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## Statement from PCC

An independent review of the allegations made about Beechwood and other children's homes in Nottinghamshire should be carried out 'as soon as practically possible', the county's Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping said in a statement today (Monday 15 September).

Speaking after a meeting of the Police and Crime Panel, the Commissioner said: "Following the emergence of local allegations of historic abuse it is clear to me that we need to commission an Independent Review. Although the details and timetable for this need to be agreed, the Leaders of both the City and County Councils endorse this approach and would like to make progress as soon as possible. I am also in discussions with our local Safeguarding Boards on the best way forward.

"In the meantime I receive on going briefings from Chris Eyre, Nottinghamshire's Chief Constable, to make sure that I am up to date with the force's progress in these matters and I have been monitoring the development of Operation Daybreak.

"I know that the public want some reassurance that everything possible is being done to ensure that any claim – whether this is historical or current – is fully investigated and will never be swept under the carpet and any lessons are learned.

"The work to protect children and keep them safe is a fundamental element of our society and I believe we owe it to all those who have been cared for in our children's homes to look closely at how these services have been delivered over the years.

"In my view, an independent review is the only way to do that."

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