm sure it will focus everybody's minds, but we'll do that on Friday afternoon, OK. If necessary, but I will give you – 1.15 you – you can go and do your thing, all right. That's why we're sitting at 10 o'clock if we can.

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[REDACTED], Sworn

Examined-in-chief by MS MELLY

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Q. Thank you. Is your full name [REDACTED]?

A. Yes, it is.

Q. Thank you. And were you for some time employed as a residential practitioner by Bradford social services?

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A. Yes, I am.

Q. And had you worked in that capacity since 1999?

A. That's correct, yes.

Q. And during that period of time, were you employed for a substantial number of years at [Location B2]?

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A. That's correct. That's also correct, yes.

Q. And is a residential practitioner a different job title to that formerly of a social worker or ...

A. It's different, yes. It's different responsibilities, yes.

Q. And what were your primary responsibilities?

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- A** A. It was basically looking after the welfare of the young person and just being there as and when they needed us the most, and just day to day looking after them.
- Q. Did the people working at [Location B2] essentially have shifts, so there would always be staff there, including at night time?
- B** A. That's correct. We – the staff was on shift for 24 hours a day.
- Q. And did you have a set pattern of shifts, or did you work both day and night?
- A. We had a rota, so depending on what the rota was, on a daily basis that's what we'd work with.
- Q. Now, just in terms of the building itself, it may be that we will be able to assist the jury with this, but just so they can picture it now, [Location B2], it's not a purpose-built modern building?
- C** A. That's – that's correct.
- Q. It's a Victorian large detached house that was converted into being a children's home. Is that – is that right?
- D** A. That's right, yes.
- Q. And two entrance/exit doors?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Both on to [Location B1]?
- E** A. One's on [Location B1] and the other one sort of went round the side. Yeah, and they still went through [Location B1], that's correct.
- Q. Doors were generally locked. Is that right?
- A. They was normally locked. Especially at night time, we locked the doors to prevent the young people from going out, and keeping them safe.
- F** Q. But in terms of trying to keep them safe and the doors being locked, it's – it's right, isn't it, that because of the fire alarm system within [Location B1], if a resident, a young person, wanted to leave, then all they need do is – is open that fire door?
- A. They could activate the fire door more times – because we'd do, we'd – we'd lock it at a certain time, and after that time, if they wanted to go out, they could easily activate it.
- G** Q. So it might set off an alarm, but they could get out.
- A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. All right. And in terms of the general rules, is it right that the residents in [Location B1] were expected and certainly encouraged to be back by 10 pm at night, and that would be the point when you would secure the doors?
- H** A. That's correct, yes.

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Q. Were young people allowed outside if they wanted a cigarette at night?

A. We tried to refrain from that, but sometimes if their behaviour was – got to a point that it was so much that it was disrupting the home, we may give them the leeway of – but a staff member would be out there with them.

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Q. And we've referred to them as "young people" in the home. Was the youngest aged 14 years at [Location B1]?

A. Yes, that's the age group, the minimum age group that the home would require in the forms.

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Q. And how old could they stay until?

A. Prior to their 18th birthday.

Q. They had to move on by then?

A. That's correct.

Q. But is it right that frequently they moved on before – before they hit that age?

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A. That's correct.

