



This matter is being dealt with by:

Dawn Godfrey

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07 May 2013

Dear **Names Redacted**

Re: Termination of Approval (Regulation 28:12 Fostering Services Regulations 2011)

I have read the minutes of the Independent Review Mechanism Review, held on 10 April 2013, and I have taken into consideration the professional judgments exercised by the panel members in the making of their recommendation. I have also taken into account the professional judgements made by the Fostering Panel held on 20 November 2012.

It is recognised that you are providing a loving, nurturing home to **Name Redacted** and remain committed to him and his care. There is a difference, however, between the role of public parent (ie foster carer) and private parent, and the different responsibilities and accountabilities which arise from these roles.

It remains my view that the National Minimum Standards are not met, specifically Standard 4 – "Safeguarding Children". On weighing up the evidence it is my decision that you are not suitable to continue to act as foster carers for Nottinghamshire County Council and that your approval is terminated with effect from 03 June 2013.

The reasons for my decision are as follows:

1. Your serious failure to safeguard both your own looked after child and another looked after child, in spite of knowing the risks posed, resulting in serious harm.
2. Your management of risk has been seriously flawed, calling into question your judgement in terms of risk assessment and safeguarding.
3. Lack of sustained change following previous reviews after allegations. An example of this is allowing **Name Redacted** mother to care for **Name Redacted** without proper safeguards in place for him and other children, ~~and without~~ the expressed permission of the Fostering Service.
4. The ongoing lack of trust between you and the Fostering Service.

In making this decision, I recognise the impact of my decision upon **Name Redacted** and, also, upon you as his carers. There will need to be a review of **Name Redacted** care plan for, if there is not a change in his legal status, he will need to move from your care and this should be done in a planned way. As such, your approval as foster carers is extended to 03 June 2013.

This concludes this agency's decision making in respect of your suitability to continue to act as foster carers.

Yours sincerely

DPA

Dawn Godfrey
Agency Decision Maker

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