

DETAILS AND RELEVANT INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING THE PERSON WHOM THE ALLEGATION HAS BEEN MADE

Details of the adult of concern:

[NO-F91] DOB: [DPA] 1938 (Previous Local Authority Foster Carer)

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[NO-F91] is married to [NO-F92] DOB: [DPA]/1938.

DETAILS OF THE ALLEGATION/ INCIDENT

The Chair informed that Valda Murray, Supervising Social Worker, recently undertook a visit to [NO-A249], as a result of an expression of interest in becoming a Foster Carer. During the visit, [NO-A249] reported that she was in care as a child and made a disclosure that [NO-F91] exposed himself to her and made her do things, including watching pornographic films. The Chair asked Ms Murray if [NO-A249] expanded on the things that [NO-F91] made her do; Ms Murray replied that she did not.

The Chair noted that [NO-A249] did not make a disclosure as a child; however, she did write a letter to Police at a later date. Phil Morgan, Fostering Team Manager, informed that the letter related to the physical abuse by [NO-F92]. Ms Murray confirmed that there have been no previous allegations of sexual assault by [NO-A249] regarding [NO-F91].

The Chair highlighted that [NO-A249] has reported that her brother, [Sibling], was also physically assaulted by [NO-F92]. The Chair asked if any Police action was taken. Ms Murray said that this was not known but noted that [NO-A249] has stated there was also another young person in placement at the time.

Mr Morgan reported that in 1983, [NO-A249] ran away from the Foster Placement to Step Grandmother's house; [NO-A249] told her Step Grandmother about the physical abuse and this was reported to the Police. Following this, Police interviewed [NO-A249] and [NO-F92].

Mr Morgan informed that a case conference was convened on 10/02/1983. The conference was held regarding the assault of [NO-A249] by [NO-F92] with a leather belt, which resulted in [NO-A249] attending Accident and Emergency and being admitted to hospital for two days. The conference recommended that [NO-F92] was prosecuted and [NO-A249] was put on the Child Protection Register. A Fostering Panel was convened around the time of the 21/02/1983 (exact date not known due to minutes not being available, date taken from the report prepared for the meeting). Both the conference and

the Fostering Panel recommended that the couple were no longer used as Foster Carers and it was thought that they were de-registered in 1983.

The Chair asked if [NO-A249] has spoken to the Police. Ms Murray replied that [NO-A249] has not spoken to the Police as they were awaiting the outcome of today's meeting. The Chair asked if [NO-A249] is willing for the allegation to be investigated; Ms Murray informed that she is.

The Chair asked for further detail of the disclosure. Ms Murray informed [NO-A249] reported that on two occasions, [NO-F91] made her sit next to him whilst watching a pornographic film; [NO-F91] exposed himself to [NO-A249] and asked her to touch his penis, to which she said no. [NO-A249] has also stated that [NO-F91] asked her inappropriate questions although further details are not known to Ms Murray.

DETAILS, BACKGROUND OF THE PERSON MAKING THE ALLEGATION AND CONTEXT OF THE ALLEGED INCIDENT

The Chair referred to the historic files regarding [NO-A249] and asked if there was any detail regarding the alleged incident or any changes of behaviour noted in [NO-A249] during the time she stayed with [NO-F91 & NO-F92]. Mr Morgan replied that there was no information to that effect and there was little detail contained within the files. The Chair advised that further information is required and suggested the files should be further explored.

The Chair highlighted that [NO-A249] has also disclosed being subject to inappropriate kissing and touching by [NO-F92] Father. The Chair asked for details of [NO-F92] Father. Ms Murray said that she did not know his name and due to [NO-F92] age, she would presume that he was deceased. The Chair advised that further details were required. The Chair queried if there was any mention of [NO-F92] Father in the records; Mr Morgan replied that he had not found anything.

Mr Morgan informed that [NO-F91 & NO-F92] had two children of their own living in the property during the time of [NO-A249] placement; a daughter [Name Redacted] aged approximately 20 and a son [Name Redacted] aged approximately 17. Ms Murray reported that the daughter left shortly after [NO-A249] arrived but the son lived there for a period of time.

The Chair asked why [NO-A249] was in care. Ms Murray explained that Ms [NO-A249] was in care [Irrelevant]

[Irrelevant] Mr Morgan noted that [NO-A249] was in [NO-F91 & NO-F92] care from [DPA /1980 to [DPA /1983.

The Chair questioned if any of the other children in placement raised concerns regarding [NO-F91 & NO-F92]. Mr Morgan reported that an anonymous referral was made in 1982 regarding the physical abuse of [Name Redacted] [Name Redacted], a young person in placement with [NO-F91 & NO-F92] at the same time as [NO-A249]. The outcome of the referral was not known.