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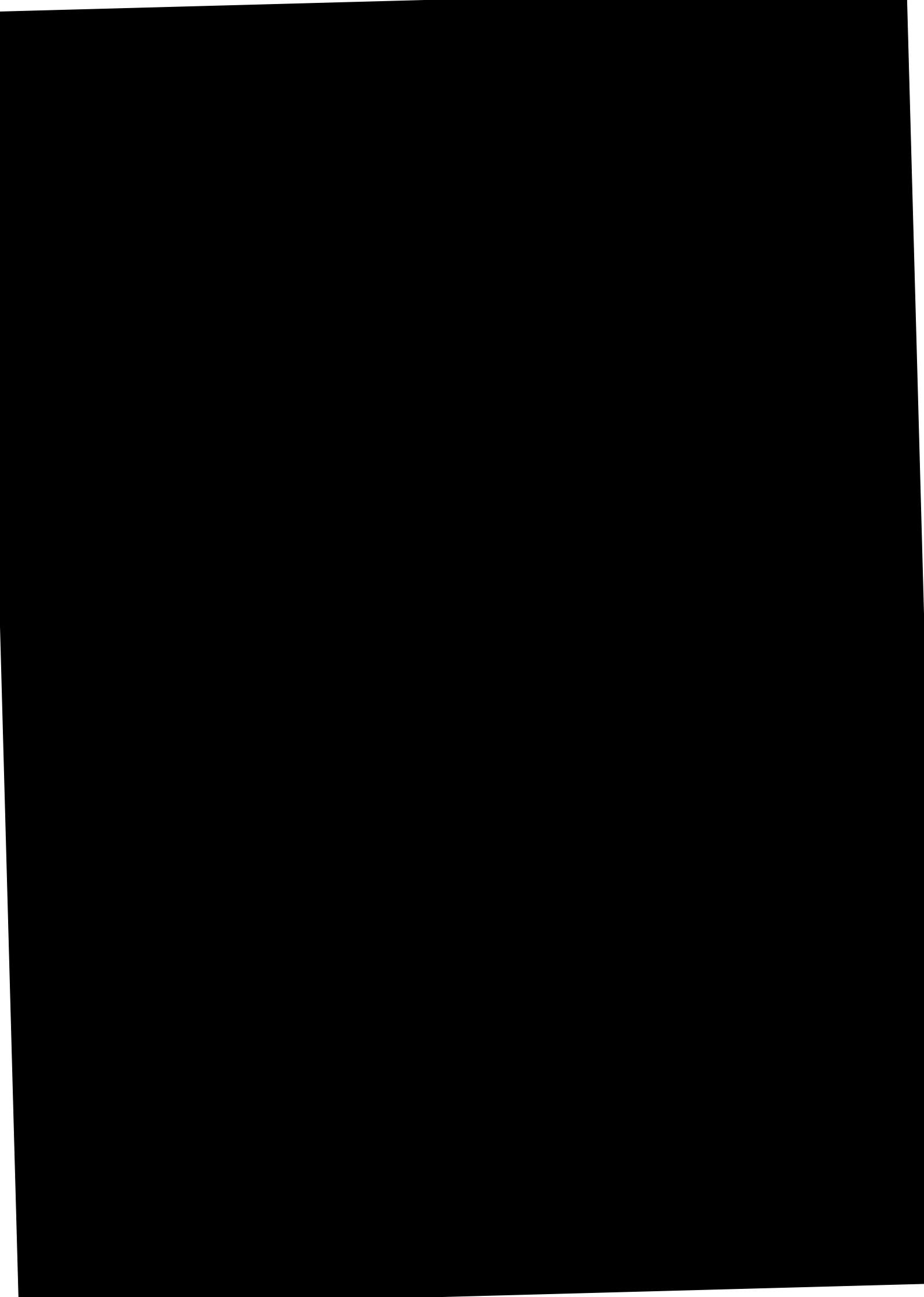
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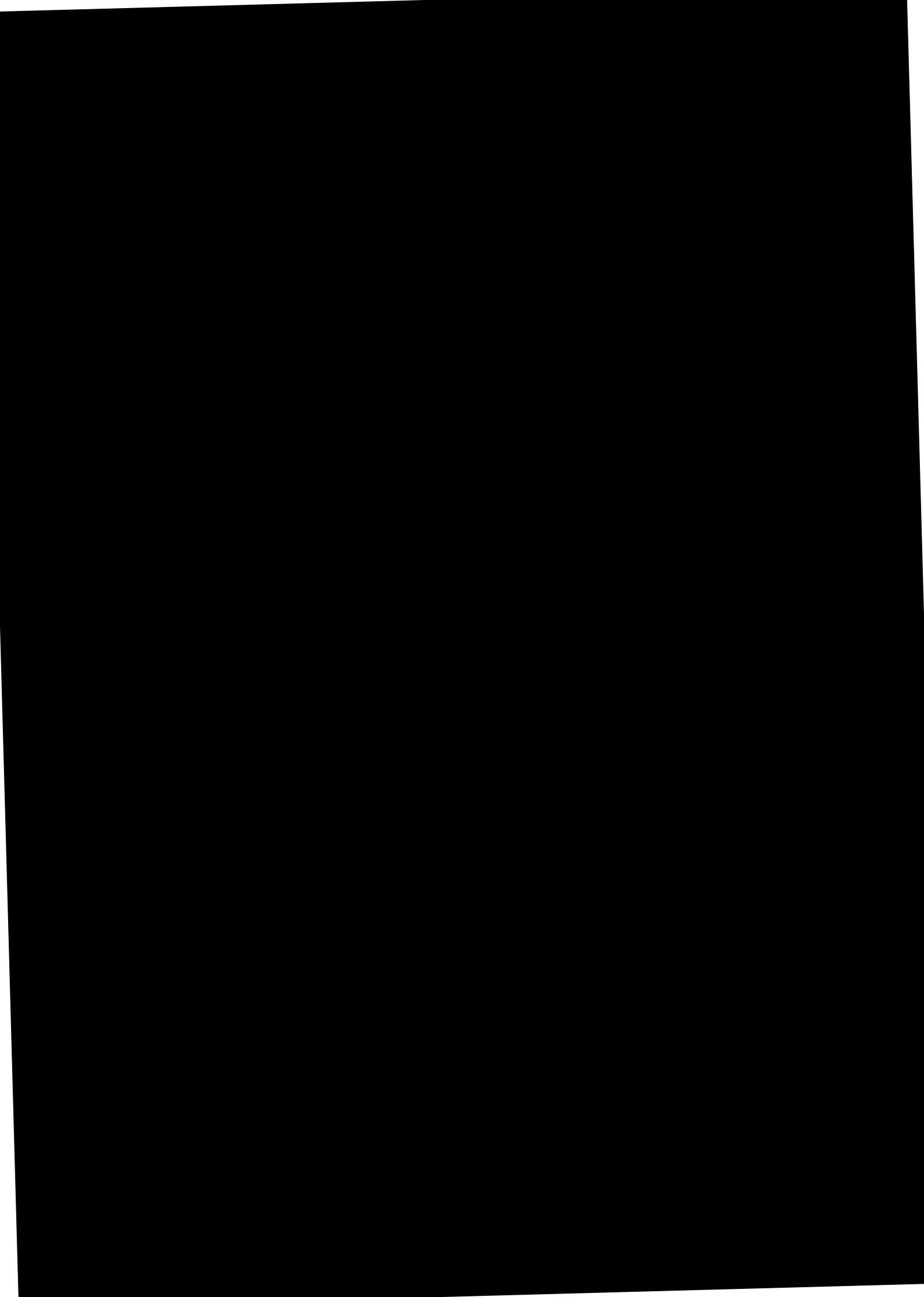
