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Conversation with Mr West on [DPA] on 11th February

He told me he is interested in the inspection report on St Benedict's. It's on their website. He is interested in safeguarding issues given the recent case there. He is interested in the reference to the independent review undertaken after the recent safeguarding case. He believes it doesn't exist. He said the latest versions of the school's child protection policies are dated 1st September. He met with the abbot on 10th September and at that point was not told that a review had happened. A review was promised by the abbot in a letter to parents on 2nd October on the day that Father David Pearce was sentenced. The promise was also made in response to the charity commission enquiry and they reported that it had been promised but not received in December. In January in the local paper the abbot again promised that it would take place. In addition he assumes that since the events came to pass since the last inspection ISI will have received a notification from DCSF and I said that the procedure was that DCSF passes on such information. He said he wants to know what is going on. I said I would need to consult with colleagues but we would look into these points.

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