

MORRIS FRASER CHRONOLOGY

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Roderick Morrison Fraser was born in Inverness, Scotland in 1944 and graduated from Queens University Belfast in 1965. MB BCh BAO.¹ Gained Diploma in Psychological Medicine (DPM) 1969 at Royal College of Physicians, Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin. MRCPsych qualification 1972

1971-73 Morris Fraser, Chief Psychiatric Registrar at Royal Hospital Belfast, cited in Irish, UK and US newspapers on effects of Troubles on vulnerable children. Responsibilities for Falls Road clinic and (from mid 1972) associated Lissue children's psychiatric hospital (25 inpatients, 5 day patients).

1971 June Fraser and London 'friend' Ian Bell take young boy scouts to Downhill in Co Derry. Fraser and Bell share separate tent each with boy scout. Both boys and third boy invited to accompany Fraser and Bell to London in August.

1971 19 August Fraser sends 13-year-old letter with references to past and proposed future abusive events.

1971 27-30 August Fraser sexually assaults 13-year-old member of his Belfast boy scout troop, one of three boys Fraser brought to 13 Blomberg Street, London, 10-year-old assaulted also by Ian Bell. One more adult (the owner) and boy scout present in 13 Blomberg Street London apartment. Children given alcohol throughout weekend.

1971 Sept-Oct 13-year-old admitted to hospital, which notifies RUC that he showed physical signs of having been 'interfered' with.

1971 21 October RUC detective constable Mack takes Fraser statement admitting abusing boy, mentioning Ian Bell and circumstances of London visit. Fraser remains in post. No media reports.

1971 Oct-Nov Detective Rich of London Metropolitan police questions Ian Bell. Takes over prosecution of Fraser and Bell.

(1971 November Fraser, as part of 8-man paedophile group, abuses 14 boys. Revealed over 18 months later, 4 May 1973 in *New York Times*.)

1972 17 May Fraser given conditional discharge at Bow Street Magistrates' Court London, after pleading guilty to sexually assaulting 13-year-old, bound over for three years, seven days. Ian Bell charged similarly, separately, of assaulting 10-year-old (bailed to 25 May, 26 July sittings, then to Crown Court), changed plea to guilty, six-months suspended. Fraser appears 9.35pm, Bell after 11pm. No media report. Fraser remains in medical post.

1972 25 May Fraser leads *Irish Times* report on saving NI's children in speech (24 May) to NSPCC at Ulster Polytechnic, Jordanstown (later Univ. of Ulster).

¹ The letters BAO stand for *Baccalaureus in Arte Obstetricia* (Bachelor of Obstetrics), a degree unique to Ireland which the Irish universities added in the 19th century as the legislation at the time insisted on a final examination in obstetrics.

- 1972 Approx May-June** Fraser, Senior Registrar at Lissue children's psychiatric hospital, appointed medical manager.
- 1972 73** Metropolitan Police (25 May 1972) and RUC (July 1972) send Certificate of Conviction to General medical Council. Council attempt to convene disciplinary panel on Fraser hampered initially by Metropolitan Police, then consistently by RUC. RUC deny GMC access to investigating officers and to abused boy's family.
- 1972 24 April** GMC asks Fraser for response to May 1972 London conviction.
- 1973 4 May** *Belfast Telegraph* front-page headline, 'Belfast child psychiatrist charged'. Fraser and seven men arrested 3 May Riverhead New York, 27 counts of conspiracy, sodomy and sexual abuse involving 15 boys. *New York Times*, other US media, also cover arrest. Variations appeared the following day in *Belfast Newsletter* and *Irish News*, plus *London Times*, *Daily Express*, *Daily Mail* and *Guardian*. Fraser suspended from Belfast medical post.
- 1973 5 May** *Belfast Telegraph* reports Fraser claim innocent of US charges.
- 1973 6 May** *Sunday Times* publishes part-two serialisation of Fraser's *Children in Conflict*. Short news report of Fraser innocence claim. Book published following day. Newspapers publicise and positively review book.
- 1973 11 May** 'Certificate of conviction' sent to the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority by Bow Street Magistrates' Court. Note: one year after Fraser conviction.
- 1973 14 May** General Medical Council confirm to NI Hospitals Authority Fraser 17 May London conviction.
- 1973 15 June** GMC charges Fraser with 'serious professional misconduct'.
- 1973 June-July** Fraser seeks support. Director of Lissue children's psychiatric unit, Dr William Nelson, writes two letters on Fraser for GMC, 6, 11 July 1973. Confirms Fraser's Lissue responsibilities and states that, with satisfactory GMC outcome, he would have Fraser, a convicted abuser, back working in Lissue.
- 1973 16 July** Fraser appears before Fitness to Practice Committee of GMC. No reference to US arrest. First ever public reference to May 1972 UK conviction. Finding of professional misconduct due to brief 'single sordid sexual episode' with drug addicted 'sophisticated' 13-year-old boy. No reference to Bow Street co-accused Ian Bell, or abuse of second 10-year-old boy. Metropolitan police detective (Rich) and RUC Officer (Mack) at hearings. Committee postpone sanction decision until March 1974. Fraser undergoes psychiatric treatment.
- 1973 18 July** *Belfast Telegraph* plus London newspapers report GMC finding that Fraser 'guilty of misconduct' as a result of May 1972 conviction in. First media report of 1972 conviction (media fail to note implications of this information). No media reference to US arrest since May 1973, at any stage – US arrest disappears from UK-Irish media reports. Fraser elaborates on circumstances in *Belfast Telegraph* report. Media fail to notice glaring anomalies in published information, fail to follow up.
- 1973 4 August** *British Medical Journal Supplement* publishes detailed account of Fraser hearing. No further media interest.
- 1973 (late)** Fraser visits British Army HQ Northern Ireland. Army officer records Fraser's name on document used by Colin Wallace to brief press about Kincora child sexual abuse (see Paul Foot, *Who Framed Colin Wallace*, 1989, p452).
- 1974 28 February** Fraser appears in NY court, pleads to guilty of 'attempted sodomy of three boys', two under 14, one under 11 years old.
- 1974 11-13 March** GMC Committee consider Fraser judgement again, postpone again. No reference to US guilty plea. Then Conservative MP Patrick Mayhew is 'legal