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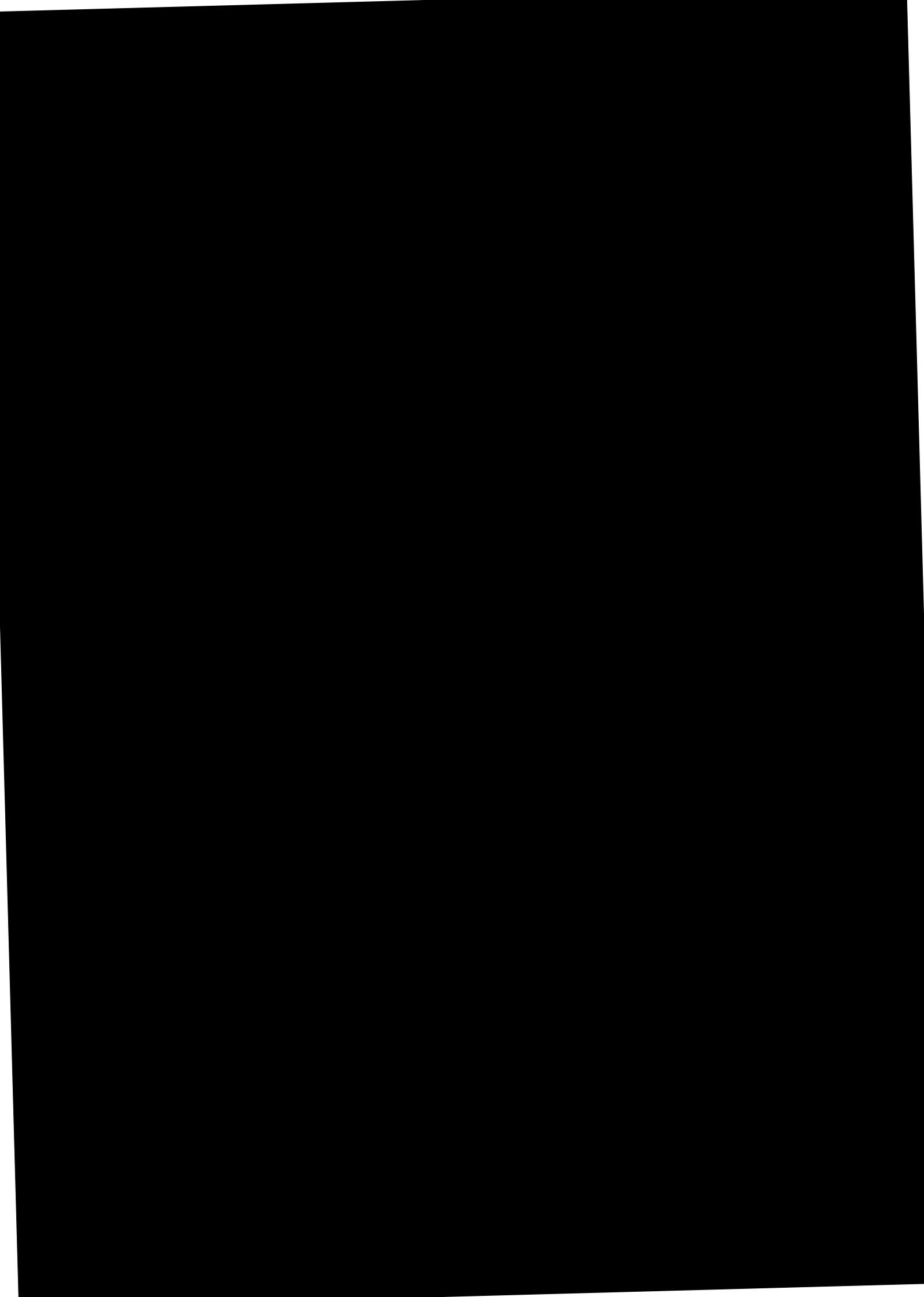
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Cross-examined by MR IQBAL

