

**Investigation into the contact that
Jimmy Savile had with the
Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals**

**A report to the Board of Directors of the
South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust**

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Executive Summary

The South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM) was asked to investigate information that was given to the police by a member of public, Mr B. The informant stated that he had spotted Savile on two occasions crossing the Maudsley hospital site in 1964/65. There was no other information about why Savile was there, and no allegation made about any wrongdoing at the time or subsequently.

After an initial scoping exercise and the receipt of further information from the Bethlem Royal Hospital archive, three lines of enquiry were established:

1. Mr B's sightings of Savile crossing the grounds of the Maudsley Hospital on two occasions in 1964/65. There is no reason to doubt the credibility of Mr B's account, but there was no evidence of allegations or information suggesting any wrongdoing by Savile on these occasions. The investigation found no explanation of what Savile may have been doing on the Maudsley site.
2. An article published in the in-house hospital magazine in 1980 about the day that Savile came to open a new unit on the Bethlem Royal Hospital site, again there was no evidence of any allegation having been made or information suggesting any wrongdoing by Savile associated with this event.
3. A possible connection to the Maudsley Hospital with Dr Anthony Clare who interviewed Savile for a radio series 'In the Psychiatrists Chair' in 1991. Dr Anthony Clare worked as a psychiatrist at the Maudsley Hospital from 1976 to 1983. This interview has (since numerous allegations about Savile have emerged) been the focus of much speculation and analysis of Savile's psycho-pathology. The interview was conducted eight years after Dr Anthony Clare had left the Maudsley, and there was no allegation or information suggesting any connection between Savile and the Maudsley Hospital.

The investigator has concluded that there was no reason to doubt Mr B's credibility or that he saw Savile on the Maudsley site in 1964/65, but has found no further information about what he was doing there. [Note that the findings of this report have been shared with Mr B, and he has agreed to the references to him being made in the report].

Savile's attendance at an opening ceremony of a new unit at the Bethlem is documented, and again despite comments in an article about his interest in the children present at the event, there is no evidence of any allegation, wrongdoing or criminal behaviour at that event.

The contact Savile had with Dr Anthony Clare in relation to an interview conducted for radio in 1991 had no connection with the Maudsley or Bethlem Royal Hospitals.

The conclusion is that although Savile visited the Bethlem Hospital on one occasion in 1980 and is likely to have been on the Maudsley Hospital site on two occasions in the mid 60's, there have been no allegations, reports or rumours of wrongdoing, inappropriate or criminal behaviour by Savile or his associates on these occasions. These contacts happened between 50 and 33 years ago and investigation into them has been proportionate given the absence of any allegation or evidence of criminal or inappropriate behaviour.

Although it is impossible to say that crimes such as those alleged against Savile could never happen on our hospital sites, the Trust has in place robust safeguarding policies, systems and controls which make the risk of similar incidents very much less likely today.

The single recommendation from this investigation is that the Head of Communications at SLaM should review the Communication and Media Handling policy to ensure that standards and expectations on the management of celebrity and VIP visits to Trust services are explicit, robust and consistent.

1. Introduction

This investigation was set up after information had come to light which alleged that Savile was seen on the Maudsley Hospital site in 1964 or 1965.

Investigations relating to Savile's involvement in alleged sexual abuse of patients and staff at thirteen NHS hospitals including Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Leeds General Infirmary, and Broadmoor Hospital have been conducted.

A written Ministerial Statement dated 14 October 2013 stated that it had been established that the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) held further relevant information regarding Savile, which was gained during the course of Operation Yewtree. The Department of Health (DH) asked the MPS, through an agreed information sharing process, to review information it held to ascertain if it included material related to other health care settings.

As well as identifying information about hospitals where investigations were already underway, new information also came to light relating to 20 other hospitals. One of these was the Maudsley Hospital. This information regarding Savile's connections with the Maudsley was subsequently forwarded to the Chief Executive of SLaM. The DH made it clear that in each case where there was information relating to Savile, responsibility was with the managing Trust currently responsible for that hospital to investigate any issues as appropriate. To that extent the Chief Executive of SLaM nominated a lead investigator, and asked him to produce terms of reference for an investigation which would include the investigation of information passed onto SLaM by the MPS.

