

Reactive material

Amended base statement

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^{and myself are}
I would wish immediately to express my concerns about the experiences suffered by these children ^{one of which was} whilst in care. The Department established an immediate internal inquiry as soon as the incidents became known. This inquiry is continuing and I anticipate that it will identify lessons which can be learned and which will assist in protecting foster children in the future.

^{on the} I am particularly saddened by the current situation, ^{great confidence} ~~in view of the great~~ confidence which I have in our 900 foster parents who provide care for over 1200 children in Nottinghamshire.

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This case, in my view, points to an increasing need to accept that the sexual abuse of children is a significant problem and that assessment practices and subsequent proceedings will need to be continuously improved. I have no doubt that our current assessments have improved, and become much more rigorous, than when these foster parents ~~were~~ ^{was} assessed some years ago.

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