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Q. Mr [REDACTED] I want to ask you, please, a few questions about your own direct personal interaction with [Person B1]. All right? So what I ask, please, is that you direct your mind not to what other people may have told you but what you yourself saw or heard or did in relation to [Person B1]. All right?

A. OK.

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MS MELLY: So sorry to interrupt my learned friend. Just before you actually embark, there was one matter, if you don't mind.

MR IQBAL: Yes, of course.

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MS MELLY: If I could – that I meant to deal with, thank you. [REDACTED]

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- A** Q. And it – it was the – the normal thing for children home – children's homes run by local authorities not to advertise the fact that they're children's homes. Would you agree with that proposition?
- A. That's correct, yes.
- B** Q. So in other words, you wouldn't put a big sign up outside a children's home saying, "Bradford Local – District Metropolitan Council Children's Home, [Location B1]" or anything like that?
- A. That's correct.
- C** Q. And would the purpose of that be to try to give the young people that are resident there a sense of being in a normal household?
- A. Yes. Yes, that's right.
- Q. Now, your role at the home was, you say, a residential practitioner.
- A. Mm-hmm.
- D** Q. You worked on a rota, is that right?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. If you were working evening shift, what time would you start?
- A. At that time, 2 – 2 o'clock to 2.30, but if it were a staff meeting day, we'd start 12 o'clock?
- E** Q. And finish at?
- A. Ten o'clock.
- Q. Ten o'clock at night.
- A. That's correct.
- Q. And a night shift can start when?
- F** A. Well, that – that was the night kind of shift. It would be a 10 o'cl – it would start at 2 – it will start at 2 o'clock most time, finish – and then work till 10.00, and then we'd be looking at doing a sleep-in, but it were depending on how the home would manage.
- Q. When you say start at 2 o'clock, do you mean 2 o'clock in the afternoon?
- A. That's correct, yes.
- G** Q. All right. So that's the sort of afternoon into the evening shift, isn't it?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. But there were people who stayed at the children's home overnight.
- A. That's correct.
- Q. What time would their shift start?
- H** A. Their shift would start at half past nine.

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Q. So 9.30 in the evening, and finish when?

A. Anywhere between half seven and 8 o'clock in the morning.

Q. And did you use to work that shift as well?

A. No, I did what they call the sleeping shift. So I would do the late ---

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Q. Yes.

A. --- and then I would then go to bed and wake up in the morning at the same place.

Q. I see. Now, you've just said that some of the people who lived – young people that lived at this home, they would – if they wanted to leave they would sometimes deliberately activate the alarm which would unlock the doors.

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A. That's correct.

Q. And that would allow them to leave, obviously. Yes?

A. That's correct, yes.

Q. But in the evening, if you were doing this shift, would you essentially be there to make sure every – the house or the home was secure, and then would you go to bed yourself and go to sleep?

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A. We'd – yes, we'll secure the home as much as possible, but we try and ensure that the young people were settled as well.

Q. Yes. And then once you were satisfied about all of that, your role would be to go to sleep, and obviously if the fire alarm sounded you'd wake up and make sure that everyone was all right.

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A. That's right.

Q. And the activations of these alarms, was this fairly regular?

A. It was dependent on the young people that we had in at the time. If we had a home that was quite settled and – then it wouldn't go off or go off as much.

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Q. Yes.

