

Social Care Institute for Excellence

Interview Summary Sheet

Title Page

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Collection title: Care Leavers' Stories

Interviewee's surname: O'Mahony

Title:

Interviewee's forename: Christine

Sex: Female

Occupation: Equalities trainer

Date of birth: 1952

Dates of recording: 30.04.13

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 [02:41:07] [Session: 30th April 2013] [00:00:00]: Introduces herself as Christine o'Mahony. Talks about what she is doing now Mentions why she wanted to tell her story Talks about her sisters [00:02:12] Discusses the reason why she went into care Talks about her mother [00:04:45] Talks about what she remembers about care Mentions another child saying her mum was dead Talks about the food in care home Talks about systems of punishment Mentions remembering random acts of kindness Talks about her father [00:12:14] Talks about her views on care [00:14:35] Talks about the first care home Talks about first day of school Talks about her sister Sheila Talks about being adopted by rich family [00:20:56] Initial thoughts of the house Talks about how she felt when she left the rich family [00:22:42] Talks about her mother writing letters Talks about not being pleased with her mother [00:24:33] Talks about her reaction towards her mother [00:27:35] Talks about her daily routine in the children's home Talks about a scary assembly [00:30:48] Talks about being bullied Describes angel cake Talks about random acts of unkindness Mentions the care home being mixed with boys Talks about how the nun treating her unkindly made her feel [00:35:44] Mentions who she felt she could talk to Talks about not being able to talk to anybody Talks about her coping strategies Talks about her teacher Talks about who would pay attention to her []

Track 1 [cont. from 00:40:08] Talks about the incident of being abused sexually on the train Mentions feeling powerless Mentions feeling vulnerable. Mentions how she coped with the situation [00:46:00] Talks about her father coming to see her Talks about other family relatives coming to visit her Talks about her relationship with people she considered family and friends Talks about getting loads of attention Talks about how her sisters would bullying her Talks about her coping strategies when her sisters bullied her Talks about her parents both working [00:57:17] Talks about her hopes and aspirations Talks about her sister getting bullied [1:00:36]: Describes contact with her family during care. Talks about how the lack of contact affected her Talks about where contact with her farther would take place Talks about her sisters first communion Talks about how she felt when her father left. [1:05:13] Talks about holding in tears Talks about how it made her feel Discusses how she had privacy Talks about care having an impact on her health Talks about her sisters being her security [1:10:20] Talks about dinner time Talks about how she got money Talks about days out Talks about birthday celebrations Talks about the Easter egg [1:15:28] Talks about how the move of care homes affected her Talks how this emotionally affected her Talks about not having any feelings Talks about how the nuns treated her Talks about her view of the seamstress [1:20:25] Talks about being ignored Talks about how getting attention made her feel [1:23:10]

Track 1 [cont. from 1:23:10] Talks about a typical kind of conversation with parents Talks about being deaf Talks about her thoughts on her family making deaf jokes Talks about her feeling like it was her fault Describes hearing aid. Talks about secondary school Talks about the myths about her in her family [1:33:00] Talks about relationship with teachers and nuns Describes deaf institutions [1:36:40] Talks about her source of motivation academically Talks about her mother Talks about who played the role of the parent and child Talks about her mother wanting emotional support [1:41:30] Mentions how the care experience effected her choice and voice Talks about having a voice as a child Talking about being a isolated family Talks about how much freedom she had [1:47:08] Talks about her highlights of being in care Talks about different perspectives Talks about what trust means to her [1:50:36] Mentions what she would tell herself if she went back in time Talks about what advice she would give to people going into care Talks about her thoughts on a statement Talks about the overall

positive effects of being looked after Talks about what she thought the future would be like when she was a child [1:56:10] Talks about her adult life Talks about her first child Talks about violent relationship Talks about becoming a lesbian Talks about looking after her mother Talks about her father's death Talks about looking after mum Talks about her daughter being pregnant Talks about a freelancer .Talks about relationship with sisters Talks about feeling ashamed of her sisters How her sisters attitude make her feel [2:17:00]

Track 1 [cont. from 2:17:00] Talks about the family she has created Talks' about doing foster care. [2:20:55] Talks about how she will impact the next generation [2:23:59] Talks about reunions she has had with children from the care home Talks about her view of her childhood Talks about making any complaints Talks about her outlook of being in care Talks about who cares for her Talks about issues around safety Talks about view on choice Talks about trust Talks about choice Talks about control Talks about freedom [2:32:28] Talks about looking back on her life Talks about the impact care has had on her life Talks about what could have been improved Talks about her hopes for the future Talks about her family. [End of track] [2:41:07]

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