assessor'. Later, Mayhew was longest serving British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, from 1992-97, and also 1987-92 British Attorney General.

- 1974 21 June** Fraser convicted of 'attempted Sodomy 2nd Degree' Suffolk County Court New York. No reference to UK conviction in probation report. Sentenced again to conditional discharge. Court rules that Fraser undergoes psychiatric evaluation and treatment. Orders deportation from, no re-entry to, US. No media reports.
- 1974 July** GMC postpone Fraser decision for further twelve months. However, 'note[d] with satisfaction the evidence which has been presented to them today regarding your conduct and your continued response to treatment...'. No reference (ever) to US arrest and conviction.
- 1974** Pelican edition of Fraser's *Children in Conflict* (by convicted paedophile) noted that Fraser 'now a psychiatrist at Springfield Hospital London'.
- 1975 July** Having failed to take into account Fraser's USA conviction, GMC determined:
- The evidence as to your continued response to treatment since July 1974 which has been presented to the Committee today, has enabled them to feel satisfied that it will now be proper to discharge your case. Your case is accordingly now concluded.*
- Fraser stated (*Guardian* 15 July) 'no restrictions on his practising'.
- 1977 January** Fraser published *The Death of Narcissus*. In the words of enthusiastic 8 January 1977 *Irish Times* review, 'a study of paedophilia and its effect on certain writers', which Terence de Vere White thought evinced 'literary sensitivity' on 'every page'. Fraser fortunate also in obtaining reviews in the *Guardian*, *Observer* and *Times* that, again, devote space to consideration of his output.
- 1977** US edition of *Children in Conflict* (by deported paedophile author) published by Basic Books. Introduction by Anthony Storr, who reviewed *Children in Conflict* in Sunday Times in 1973. Storr aware of Fraser paedophile convictions, as Storr used at GMC by Fraser for support since 1973. Flyleaf states mistakenly Fraser still Chief Psychiatric Registrar Royal Hospital Belfast.
- 1978 19 October** Fraser, as 'child psychiatrist', presents item on Peter Pan creator J.M. Barrie on BBC Radio Four *Kaleidoscope* programme. Andrew Birkin, author of BBC Barrie series (and Barrie biographer), thinks Fraser a fraud. Fraser admits privately to Birkin he is a paedophile and deported from US.
- 1978 17 February** Fraser writes on 'Child Pornography in *New Statesman*. Regular *New Society* contributor to 1985.
- 1979** Penguin edition of *Children in Conflict* published (previously, Pelican).
- 1981** Fraser and Peter Righton contribute chapters to *Perspectives on Paedophilia*. Righton later revealed as notorious paedophile and Fraser as close associate. Righton obtained in 1981 Fraser reference in professional capacity (on Great Ormond Street Hospital notepaper), aimed at lifting teaching ban (due to abuse) on fellow career paedophile and PIE member, Charles Napier. Book edited by Sussex sociologist Brian Taylor (aka, secretly, 'Humphrey Barton', PIE 'information officer').
- 1982** Medical Directory lists Fraser as a Consultant Psychiatrist at University College Hospital London. British Medical Journal cites Fraser as child expert.
- 1985** Fraser promotes over one and a half pages on French paedophile educational operation 'Ecole en Bateau' in *New Society*.
- 1988** Fraser and Michael Johnson set up Cornwall based sailing charity for disadvantaged boys: Azimuth Trust (based on similar French paedophile operation Ecole en Bateau that Fraser praised in *New Society* article). Fraser selects boys to sail with Johnson.

- 1988** Fraser cited in psychiatrist bulletin for inspiration and textual advice article on psychiatrists' views of child sexual abuse.
- 1990 24 January** Fraser charged at Bow Street Magistrates' Court with taking and distributing over 1,000 indecent images of children.
- 1992 23 April** Fraser jailed for one year.
- 1994 Feb** Azimuth Trust's Michael Johnson jailed four years on six specimen counts of indecent assault against two boys aged 9 and 11. Fraser not prosecuted.
- 1994 1 June** BBC *Inside Story* profile of Peter Righton contains section on Fraser. States that still on medical register. Registration officer states that Fraser suitable to examine 9-year-old boy. GMC spokesperson states to BBC that Fraser has promised not to practice as doctor.
- 1995 November** Fraser given conditional discharge for assisting friend and fellow paedophile, Terence Waters, to take 'indecent' photographs of children.
- 1995 December** Fraser volunteers to vacate medical register, after increasing media interest. Is believed to have moved to Amsterdam.
- 2015** Williamson House, Kincora Boys Home and Elm Guest House victim Richard Kerr alleges Fraser had access to all of the children's homes in Belfast and abused him. Dr William Nelson 6 July 1973 letter to GMC on Fraser's behalf supports claim of Fraser interaction with child-workers allocating children to different institutions.

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