A. If we had young people that was wanting to go out, then you – then they would activate it quite often.

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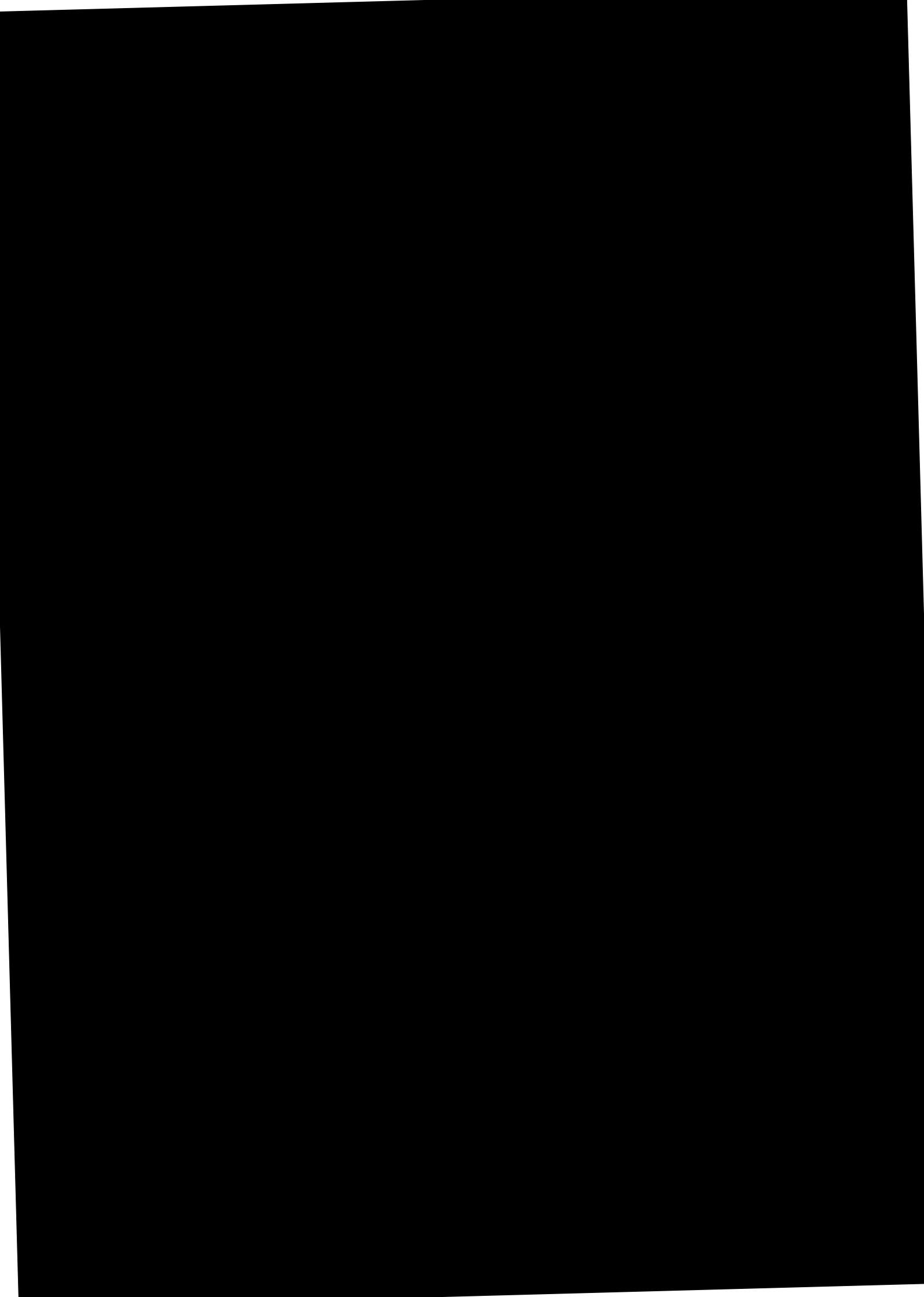
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Q. In relation to the characters of these two young people, [Person B1] – compared to [Person B1], [Person A1], with all due respect to her, what – did she exhibit more behavioural issues?

A. Yes, she did. She did.

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Q. Was she more argumentative?

A. Yes.

Q. Was she more liable to fall out with people than [Person B1] was?

A. Yes, she was.

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MR IQBAL: Thank you very much.

Cross-examined by MR MOULSON

Q. Mr [REDACTED] just a few questions, please, about [Person A1], that's [Person A] that we're talking about. I think for the duration of her time at [Location B1] you were her keyworker.

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Is that correct?

A. That's correct, yes.

Q. And the role of the keyworker is?

A. Basically, along with the staff – the – with my other colleagues looking after the young person but also day team, her file and keeping everything up to date, and attending meetings in regards to her.

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Q. Thank you. And would the purpose really be for you to try to form a professional and constructive relationship with her?

A. Yes.

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Q. Yes. And on average – and I appreciate it's an average – would you say that you had one-to-one contact with [Person A1] perhaps once or twice a week during her stay there?

A. Yeah, possibly, yes.

Q. Thank you. In those meetings, she would raise any concerns with you and you with her. Is that correct?

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A. Yeah. It would depend on what frame of mind she was in, what mood she was in, because she was quite different from [Person A1] in terms of her temperament.

Q. From [Person B1].

A. From – sorry, from [Person B1], sorry.

Q. I think perhaps I can deal with this shortly, and let me make it clear that I import no criticism, but in – in a statement you made in connection with this matter, you describe [Person A1] as "loud and aggressive".

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A. Yes.

Q. Yes. And by that I simply wish to confine the observation in this way. Was she the type of person who would let her feelings be known?

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A. Yes.

Q. She wouldn't do what she didn't want to do. Is that correct?

A. She – she would normally be strong enough to do – things that she didn't want to do and do things that she wanted to do.

Q. Yes. And she'd let you know about it if she didn't want to do anything.

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A. That's correct.