Those terms of reference were agreed by the Trust Board of Directors of SLaM. This report has been commissioned by the Board of Directors, and the report is owned by the Board of Directors, and has been accepted by the Trust Board of Directors prior to publication.

2. Terms of Reference

These terms of reference were agreed by the Board of Directors of South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust on 12th December 2013.

Internal Investigation into matters relating to Jimmy Savile

- The Chief Executive has commissioned the Lead Investigator – Cliff Bean, to conduct the investigation on behalf of the Trust Board under its general responsibilities for oversight of the organisation.
- The purpose of the investigation is to investigate the information that has come to light during Operation Yewtree, the Metropolitan Police Service investigation into allegations about Savile and others, and seeks to establish the authenticity of the claim and whether any other information, claims or allegations concerning Savile and a link with the Trust and its predecessor organisations exists
- The main tasks of the investigation are to:
 - Interview the principal witness
 - Establish whether Savile used any other names
 - Check medical records archives to establish whether Savile was a patient of the Maudsley
 - Check other archives for any reference to Savile having any other connection with Trust services in his capacity as a celebrity or volunteer
 - Attempt to establish whether Savile came to the Maudsley for any other purpose
 - To investigate any other information or allegation about Savile and his links with the Trust or its predecessor organisations, which may come to light in the course of the investigation.
- Produce a report within the expected timeframe – draft by 21st February. The report will describe all steps taken to investigate the information which is available.
- Produce recommendations to the report if necessary.

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- The Lead Investigator will work closely with the Trust's legal representative, and Verita who will review the report, for content, and structure.
- To involve the police and/or Local Safeguarding Children's Board ('LSCB') and/or Local Safeguarding Adults Board ('SAB'), if evidence emerges which warrants that action.
- To present the final report to the Board for sign off before it is submitted to the DH and published on the Trust website

3. Approach to the Investigation

As laid out in the terms of reference the approach to the investigation was as follows:

- The principal witness – informant Mr B was interviewed by telephone
- The Metropolitan Police Service were asked to clarify whether Savile used any other names
- Archived medical records were checked to establish whether Savile was a patient of the Maudsley
- Attempts were made to establish whether Savile came to the Maudsley for any other purpose
- Records at the Bethlem Museum and Archive were searched for any other reference to Savile having any connection with Trust services as a celebrity visitor
See Appendix B
- The investigation set out to look at any other information or allegation which may have come to light in the course of the investigation

Two issues which emerged during the course of the investigation which were subsequently investigated. These were:

- The opening of the Interim Medium Secure Unit (the Denis Hill Unit) at the Bethlem Royal Hospital in September 1980 which Savile attended as the celebrity guest
- A connection with the Maudsley Hospital through a radio interview between Savile and Dr Anthony Clare who was a former Psychiatrist at the Maudsley Hospital.

4. South London and Maudsley NHS FT Background Information

The South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM) provides NHS care and treatment for people with mental health problems. It also provides services for people who are addicted to drugs or alcohol. As well as serving the communities of South London, it provides specialist services for people from across the UK and beyond.

SLaM is part of an Academic Health Sciences Centre called [King's Health Partners](#) with King's College London, Guy's and St Thomas' and King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trusts.

The Maudsley Hospital in Denmark Hill, South London, and the Bethlem Royal Hospital in Beckenham Kent are two of four main hospital locations managed by the Trust.

Recent organisational history of the Royal Bethlem and Maudsley Hospitals

- Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital (the Joint Hospital) 1948-1982
- The Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital Special Health Authority 1982-1994
- The Bethlem and Maudsley Hospital NHS Trust 1994-1999
- South London and Maudsley NHS Trust 1999-2006 (formed out of the merger of Bethlem and Maudsley NHS Trust, Lewisham and Guys NHS Trust and the mental healthcare services of Lambeth Healthcare Trust)
- South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust 2006-date

Both the 1964/65 sighting of Savile at the Maudsley Hospital, and the opening ceremony at the Bethlem Royal in 1980 occurred during the period when the Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital, were known as the 'Joint Hospital'.

5. Investigation of Contacts between Savile and the Bethlem and Maudsley Hospitals

Sightings within the Maudsley Hospital grounds 1964/65

The initial information from the MPS was in the form of an Operation Yewtree telephone contact form sent to the Trust by the DH. This was the summary note of a telephone call between a member of the public, the informant Mr B, and a MPS police officer. Mr B claimed to have sighted Savile crossing the grounds of the Maudsley Hospital on two occasions in 1964/65.

