

Further Corrections to Transcript

Page 4 ID « but it's certainly not HER signature » not "a" signature

Page 5 Gordon Littlemore was still in post on 5 March 1991 because he took part in the strategy meeting on that date. I believe he resigned on 7th March 1991 when the Middleton Wardship judgement was made public. So it was sometime after this point that I became Acting DSS but I am unsure as to when exactly. Presumably Rochdale MBC could confirm this.

Page 8 VM's comments about change of emphasis. Please refer to the Community Care article provided which I think gives a good summary of how I led the Department post Middleton cases particularly ref parental involvement. I have also made the point in my previous submission that in any case any issue about "hesitancy to go in and intervene in family circumstances" did not apply in this case where all the boys were in a residential school.

Page 15 Guidelines Sub Committee. I have given further thought to this and what is clear is that the Guidelines Sub Committee did not /would not have had a role in considering specific cases. Their role was to keep policies and procedures up to date. These sorts of Sub Committees still exist and support Children's Safeguarding Boards now. They do NOT consider individual cases.

Where did Mrs Mellor get this information from? As far as I know she and I never met nor had any contact. So most likely she got it from DOE who commissioned report but there is no reference to this anywhere else. If such a thing did happen it would surely have got into the chronology.

I believe the most likely explanation here is that Mrs Mellor slightly understood what she was being told about the 2/3 specific cases which were deemed not to meet the Guidelines for child to child sex abuse.

Page 19 "A copy of YOUR report "is mentioned twice. This doesn't make sense. Presumably it should read "a copy of HIS ie PS report"

Pages 24-5 Please see my notes headed "Additional Information" re assessment of risk, need for urgency etc