- A** Q. And if she did, similarly she would tell you. Is that right?
A. That's right.
- Q. Thank you. Did you ever have any concerns about any issue relating to drug use in respect of [Person A1] whilst she was at [Location B1]?
- B** A. Not that I can remember.
Q. Thank you.
A. Any concern about alcohol use while she was at [Location B1]?
Q. Not that I can remember.
- MR MOULSON: Thank you very much indeed, Mr [REDACTED]
- C** Cross-examined by MR WILSON
- Q. Just a few questions, Mr [REDACTED], about [Person A]. She came to [Location B1] on about the 15th of April 2008. Is that correct?
A. I can't ---
- D** Q. It's a matter of record, but will you take it from me?
A. Right, OK.
Q. Previously been at the [Location H] for about a month prior to that.
A. Not – it's been a long time, but ---
Q. And were you her keyworker throughout her time at [Location B1]?
- E** A. I was, yes.
Q. And I think she left about February 2009. Will you take it from me that ---
A. I'll take it from you, yes.
Q. Thank you very much. And so you got to know her quite well during that period.
A. Yes.
- F** Q. And she would have at that time been 14 to 15 years of age.
A. Yes, that's correct.
Q. Now, you've been referred by my learned friend Mr Moulson – because your – your statement was ostensibly dealing with any information given in respect of [Person B].
A. Right.
- G** Q. But you were the keyworker for [Person A].
A. That's ---
Q. And – and this is what you say in your statement. It's your Honour's page I58 to 59. In comparison with [Person B], [Person A] was different from [Person B]. Correct?
A. That's correct.
- H** Q. Because she was very loud and aggressive, yes?

- A**
- A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And a much more difficult child to cope with at the home.
- A. That's correct.
- Q. I just want to see if you can expand on that a little, because this is a time when she's
- B** first moved – I think initially she seemed to settle well. Is that correct?
- A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. But after about two or three weeks, her behaviour seemed to change.
- A. We find that in residential, we may get young people who will come into the home and who seem quite settled at first, and then after a period of time, it feels as though they've
- C** sort of come to terms with living in the home, and then we – we normally get a – a more truer picture of what they're about. So maybe the behaviour side would change from being as calm to being more aggressive.
- Q. Yeah, so maybe giving a good impression to start with of their character, but then
- D** over a period of time you get to see what they're really like. And we know from the social services records for which you made a number of entries – or the care records – that she was frequently out from the home, correct?
- A. Right, yes.
- Q. Sometimes on a nightly basis, yes?
- A. That's correct.
- E** Q. So leaving the home and coming back early hours of the morning or the following day.
- A. Right.
- Q. Is that right?
- F** A. That's right, yeah.
- Q. So when you say that she was very loud and aggressive, what do you mean by that?
- A. There've been times when in the home, when she didn't agree with how certain things were being managed in the home, that she would vent her anger, and therefore she'd be very, very vocal, and arg ---
- G** Q. In what way?
- A. --- and argumentative with staff. By shouting at staff, being verbally abusive towards staff and showing that type of, level of behaviour.
- Q. Well, would you describe her as being manipulative at that time?
- A. I'm not sure that manipulative is the word I would describe her as, but I'd say she was
- H** quite vocal.

- A**
- Q. Well, she was determined to get her own way, wasn't she? Would that be fair?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. And she would do and say things to get her own way, wouldn't she?
- A. That's correct, yes.
- B**
- Q. And she wouldn't cooperate with professionals who were there to help and assist her. Is that fair to say?
- A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. And so she knew her own mind. Would that be fair to say?
- A. That's correct.
- C**
- Q. And she would, as I say – prepared to say anything, do anything to achieve her own ends. Would that be right?
- A. Yeah, that's correct, yes.
- Q. This is at the age of 14 to 15 years of age.
- A. That's correct.
- D**
- Q. Any other examples of being very aggressive or very loud that you can give yourself?
- A. I know that I went to a – a school meeting with her, and I had to go down to the school. And she was displaying the same level of behaviour at the school at which – her mother actually worked there with, and the – the disagreement was with her and her mother, and I had to go down to the school to try and encourage her to return back to go home.
- E**
- Q. Would you – or would it be the case that she really showed little or no respect for figures of authority?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. Including yourself?
- F**
- A. Including myself, yes.
- Q. And she would vocalise that to you openly?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And if she didn't go – get her own way, how would she behave?
- A. She'd be even more annoyed and venting her anger even more because she didn't get her own way.
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- Q. So, confrontational?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Unpredictable?
- A. Yeah.
- H**

A Q. Was she, as far as you were aware – or became aware – using alcohol during this period of time that she was in [Location B1]?

A. Not that I was aware of.

Q. Not that you were aware of?

B A. Not that I was aware of, no.

Q. Was that you personally?

A. That's correct.

Q. Were there any concerns about [Person A] concerning the use of alcohol or illegal substances?

C A. Not that I can remember.

