

File Note re Ranskill Gardens 9/12/03

I visited Ranskill Gardens on the 8th December and was able to establish the following detail regarding the alleged sexual assault by **Child** on

NO-A479

Where the alleged sexual assault occurred has not yet been established although it may have been outside in the dark. Saturday the 29th November and Wednesday the 3rd of December.

When I interviewed staff they said that **NO-A479** used to be on one to one supervision but have not been on this level for a while. I noted that **NO-A479**'s risk assessment stated that she should be on one to one. Staff seemed to think that the risk assessment could have been updated since current date of 16/10/03 but could not find another. The manager informed me that he thought that this had been updated since the alleged incident but this clearly had not happened. Staff reported that the key worker had been on days off since the incident and wouldn't have had time to do it yet.

I informed the manager that the risk assessment should be reviewed immediately and that this should be faxed to the NCSC. Also that systems appeared to be failing in terms of the correct information, which should be available to all staff.

I also discussed the following with the manager: The risk assessment stated that should **NO-A479** abscond, the staff should look for her and if she cannot be found the police should be called. I noted that on one occasion these procedures were not followed and **NO-A479** came back almost an hour later without staff phoning the police. Again the staff were unclear regarding the procedure and timescales

After the allegation, the staff reported this to the manager who was present in the building at the time. He reported that he contacted EDT immediately who noted the incident and said that it would be dealt with the next morning. The manager also contacted the service manager who also advised that this would be dealt with on the following morning.

Staff did consider the possible need for medical intervention and a decision was made that, other than the medical procedures, which would be decided, the next morning, that immediate medical attention was not needed.

The manager informed me that he spoke with the waking night staff and sleep in person and asked that they ensured that someone stay outside the areas of all young peoples bedrooms. I could not speak to those staff concerned or see that this was noted down on any of the running records, message book or handover sheets although all staff interviewed confirmed this to be the case.

The staff reported that **NO-A479** has had support from staff who have taken her out to McDonalds/walks etc. The running records are not reflective of the chronology of events for example no mention of the medical etc. records did state however that staff had taken **NO-A479** to the doctors **Irrelevant**

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All of these issues were fed back to the manager and I should be able to address through the report, as this was an unannounced inspection.

I have spoken to the assistant manager at **DPA** road where **Child** is now placed who assured me that they have enough staff to monitor the young people there effectively (extra staff have been brought in). They know **Child** well and say that risk assessments for him and another young female

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who may be particularly vulnerable have been updated. I asked that these risk assessments are faxed to me today.

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9/12/03

