

THE SOUTHPORT INQUIRY

SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF JOANNE HODSON HEADTEACHER, THE ACORNS SCHOOL LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

I, Joanne Elizabeth Hodson, will say as follows:

1. I have been asked by The Southport Inquiry ("the Inquiry") to provide a further statement in relation to the Prevent referral made by Acorns School ("Acorns") on 5 December 2019.
2. The Inquiry have provided me with document LANC000175, exhibited at JH/01, which I have reviewed to assist with this statement. Whilst I can see that I was copied into the emails contained within this document, I have unfortunately been unable to recover those emails due to them being sent via a secure platform which deleted emails after a short period of time.
3. From the document, I can see that at 16:10 on 5 December 2019 I was copied into an email sent by Janet Lewis to Lancashire Police which enclosed a Prevent referral in respect of AR. Due to my inability to recover this email, I am unable to confirm the attachment that accompanied the referral, however I believe this was a spreadsheet listing all the websites that AR had visited (JH/02 – LCC001401).
4. Within LANC000175, I note that the police refer to receiving a 'dump of data' which would appear to correspond with LCC001401.
5. I can also see that a further email was sent by Janet Lewis to Lancashire Police at 18:32 which I was copied into. This was sent following Lancashire Police's response to the initial referral in which they requested it be sent again using a specific referral form. I can see that there were two attachments that accompanied the amended

referral which are labelled as 'AR current CPOMS' and 'Re_Child_AR_Urgent_Safeguarding'.

6. 'AR current CPOMS' is exhibited at JH/03 – LCC001346.
7. 'Re_Child_AR_Urgent_Safeguarding' was a zip folder which contained the following documents:
 - a. Alder Hey CAMHS Referral made by Range High (JH/04 – LCC000377);
 - b. Report from PC Alex McNamee on Range High Website (JH/05 – LCC000002);
 - c. Range High School Safeguarding Report Form (JH/06 – LCC000378); and
 - d. Range High School EPEN 1 advising of Permanent Exclusion (JH/07 – LCC001371).

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without honest belief in its truth.

Signed:

Signature

Printed: Joanne Hodson

Dated: 26 September 2025

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Exhibit No.	Inquiry Reference No.	Document description
JH/01	LANC000175	Email from Janet Lewis to Prevent dated 5 December 2019 at 16:10 with AR referral
JH/02	LCC001401	Spreadsheet listing all the websites that AR had visited
JH/03	LCC001346	CPOMs print out
JH/04	LCC000377	Alder Hey CAMHS Referral made by

		Range High
JH/05	LCC000002	Report from PC Alex McNamee on Range High Website
JH/06	LCC000378	Range High School Safeguarding Report Form
JH/07	LCC001371	Range High School EPEN 1 advising of Permanent Exclusion