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REPORT

NO-A242, Dob DPA 72, B/O with Father, DPA
DPA

COMPLAINT OF SEXUAL ABUSE

16.02.88 - 6.05pm Whilst visiting the foster home today, I was handed a letter by Father which he had received from NO-A242 this morning. (Copy of letter attached). He told me that NO-A242 had spoken to the child minder about the contents of the letter the previous week. She had recommended that NO-A242 tell her dad (Father) and the letter was the result.

I told Father that I would contact him tomorrow about what would be done about the allegation.

17.02.88 - 9.00am Informed Steve Weisz, Area Director of the letter.

Then informed Margaret Pimlott, Senior Social Worker. After a discussion it was decided that I would visit the foster home and talk to NO-A242 about the contents of the letter.

- 10.00am Informed Police at Radford Road Police Station of the allegations for their information only at present.

- 6.15pm Visited the foster home and talked with NO-A242 in her bedroom. She told me that she had found it difficult to speak to her dad (Father) about the allegation so she had written the letter.

She then told me the allegations had been going on every time she spent a holiday with NO-F88 and Wife. They took place at : 1. the foster home, DPA, DPA, at 2. the chalet at DPA and 3. whilst at a holiday camp at DPA. At no time was anyone else in the room.

1. At the foster home, Wife was out in the kitchen cooking, NO-A243 was upstairs with Name Redacted, 20 yrs and Name Redacted, 18 yrs another foster child. NO-F88 would ask her to come and sit next to him on the settee, and although she said she wanted to watch the television, NO-F88 told her she could watch that whilst he was doing it. She then asked him why he wanted to do it and he replied "because you're attractive". She went to sit next to him and he touched her on her bust and vagina over her clothes. She alleged this took place every morning and night each day she was with them. She was always fully clothed.

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2. At the chalet at [DPA], [Wife] and [NO-A243] had usually gone out shopping when the incidents took place. On one occasion [NO-F88] gave her 20p afterwards which she spent on the machines.

3. At [DPA] the incidents also took place in a chalet and the others were around the camp. At no time did [NO-A242] touch [NO-F88] and he never asked her to touch him. [NO-F88] asked [NO-A242] to promise not to tell anyone, especially not the social worker, and she did promise.

I informed [Father] of what [NO-A242] had told me, with her agreement.

- 18.02.88 Informed Steve Weisz, the Area Director, and Moira McKechnie of the results of my interview with [NO-A242].
- 24.02.88 Visited the foster home in company with Detective WPC's Barnfather and Fowles-Smith and was present when they interviewed [NO-A242] and obtained a statement.
- 26.02.88 Visited Clifton Police Station and informed Acting D/S Leighton of the background of [NO-A242] and also of the illness of [NO-F88]. I stressed that the Area Director wished to be consulted before any visit was made to interview [NO-F88] and this he promised to do.

[NO-A242] has been in the care of Notts Social Services since [DPA] 1975 and has been boarded out with [Father] [Father], [DPA] since that date. For approximately 3 years (1983-86) [NO-A242] and [NO-A243] spent 2 weeks of the school summer holidays with foster parents, [NO-F88] and [Wife], [DPA] and this is when the allegations have apparently taken place.

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REVIEW REPORT

NAME OF CHILD:

Name Redacted
Name Redacted

D.o.B.

DPA 74.
DPA 79.

FOSTER PARENTS:

NO-F88 & Wife

PRESENT ADDRESS:

DPA

HOME ADDRESS:

DPA

REVIEW HELD ON: 10.5.88. AT: East Area Office

PRESENT:

APOLOGIES:

NOT INVITED:

- A.R.Holmes Area Director, East Area
- Ann Humphreys Social Worker, East Area
- Jo Browne Senior SFC Worker, East Area
- Mary Needham Link Social Worker, South Area
- Moirra McKecknie Senior SFC Worker, South Area

DATE OF LAST REVIEW:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF LAST REVIEW:

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST REVIEW: (Paying attention to health, welfare, conduct and general progress of child. Relationships in foster home, access to and relationships with natural family, progress at school, college or work).

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

The purpose of this review is to decide if this placement should continue in the light of the disclosure of inappropriate sexual behaviour by NO-F88 in the past.

DPA

(Signed).....
Social Worker

DISCUSSION AT REVIEW:

Tony Holmes said that we should focus our discussion on the welfare of the boys. Steve Weisz has already spoken to Rod Jones, who said that he believed that the credibility of the Department would stand up as long as our professional decision was made based on the welfare of the children. South Area will definitely not use the home again following the disclosure of (1) [NO-A242], who claimed that [NO-F88] touched her private parts on top of her clothing several times on holiday in [DPA], and (2) [NO-A243], her brother, who disclosed that [NO-F88] pushed him on the bed and bounced on top of him though [NO-A243] didn't know why (approx. 5 years ago).

Moira has checked out with the [NO-F88]'s doctor who said [NO-F88]'s life expectancy is poor. He is very frail and hospital can give no further treatment. [Wife] was shocked at the disclosure and physically trembled. She was apologetic, unable to believe it happened, no aggression but very loyal to [NO-F88]. Mary has seen her several times and she has never denied it to her. Moira and Ann have both had denials from her - [Wife] couldn't believe it happened, couldn't see when or how - "it couldn't possibly have happened".

Tony Holmes expressed concern if [Wife] is denying, as the degree of protection might be less than it should. He asked about [Wife]'s perception of the boys. Mary said she is very protective. Jo Browne said that we need to address the issue of whether we would wish them to stay long term if the decision following the NSPCC assessment of parents is that they do not go home. Everyone felt that the boys should stay at least until the assessment is finished. This on the understanding that [Wife] takes on board the fact that they are under her protection.

The facts are:

- 1) [NO-F88] sexually abused children in his care.
- 2) [Wife] didn't know so failed to protect.
- 3) There is a present risk.
- 4) Moving the children does more damage than we recognise.

In spite of the risk the boys are happy in the placement, their social, emotional and educational needs are being met. It was felt that [Wife] would be more protective than ever in the light of the disclosure, as her own reputation is at stake and that is very important to her in her standing in the family and the neighbourhood. Mary said that [School] knows of the disclosure and so will be on the lookout for anything untoward in the boys behaviour.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The boys should stay with the [NO-F88]s until the assessment is completed.
2. Moira will see [Wife] and reinforce the need for protection.
3. Further meeting will be convened.

DPA

(Signed)

Social Worker