

Your Reference

Our Reference DPA

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LA-F12

LA-F12's job title

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re LA-F12

I refer to the decision to institute further enquiries into Parents of LA-A26's allegations that their daughter LA-A26 was sexually abused by you and I am writing to explain my intention in more detail.

As I previously explained to you following a meeting with Stepfather of LA-A26 and his solicitor at which they drew attention to the absence of a Race Relations Adviser and a worker with specialist knowledge of child sexual abuse on the original panel, together with Parents of LA-A26's continuing belief that LA-A26 had been sexually abused, I agreed to institute further enquiries.

I am pleased to say that the NSPCC have agreed to assist and that Mrs. Ann Banister will act as an independent adviser to the panel. The membership of the panel will be Waverney Williams Area Co-ordinator 8, Josie Durrant Principal Officer Childrens Day Care and a Race Relations Adviser and a Personnel Officer from other Directorates. The Terms of Reference for the enquiry are as follows:-

"To investigate the allegations made by Parents of LA-A26 that when resident at Ivy House, their daughter LA-A26, was sexually abused by LA-F12, DPA and also to consider any other explanation or the possible involvement of other persons in this matter".

As you will see, I intend that the panel will have a rather more wide-ranging brief and to consider other occasions when LA-A26 was resident at Ivy House and other persons known to her.

The panel will begin their deliberations on the 20/24 June and will wish to interview witnesses from amongst staff at Ivy House, the LA-A26's family and anyone else. Ann Banister has agreed to report to the panel by the 15 July and I am asking for a final report to me by 31 July 1986 although recognising that this may depend on the extent of the enquiries.

In all the circumstances, I consider that it would be in your own best interest if you would not undertake your normal duties at Ivy House during the time of the enquiries and I invite you to take special leave between the 20 June and 31 July 1986. That period may be extended if



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the panel require more time for their deliberations in that case I will write to you again. I very well appreciate your feelings and ^{the} demands and pressures on you in the light of the second enquiry and hope that the work will be completed expeditiously in everyones best interest.

I am sure that you will wish to consult with your solicitor and Trade Union representative and look forward to hearing from you. If you require further information and clarification then don't hesitate to consult Don Thomas, Mrs. Lavender or myself.

Yours sincerely,

DPA

R.N. Osmond
Director of Social Services

cc: Chair & Vice Chair
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