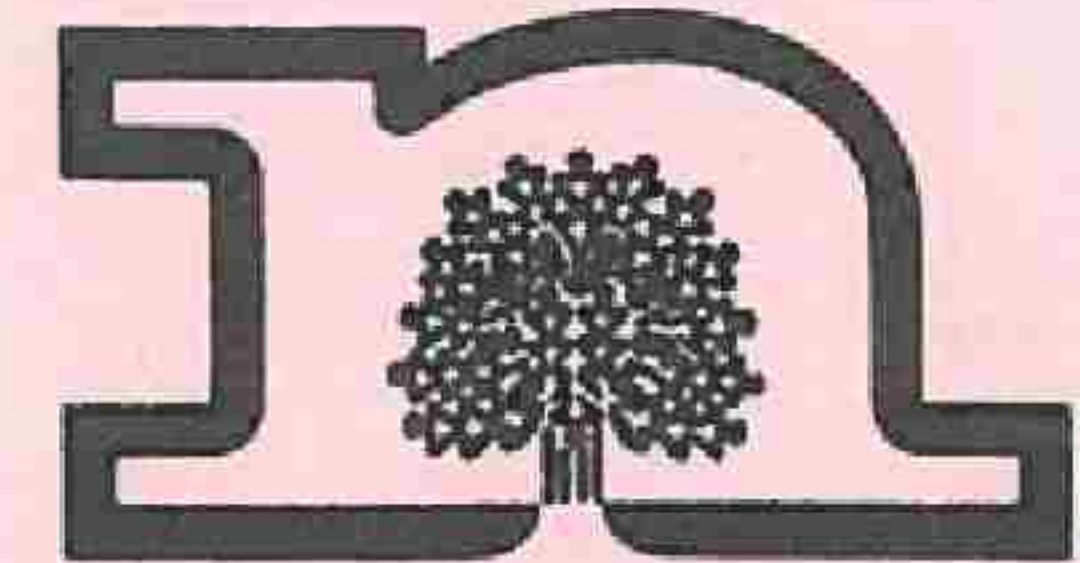


minutes



meeting **SECURE ACCOMMODATION REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE**

date **22nd December 1988**

membership
persons absent are marked with 'A'

	Councillor Mrs. M.E. Gray, JP (Chairman)
A	" J. Thierry
A	" W.A. Shaw
	" R.A.E. Tow
	" R.A. Tuck
A	Ex-officio Councillor A.J. Burton
	" " F.G. Groves
A	" " Mrs. D. Langham
A	" " Mrs. C. Minkley
A	" " D. Pettitt
A	" " Mrs. S.M. Smedley, JP
A	" " The Hon. Mrs. J. Taylor
	" " T.E. Roach (substitute for Councillor Mrs. D. Langham)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. T. Phelps

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 14th November 1988, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

	Councillor Mrs. D. Langham (on other County Council business)
"	The Hon. Mrs. J. Taylor (on other County Council business)
"	J. Thierry (on other County Council business)

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED:-
88/426

89/058
That under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

REPORTS OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Reports of the Acting Director of Social Services were presented as to:-

CASE NO. CH/861

RESOLVED:-
88/427

That the report be noted.

CASE NO. CH/893

RESOLVED:-
88/428

That in the case of CH/893 the child continue to be placed in secure accommodation as the Sub-Committee is satisfied that he has a history of absconding and is likely to abscond from any other description of accommodation and that if he absconds it is likely that his physical, mental and moral welfare will be at risk.

CASE NO. CH/894

RESOLVED:-
88/429

That in the case of CH/894 the child continue to be placed in secure accommodation as the Sub-Committee is satisfied that he has a history of absconding and is likely to abscond from any other description of accommodation and that if he absconds it is likely that his physical, mental and moral welfare will be at risk.

CASE NO. CH/899

RESOLVED:-
88/430

That in the case of CH/899 the child continue to be placed in secure accommodation as the Sub-Committee is satisfied that she has a history of absconding and is likely to abscond from any other description of accommodation and that if she absconds it is likely that her physical, mental and moral welfare will be at risk.

CASE Name Redacted

RESOLVED:-
88/431

That the report be noted.

URGENT ITEM

The Chairman agreed that the following urgent item be considered by the Sub-Committee, on the ground that the enquiry had been recently completed:-

ALLEGED INCIDENT AT AMBERDALE SECURE UNIT

RESOLVED:-

88/432

- (1) That DHSS recommendations should be adhered to; bedrooms should not be locked during the day, but staff should be most vigilant and the Department should acknowledge and accept the increased level of risk.
- (2) That the training needs of Secure Unit staff in relation to sexual abuse be met at the earliest opportunity.
- (3) That Practice Guidelines be developed to assist residential staff when they have to deal with allegations of sexual abuse between children and young people in residential care.

ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES TO AMBERDALE SECURE UNIT

The Director of Social Services reported orally that since the last meeting there had been two admissions and one discharge at the Unit since the last meeting, and eight places were currently occupied.

RESOLVED:-

88/433

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN