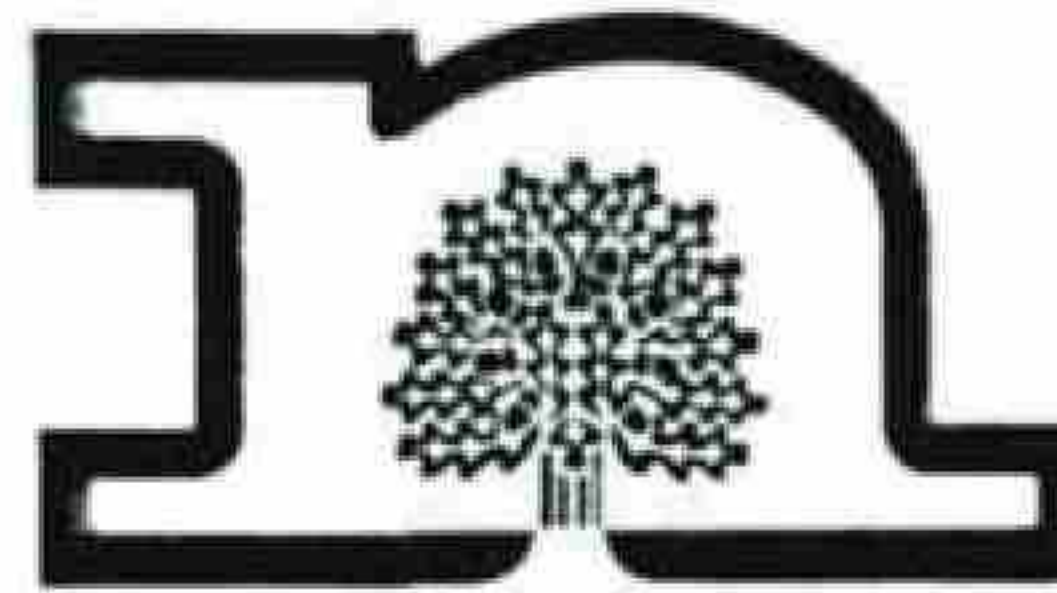


Memorandum

Social Services

to Joyce Smith, AFO, Children's Div. from Senior Professional Officer (Adoption & Fostering)
Elaine White, SSW, BFA Unit,
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Rushcliffe Area Office

Your ref
Our ref CH/SD/MW
Please ask for Sarah Davis
Tel extension **DPA**
Date 23.11.89



c.c. Judith Dawson, PPO
(Child Protection)
c.c. Rod Jones, PA (Child Care)

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Carer Abuse Investigative Group

Thank you for agreeing to be a member of this group. I enclose a copy of Rod Jones memo to the Area Managers, which describes the expectations on the group. I will convene your first meeting, at which I guess you will want to clarify the task in detail, and clarify what you need to know, and would want to do, in order to help you carry out the task. I would therefore propose to be at your first meeting to answer any immediate questions on this. Karen Helliwell, my Clerk, will be in contact to suggest dates.

Meanwhile, would you like to keep a note in your Diary of the NFCA Course coming up on "Managing Allegations of Carer Abuse", January 26th, which would perhaps be useful for one of you to attend. Also could you be thinking of a foster carer who might also be appropriate to attend this Course who could then give the group some feedback from their perspective? I would be happy to identify finance from here to support yours/their attendance.

In view of the time it has taken to identify the group, you may feel that the target date is now unrealistic. However the task is potentially boundless, and you/we ∴ will need parameters of what is possible to achieve now, and I would ∴ expect to clarify an anticipated completion date at your first meeting.

Thank you very much for your offer of help. I hope this will prove, for you and the Department, to be a valuable process and that we can as a result of it provide much needed guidance for the future.

DPA

Sarah Davis,
Senior Professional Officer (Adoption & Fostering).

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