The lead investigator contacted Mr B by telephone on the 20th December 2013, to discuss his story further.

Now retired, Mr B worked at the Institute of Psychiatry (which is part of Kings College London with close ties to the Maudsley Hospital) in the mid 60's. His workplace was in a building to the rear of the Maudsley Hospital site overlooking the grounds of the hospital. He remembers seeing Savile on two occasions walking through the grounds. He recalls that Savile was a famous figure then and unmistakable with his blonde hair, and Mr B was very surprised to see him at the Maudsley. A few months before the sighting Mr B had seen Savile presenting a Beatles concert in London, so was very sure it was him. He said these sightings were in 1964/65 but couldn't put exact dates on the sightings. He recalls that he and his colleagues at the time made an assumption that Savile was an outpatient, although there was no evidence for this. He has no other information to support this assumption.

Mr B also recalled listening to the radio when Savile was 'In the Psychiatrists Chair' a popular BBC radio programme with Dr Anthony Clare. Mr B had also read the book of 'In the Psychiatrists Chair' more recently, which had triggered memories of those sightings in 1964/65.

Mr B had called the police at Scotland Yard after Operation Yewtree had been in news reports and he had heard that Savile had targeted vulnerable patients in psychiatric hospitals.

Following this contact a number of possible sources of information were explored. These were:

- The MPS were asked if Savile used any other names that they were aware of. The MPS confirmed that he only used Jimmy Savile or James Savile. Although he also used the nicknames Oscar and Uncle Jimmy. His full name was James Wilson Vincent Savile, date of birth 31/10/1926.
- Electronic and paper medical records archives of the Bethlem and Maudsley, and the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust were interrogated for any records of Savile being a patient of the Hospital[s]. Although SLaM medical record archives have records going back beyond the 1960's no reference to Savile was found.
- The Institute of Psychiatry were asked to verify Mr B's employment in the 1960's but were unable to because their employment records do not go back to this time. There is no reason to doubt Mr B's credibility as an informant of these sightings of Savile.

The opening of the Denis Hill Unit

The Senior Archivist at the Bethlem Archives and Museum was contacted, and was asked for advice about searching the archive for any reference to Savile. Founded in 1247, the Bethlem Royal Hospital is the original 'Bedlam', one of the world's oldest hospitals for the treatment of mental illness. Consequently the Bethlem museum and archive has thousands of documents and artefacts going back through the history of the Hospital. Following advice from the Chief Archivist it was decided to focus the search of the archive on the in-house staff magazines and publications as the most likely documents to have any reference to visiting VIPs and celebrities from the 1950's. All Bethlem and Maudsley in-house magazines and publications from 1953 to 1999 were searched manually. *See Appendix B*

A single reference to Savile was found in a winter 1980 edition of a Bethlem and Maudsley staff publication 'Inter Nos'. This edition contained a one page article (*Appendix D*) about the opening in September 1980 (exact date unknown) of a new interim medium secure Unit (which later became known as the Denis Hill Unit) on the Bethlem Hospital site to which Savile was invited to perform the opening ceremony. The article was written by the, Acting Senior Nursing Officer at the time and contains two photographs of Savile, one conducting

the brass band which was in attendance, and the other photograph showing Savile standing next to a dignitary with two children in the fore ground. The author tells the reader in the article that “Jimmy Savile lived up to his reputation of paying much attention to the children who were there”. She doesn’t say who the children were.

Following the find of this newsletter article from 1980, the employee database was searched for the names of staff who were employed at the Bethlem and Maudsley Hospitals in 1980, and who was still employed by the Trust today. That search threw up six names. One nurse and five estates maintenance and portering staff. *See Appendix C*

All six staff were contacted and invited to share any recollections of the visit to the Bethlem by Savile in September 1980. Only three had been at the Bethlem in 1980, the others were employed at Warlingham Park Hospital, a county hospital for the mentally ill which became part of the Bethlem and Maudsley group at a later date. Two of the remaining three had vague memories of Savile coming to the Hospital to open the unit but neither could recall any detail of the event. The other had no recollection of the event at all.

