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14th September 1998

Dear,

**RE: ST LEONARD'S CHILDRENS HOME - HORNCHURCH**

Some considerable time ago, you were one of many residents at St. Leonard's. Following a number of complaints by ex-residents, the Director of Social Services for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, has asked the Police, to undertake an investigation regarding inappropriate behaviour by staff employed at St. Leonard's. This will be carried out by the Police Child Protection Team for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and the investigation has the full support of the Borough's Social Services Department.

It is clearly in the best interests of all parties, that the Police investigation should be as thorough and complete as possible. You will appreciate, that any assistance which the police receive, will help ensure a valid and worthwhile outcome of the investigation.

In order to facilitate the investigation, we are writing to all former residents of St. Leonard's whose whereabouts are known, seeking their assistance with the enquiry.

It is hoped that your time at St. Leonard's, has left you with only happy memories, but even so, we would still wish to hear from you.

Please complete the enclosed pro-forma and return it to the enquiry team in the pre-paid envelope enclosed.

Alternatively, please make contact by telephone, on DPA this number has an ansaphone facility and your call will be returned by a member of the enquiry team.

If you choose to make contact by telephone, please leave your name and contact telephone number.

It is particularly important, that as many former residents as possible are contacted. If you are still in contact with, or know the whereabouts of, any other former residents, please include these on the pro-forma.

It is appreciated that whilst some former residents will be eager to assist the investigation, others will be reluctant to do so. In appealing for your assistance, we ask that you give thought to the importance of this exercise for some former residents. Please help us make this a thorough investigation.

Please be assured, that any contact you make, will be treated with the utmost sensitivity and absolute confidentiality.

Yours sincerely

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**Detective Inspector**  
**Child Protection Team**

**John THESIGER**  
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**Tower Hamlets Social Services**