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NO-F111 and Wife

**DPA**

Dear NO-F111 and Wife

The Family Placement Panel met on 13 August 1997 to consider your re-approval as foster carers for Nottinghamshire County Council.

Adele Faulkner began by outlining your history as carers for the past 17 years and several members of the Panel who personally knew you were also able to bear testament to some of the very successful placements made with you - of significant note were those of [Name Redacted], [Name Redacted], [Name Redacted], [Name Redacted] and indeed [Name Redacted] who is still with you.

Kay Beswick presented your response to the report and the Panel acknowledged the allegations made against you. The Panel was particularly concerned to hear that you had felt unsupported during this time as Adele had visited and offered support to [Wife] - I understand NO-F111 did not wish to be present. It was Adele who put you in touch with Kay Beswick whose role it is to specifically support carers in your situation.

In the end the Panel were left having to decide whether the Authority could place further children with you knowing that there had been two allegations of sexual abuse by two different girls - one of which had been witnessed by a third girl. Obviously, since the completion of the police investigation we have no proof either way that these events occurred, but we do know that neither girl has withdrawn their statement and that the allegations still stand.

In these circumstances we have no alternative but to conclude that we are not able to take any further risk in placing foster children with you and the Panel regretfully has withdrawn your registration as foster carers.

In view of the fact that this matter remains unresolved we are not able to place any further children with you and have therefore, regretfully, withdrawn your registration as foster carers for Nottinghamshire Social Services Department.

I should be happy to meet with you personally in order to clarify and discuss any outstanding issues that you may have as a result of this decision

Yours sincerely

**DPA**

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