Q. Wasn't there a meeting on the 23rd of June 2008 where that very issue was discussed at a meeting?

A. If that was – is written down then obviously that was the case.

Q. There were concerns about her using alcohol and possibly using illegal substances.

D A. Right.

Q. And she was frequently, as we've already discussed, away from the premises virtually on a nightly basis, yes?

A. That's correct.

E MR WILSON: Yes. Thank you very much.

UNIDENTIFIED COUNSEL: No, thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED COUNSEL: No, thank you.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Ms Melly, you can – that having been opened up, you can assess this man's judgment of her vulnerability and ability to protect herself and so on.

F MS MELLY: Indeed.

Re-examined by MS MELLY

Q. Thank you. A few questions, Mr [REDACTED]. First of all, you were asked about the building itself, [Location B1], and whether it – there was a sign outside. From – from your experience of being at [Location B1] and speaking to local residents and so forth, was it

G known locally this was a children's home?

A. The local residents was aware that it was a children's home, yes.

[REDACTED]

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Q. And then you were asked about what you knew about [Person A1] and so forth in terms of entries in records. I now ask for a different file to be passed to you now. It's the [Person A] file. I'm sure if it reached your Honour. It's marked FG1.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yeah, I've got it, thank you.

F MS MELLY: Thank you. Could you go to page 18, please? This is an entry from the 3rd of June 2008, and there's mention of [REDACTED] – and it's an entry from you. That's correct, isn't it? Page 18? Do you see your name on the ---

A. I've got the 2nd of June on this one. Oh, sorry.

Q. Sorry, it – quite often these notes ---

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A. Oh, yes.

Q. --- have the contact date ---

A. Yeah.

Q. --- which is the date when the incident arose, and then a different date for when things have been imported, and then a different date for when they've actually been put into a

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system. So you're quite right, the contact date at the top of the page ---

- A**
- A. Yeah.
- Q. --- is the 2nd of June. But towards the end, a created date of the 3rd of June and created by [REDACTED].
- A. That's correct.
- B**
- Q. Right. So this entry says that [REDACTED] was in the unit to see [Person A1]. Who was [REDACTED]?
- A. I do believe the father.
- Q. Well – sorry. I think we'll see that [REDACTED] was somebody who was designated to work with [Person A1]. The name is – the surname is just a coincidence. All
- C**
- right?
- A. OK.
- Q. So [REDACTED] was in the unit to see [Person A1].
- A. Right.
- Q. Can you see that?
- D**
- A. Yes.
- Q. All right. But then this is an entry from you, that [Person A1] didn't spend quality time with her, as she wasn't happy getting up at the time due to the lack of sleep from being out until the early hours of the morning.
- A. Right.
- E**
- Q. And as a result, there was some shouting and screaming. Yeah?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. Then – and this is to you – then [REDACTED] – to you – was concerned about [Person A1]'s behaviour pattern.
- F**
- A. Right.
- Q. And – and the risks that she was putting herself at.
- A. Mm-hmm.
- Q. All right. And that there then needed to be a meeting to try and resolve the situation.
- A. Right.
- G**
- Q. You were asked questions about whether there were concerns about [Person A1] perhaps drinking or being out or taking drugs. Does this assist you, Mr [REDACTED]?
- A. I can't actually remember this discussion, but ...
- Q. OK.
- A. OK.
- H**

- A** Q. And then you were referred to by my learned friend Mr Wilson about a meeting taking place on the 23rd of June. He asked you about that. Do you remember?
- A. Right.
- Q. Yeah?
- B** A. Yes.
- Q. All right, so could you just go on, please, to page 41.
- A. OK.
- Q. All right, so these are the notes of a child sexual exploitation strategy meeting, is that right?
- C** A. Right.
- Q. From the 23rd of June 2008?
- A. Right.
- Q. Yeah? Now, you'll see if you just turn the page that this – these notes seem to have been written by [REDACTED], who gives their title as "Emotional Wellbeing, Social Worker" from the Springfield Young People and Family Team.
- D** A. Right. Yeah, yeah.
- Q. OK. Even if you weren't present at the meeting, would you – I know it's a very long time – and we're over 10 years ago – but back then, would you have had sight of these concerns and the – and been aware of the issues that were being discussed as regards [Person A1]?
- E** A. Yeah, they'd have put these on the system. That's usually – that's what used to happen.
- Q. Yeah.
- F** A. Even though we wasn't – we didn't attend the meeting as such.
- Q. No, so you would've been aware of the issues that ---
- A. Yeah.
- Q. --- were raised. Is that right?
- A. Yeah, yeah. That's correct.
- G** Q. OK, thank you. And then – so this is just back in June 2008. And is it right that if we look at these notes, the concerns that were being raised was about – if you just go over the page on to page 42 – about [Person A1] and [Person B1] leaving [Location B1].
- A. That's correct.
- Q. So was the concern about them leaving together at that point?
- H** A. At that point, yes.

