

Social Care Institute for Excellence

Interview Summary Sheet

Title Page

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Collection title: Care Leavers' Stories

Interviewee's surname: Dearman

Title: Mr

Interviewee's forename: Alan

Sex: Male

Occupation: Retired

Date of birth: 1942

Dates of recording: 05.07.13

Location of interview: Social Care Institute for Excellence, 2-4 Cockspur Street, London, SW1Y 5BH

Name of interviewer: Tamisan Joe

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Interviewer's comments:

Track 1 [02:49:58] [Session 5th July 2013] [00:00:00] Alan Dearman introduces himself. Talks about what he does for a living, being retired now and voluntary work. Discusses retirement and married life after remarriage [00:02:27] Talks about his childhood in Nottingham and mother dying after his birth [00:03:03] Describes polio and what kind of disease it is, how it affects different limbs. Talks about when he moved to London after his father remarried. [00:06:36] Aged seven and a half when he went into care. Talks about his father and cruel treatment from step-mother resulting in being taken into care. Climbed out of a window using bedclothes after being locked in house for 7 hours in cold November, taken to Barnardo's. [00:10:50] Describes the difference between two Barnardo's homes, Woodford Bridge and Barkingside [00:12:55] Discusses how he lost his freedom in care, and more detailed differences between the two homes.[00:21:22] Talks about receiving treatment for his disability, [00:24:11] Describes his daily routine in Barnardo's [00:28:09] Talks about how the Barnardo's Golding training school helped him. Talks about what trade he learnt in Golding [00:33:20] Talks about his life before care. Talks about his poor relationship with his family [00:37:28] Talks about his vulnerability. Discusses who he felt he could talk to [00:41:59]: Talks about his coping strategies [00:45:01]: Talks about his memories of going into care [00:51:33]: Talks about the relationship with his father [00:54:30]: Describes a birch [00:55:17]: Talks about what his sisters mean to him [1:00:14]

Track 1 [cont. from 1:00:14] Discusses the types of support systems he had [1:10:44]: Talks about the positive attention he received in Barnardo's [1:15:08]: Talks about his view of care before he went into it [1:16:24]: Talks about how he coped moving placements [1:22:34]: Discusses who was responsible for him [1:26:46]: Talks about his privacy [1:29:26] Talks about how his birthday was celebrated [1:33:52]: Talks about receiving pocket money [1:36:00]: Mentions what mother's and father's day meant to him [1:38:50]: Talks about discrimination received for being looked after [1:45:04]: Talks about the impact Barnardo's has had on his health and wellbeing : Talks about his contact with the criminal justice system [1:54:35]: Talks about his transition to independence [1:56:56]: Talks about support from other family members [1:59:03]: Talks about assessing his records [02:05:55]: Talks about how accessing his files changed his life [02:08:58]: Talks about how he managed his finances [02:12:28]: Describes his most memorable incidents [02:21:20]: Talks about making complaints [2:25:06]: Talks about his previous partners [2:31:02]: Talks about who truly cared for him [2:33:38]: Describes the positive and negative experience from being in Barnardo's [2:36:25]: Talks about what advice he would give his younger self [2:39:24]: Talks about why he was keen to tell his story [2:41:24]: Talks about his hopes for the future [2:42:30]: Discusses about his disability [2:46:25]: Talks about other experiences he didn't cover earlier in interview [2:48:05]: Talks about the impact he would like to have on the next generation [End of Track][02:49:58]