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To:  
All parents of children using Ivy House  
Denise Wright - MENCAP  
Heather Parker - Headmistress, Shelley School ✓  
Gabrielle Riley - Headmistress, Windmill School

Dear *Parent,*

Ivy House

I have heard with considerable concern of the rumours which are currently circulating with reference to alleged sexual abuse by staff of a child who recently spent a short period at Ivy House.

I think you should know that, shortly after the child's return home, her parents reported their fears to the police. The police carried out a formal investigation, but could find no evidence to substantiate a charge against any member of staff at Ivy House. They decided not to proceed in the matter. Concurrently, and following notification to this Directorate of the allegations, an Internal Management Inquiry was also carried out. The members of the Inquiry panel could find no evidence to support the allegations, or to indicate that there had been any improper behaviour on the part of staff towards children resident at the home.

I do hope, therefore, that this letter will now put an end to any rumours or speculation on this matter, so that Ivy House can offer you a continued high level of respite care for your child.

Yours sincerely,

**DPA**

R. Osmond  
Director of Social Services



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