A Q. Yes. And that – further down that they were going out with men and were drinking.
A. That's correct.
Q. Yes. And further down the page then, on Other Information, that there were concerns about [Person A1] misusing alcohol and smoking cannabis.

B A. That's correct.
Q. All right. So look – reminding yourself of the risk factors that were noted at the meetings back in June 2008 ---
A. Right.
Q. --- were there concerns about ---

C A. Yes.
Q. --- drugs and alcohol for [Person A1] at that early stage at [Location B1]?
A. That's correct, yes.

MS MELLY: Thank you very much, Mr [REDACTED]. Does your Honour have any questions?
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: No ---

D MR IQBAL: I do have just one question, please, if I can, just arising from the re-examination.
MS MELLY: Sorry, I'll just speak to my ---
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: No, no. Yes – this is unusual.

E MR IQBAL: We have resolved it between us.
MS MELLY: Thank you.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you. Thanks for coming. We do appreciate your time. Thanks ever so much.
WITNESS: OK.

F JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you. Best not to talk about the case with any of your social worker or residential worker colleagues, please, until the case is finished. Thank you.
WITNESS: OK.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Very much obliged to you. Thank you.
(The witness withdrew)

G JUDGE DURHAM HALL: No meaningful sta – I know the next witness is the last witness. I don't know how long she ---
MS MELLY: She.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: It's [REDACTED], isn't it ---
MS MELLY: It is.

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Q. That's right, until it closed?

A. Yes.

Q. And you dealt with – sorry, before I deal with that, you were employed as a residential practitioner. Is that correct?

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A. That's correct, yeah.

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Q. And we've heard that there – sometimes residents would leave prior to 10 pm and then just not be back when they should have been.

A. That's correct, yes.

Q. And then other times, they would just set off the fire alarms and leave the building, even if it had been after the sort of curfew time. Is that right?

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A. That's correct, yes.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Could I ask – do you mind? I suppose I can. Ms [REDACTED], you know you mentioned something about the locals thinking this – rather than being a home for vulnerable and abused or whatever children, as you said, that they thought it was something to do with those involved in crime, yes?

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A. Yeah.

A JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Were you happy to – to carry on that, as it were, fiction?
A. No, we always put everybody straight, explained, yes.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: You – so you – what it was and the sort of people who were staying there.

B A. Absolutely.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: The jury may be concerned why it is that here you have 14 year old leaving a home for vulnerable or whatever people late at night and why you didn't just get hold of them and say, "No, you're not going out" for all the obvious reasons. You didn't have power, did you?

C A. No. We was also informed that, you know, we couldn't lock the doors.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: No.
A. We had to literally lock the doors a specific time and, you know, sometimes they would go out before then.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: OK.

D A. Or they'd set the alarms off.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: All right. So whatever you thought ...
A. Our hands was tied.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Hands tied, I see. OK.

E MS MELLY: Thank you very much.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: All right. Well, well done. Thank you. That's brilliant. You've – we – we do thank you for coming, and you're done. And don't talk about the case, will you, especially to colleagues who are coming tomorrow, maybe Monday. But we won't be troubling you again, all right.

F WITNESS: Thank you.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Much obliged. Thank you. 10 o'clock – thank you. You'd like to go, madam. The officer will see you out.
(The witness withdrew)
(The Court Clerk conferred with Judge Durham Hall)

G JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I'm shifting my work earlier tomorrow. We'll start at 10 o'clock, OK, tomorrow morning. As I say, we go through – we've done now, haven't we?
MS MELLY: We have.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yeah, good. We'll go through – please enjoy the – I'm delighted to give you time off. It's hard work, and it will get harder, as you can imagine, especially

H once you start assessing the video-recorded testimony and cross-examination of the

A two young women as they then were, or younger. So I'm delighted to say, you go, do what you want, but please come back at 10 o'clock. It is – it isn't me being – trying to win your – get into your good books. We have a jury system that works of 12 intellects, not 11. We can't go on unless you're all here. So look both ways when you cross the road; I need all

B 12 of you every – seriously, every day. It's – it's as serious as that. You know we can't – we get stuck – stuck if one or two of you don't come; ditto if I didn't turn up, however tempting. The same for the – the barristers. We've all got to be here. So this is great. See you tomorrow, 10 o'clock. And 1 o'clock will be the – 1.00, 1.15 will be the cut-off tomorrow, OK. Thank you. See you later.

C (The jury left court at 13.11)
(The Court Clerk conferred with Judge Durham Hall)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: No, no. You just get back them, say I have made an order. I'll give them every latitude. Anything that is still live on their website or anything, pull it down. The only thing I'm interested in is seeing it clear.

D THE COURT CLERK: OK.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Not explanations, not invitations at this stage. OK?
THE COURT CLERK: Yes.
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: That's fine. OK. Yes?

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