

Memorandum

to

Area Directors

c.c. For information
Senior Management Group
Children's DMT/P/SPO's
Area Admin Officers
GHPSW: EDT
Court Sect: Brook St: END: SFU
Notts/NSPCC Ch Prot Team
County Solicitor FAO Spicer

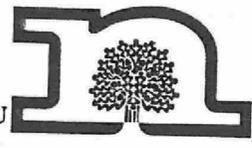
Nottinghamshire County Council
ICSA Request - Corporate Statement
NCC Response - Documentation
File Principles
Allegations of Abuse by F.P's

Social Services

from

Assistant Director

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Your ref

Our ref

CH/RMJ/EC

Please ask for

Tel extension

Mr. Watkins

DPA

Date

9 March 1989

FOR ACTION

CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS: CHILDREN IN CARE AND LIVING IN A DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLD

ie Boarded Out Children, Those Placed for Adoption, Under Charge and Control etc

Following our recent experience in a number of cases, and concerns this has raised, will you please ensure that there is no doubt in the mind of your senior officers that allegations/investigations of child abuse should follow the child abuse procedure where the child is living in a domestic household. There is no exception for children in care, whether they are boarded out, placed for adoption, placed under charge and control of a person, or otherwise placed in a household. There is no exception for children placed by another area or local authority; nor any exception because of the nature of the alleged abuse, or its fatality.

This means that the CM4 should be completed, as in other cases, within 24 hours of the onset of the allegations/investigations. Children's Division (PPO - Child Protection or the Principal Assistant - Child Protection) should be alerted by this.

In view of the seriousness of any alleged abuse by a foster or adoptive parent of a child within our care, I will expect the Area Director to arrange immediate notification about the involvement of a substitute family resource to the Principal Assistant - Child Care or the SPO - Fostering and Adoption.

Thank you for your co-operation.

DPA

Assistant Director
(Children's Division)