In the Psychiatrists Chair

Another line of enquiry was the contact between Savile and Dr Anthony Clare.

Dr Anthony Clare psychiatrist (1942 – 2007), was well known in the UK and Ireland as a presenter of radio and TV programmes. He worked at the Institute of Psychiatry at the Maudsley Hospital, from 1976 to 1983. He became a Senior Registrar aged 31, and researcher in the general practice research unit at the Institute of Psychiatry and later Deputy Director of the Institute's general practice research unit. He spent six years there, and during this time became a regular broadcaster, interviewing celebrities and high-achievers about their past, in BBC Radio 4's discussion programme *Stop the Week*. This led, in 1982, to ‘In the Psychiatrist's Chair’, the last series being broadcast in 2001. He left the Maudsley in 1983 when he was appointed professor of psychological medicine and head of department at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College.

In 1991 Savile gave an interview that left Dr Anthony Clare “with concerns about the broadcaster”. That interview has received much attention since the crimes that Savile committed have come to light.

There is no record of Savile ever having come to the Maudsley or Bethlem to meet Anthony Clare. And the apparent sighting of Savile on the Maudsley site in 1964/65 was nearly 30 years before his appearance on 'In the Psychiatrists Chair'.

6. Chronology of Savile's Association with SLaM

1. 1964/65 - Two sightings of Savile walking across the Maudsley site by a member of staff working in an Institute of Psychiatry building overlooking the rear of the site
2. Sept 1980 - Savile opens the Interim Medium Secure Unit at the Bethlem Hospital

7. Current Policies, Practice and Procedures

Today the Trust has many controls in place to assure the safety of children and adults in our care, these include:

- Child and adult safeguarding policies which are in line with current national policy
- Implementation and monitoring of safeguarding policies in line with national guidance
- Comprehensive system of Disclosure and Barring Services DBS (formally CRB) checks for staff and volunteers
- A zero tolerance of behaviour which may breach safeguarding policy
- Safeguarding training for all staff and volunteers, which includes awareness of types of abuse, methodology and behaviour of abusers.
- Leadership of safeguarding systems and processes and named safeguarding leads who are available to offer guidance to staff
- Close ties with Local Authority safeguarding leads
- Well publicised raising concerns, formal complaints and whistle blowing procedures
- Patient Advise and Liaison service - PALS
- The promotion of an open & transparent culture which encourages staff, patients, their families and carers to raise concerns about the quality of care experienced

All policies are based on existing national guidelines and local expectations of partner organisations involved in safeguarding vulnerable adults and children. Policies are subject to rigorous consultation within the Trust's safeguarding committees and with Local Authority leads, before being ratified as fit for purpose by the Trust Executive Committee.

Board members are responsible for assuring that the safeguarding arrangements are robust, and that vulnerable children and adults in the care of Trust services are protected. The Board receive regular reports which detail the arrangements for safeguarding vulnerable adults and children, and performance against policy standards in this area.

Having reviewed the scope and content of relevant policies, the single recommendation from this investigation is that the Trust Head of Communications should review its Communication and Media Handling policy to ensure that standards on the management of celebrity and VIP visits to Trust services are explicit, robust and consistent.

8. Overall Analysis and Conclusions

Savile is likely to have been on the Maudsley Hospital site on two occasions in the mid 1960's, and was a visitor to the Bethlem Hospital on one occasion in 1980. These contacts happened 50 and 33 years ago respectively. The investigation into them has been proportionate given the absence of any allegations, reports or rumours of wrongdoing, inappropriate or criminal behaviour by Savile or any of his associates on these occasions.

The reference in the 1980 article about Savile's appearance at the Bethlem Royal Hospital to open a new unit, 'living up to his reputation of paying much attention to the children who were there', was in the context of the time unremarkable, and in the absence of any other information, a reasonable statement to make, and is in a similar vein to many comments the media made over the years concerning Savile's charitable and celebrity activity.

The conclusion is that Savile's contacts with our hospitals were fleeting, and there is no evidence of any allegations, reports or rumours of wrongdoing, inappropriate or criminal behaviour. It is fortunate that he either chose not to target patients or staff at the Maudsley or Bethlem Hospitals as he did with other hospitals and institutions, or was not afforded the opportunity to.

The Trust now has in place safeguarding policies, systems and controls which are designed to protect vulnerable children and adults from all types of abuse and abusers. The one area of Trust policy which needs to be made more explicit is in area of planning and managing visits to the Trust by celebrities and VIPs. The single recommendation from this investigation is that Trust policy in this area should be reviewed.

9. Recommendation

There is one recommendation from this investigation.

The Trust's Head of Communication should review its Communication and Media Handling policy to ensure that standards and expectations on the management of celebrity and VIP visits to Trust services are explicit, robust and consistent.

The policy review should consider including policy standards on:

- Advance planning of VIP and celebrity visits
- Escorting VIP and celebrity visitors in clinical settings

Investigator Biography

Lead Investigator – Cliff Bean

Cliff Bean's qualifications include Registered General Nurse, Registered Mental Nurse, and a Masters Degree in Health Management at City University (1995). With considerable nursing experience in both general surgery and community mental health services, he has also managed hospital and community clinical services in acute and mental health sectors. More recently he has managed central support and governance functions including, corporate governance and risk management, clinical governance, patient safety and quality improvement. Throughout 2013, he was seconded to Monitor, the NHS Foundation Trust regulator, as a Quality Governance Associate. He has also served a term of three years as an elected member of the South London and Maudsley NHS FT's Council of Governors. He is an Associate of Maudsley International, a mental health charity, and a Visiting Senior Lecturer at Florence Nightingale School of Nursing, Kings College. His current role is Associate Director of Quality and Assurance at the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust. He has conducted a number of investigations into serious incidents in NHS services.

List of Documents Reviewed

- Operation Yewtree telephone contact proforma
- Trust medical records archives - Maudsley and Bethlem patient index cards for 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and early 1990s
- Times obituary – Dr Anthony Clare
- In house staff magazines and publications from May 1953 – March 1999
 - The Bethlem and Maudsley Gazette. May 1953 - November 1984
 - Staff bulletin Inter Nos. 1971 - 1984
 - Bethlem Broad sheet. Dec 1983 - Oct 1986
 - Maudsley News. Summer 1993 - Autumn 1996
 - Grapevine. Spring 1997 - Spring 1999
 - People Connections. Nov 1997 - June 1998
 - The Joint Hospital Messenger. Nov 1987 - Sept 1989
 - Brainwaves. April 1990 - March 1999

People Interviewed or Contacted in the course of the Investigation

- Mr B. Member of the public who worked at the Institute of Psychiatry in 1964/65
- Director of Human Resources – Institute of Psychiatry
- Senior Archivist - Bethlem Museum and Archive
- Head of Information Governance (Senior Medical Records Manager) SLAM
- Operation Yewtree Liaison Officer. Metropolitan Police Service
- Six current members of SLAM staff who were employed by the Bethlem and Maudsley in 1980;
 1. Staff Nurse
 2. Estates Maintenance Assistant
 3. Maintenance/craftsperson
 4. Painter/Decorator
 5. Gardener/Groundsman
 6. Porter

Hospital Newsletter Article from 'Inter Nos' winter 1980

OPENING OF THE INTERIM MEDIUM SECURE UNIT

The day of the official Opening of the Interim Secure Unit started with drizzle and a promise of rain for the rest of the day, and we wondered if anybody would actually come, but as the morning progressed the sun came out and by the time Jimmy Savile arrived, escorted by Juliette Wiltshire, the crowds had gathered. I understand that approximately 1,000 people attended at some time during the afternoon.



The music was very ably supplied by the R. A. M. C. Band, The Ingram Steel Band from a local school, and our own Adolescent Ward Band. After being officially met in the Administrative Building, Jimmy Savile lived up to his reputation of paying much attention to the children who were present. He even took over the conducting of the R. A. M. C. Band, to everyone's delight. The ribbon was cut by Jimmy, which pronounced the Unit officially open and

he and members of the Board were taken on a tour of the Unit before having a cup of tea and a slice of the beautiful cake made for us by Mrs. Rule and her staff.

There are so many people to thank for making the day a success and on behalf of Dr. McKeith, myself and the Staff of the Unit, I would like to express our gratitude for all the assistance we were given to make this what I consider to have been a highly successful day to mark the opening of this new venture

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ACTING SENIOR NURSING OFFICER

