

8. Procedure

<u>Action</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<p>1. Verbal alert to PPO (Child Protection) or SPO (A&F) of situation arising. PPO and SPO alert each other.</p> <p>Area investigation.</p>	<p>SPO (A&F) will separately monitor and track child abuse carer investigations.</p> <p>Clerk to PPO (CP) will phase subsequent overdue CM4's.</p>
<p>2. Decision by AD on continuation or not of placements, other children at risk and action.</p>	<p>Child Protection Procedures continue to be operated.</p>
<p>3. CM4 received in Childrens Division. Copy sent to SPO (A&F) by PPO (CC).</p>	<p>SPO & PPO will liaise on any particular concerns, or need for further information at this stage.</p> <p>PPO will arrange for foster or adoptive status to be included when present CM4 formula review is complete.</p>
<p>4. SPO (A&F) to advise PA (Child Care) if situation is to proceed to a CP Conference.</p> <p>SPO (A&F) to look at available material and advise the SSFC for the carer of issues that need to be taken to CP Conference (in writing - cc to PPO (CA)).</p> <p>Area CP Conference.</p>	<p>Issues of accountability, degree of seriousness, need to involve more Senior Officers/Members to be addressed at this stage by PA - Child Care.</p> <p>SPO (A&F) to alert PPO (CP) to any professional issues thrown up and who has been advised of these.</p> <p>SPO does not attend.</p>
<p>5. Post CP Conference, minutes sent to PPO (CA) who will liaise with SPO (A&F) re need for enquiries into professional issues re assessment, review, preparation, supervision or support of carer. SPO (A&F) advises PA - Child Care.</p>	<p>SPO & PPO decide who monitors progress beyond CP Conference.</p> <p>SPO (F&A) advises, monitors progress on the decision to review approval.</p>

6. Area Director reviews approval of carer. Outcome notified to carer and to SPO (A&F)

SPO to inform PPO (CP) of outcome of Review of Approval.

7. Either PA to decide whether any further enquiries are necessary into area practice in relation to the foster or adoptive carer's assessment, preparation, review, supervision or support/or operation of child protection procedures, and initiate any further action.

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R. Jones
Principal Assistant - Child Care

Process to be agreed with SPO (A&F) and to be advised to carer.

SPO should routinely feedback to management staff on trends in this area of abuse. SPO will seek to trigger the development of appropriate practice guidance and training for staff and carers. PPO - CP will identify any training needs to the Principal Personnel Officer - Child Protection.

SPO will be involved in any review or enquiry into relevant professional practice.

Memorandum

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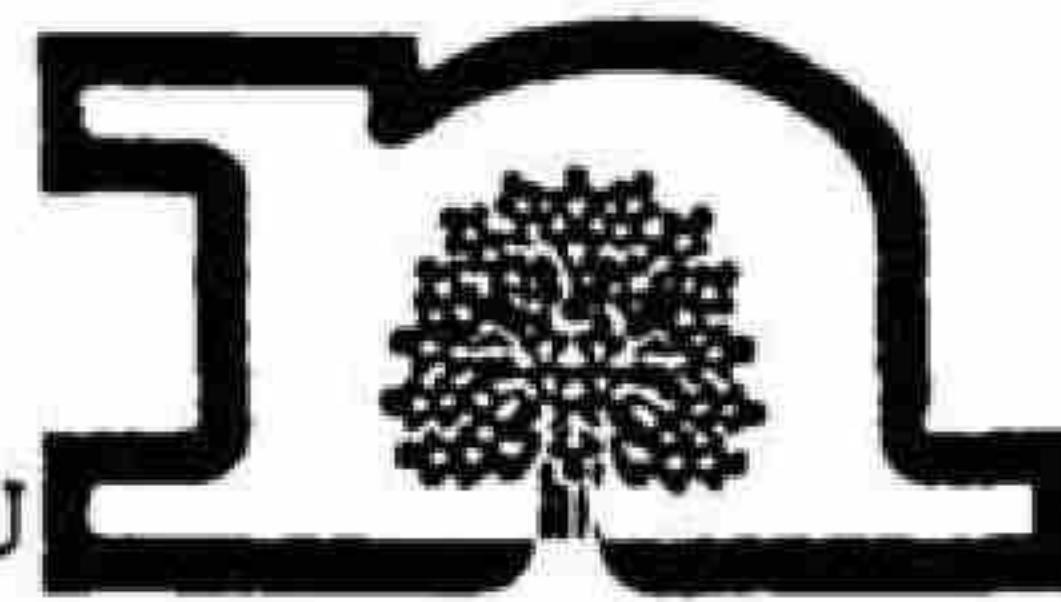
to

Area Directors

from

Assistant Director

c.c. For information
Senior Management Group
Children's DMT/P/SPO's
Area Admin Officers
GHPSW: EDT
Court Sect: Brook St: END: SFU
Notts/NSPCC Ch Prot Team
County Solicitor FAO Spicer



Your ref

Our ref

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Please ask for

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Mr. Watkins

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Date

9 March 1989

FOR ACTION

CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS: CHILDREN IN CARE AND LIVING IN A DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLD

ie Boarded Out Children, Those Placed for Adoption, Under Charge and Control etc

Following our recent experience in a number of cases, and concerns this has raised, will you please ensure that there is no doubt in the mind of your senior officers that allegations/investigations of child abuse should follow the child abuse procedure where the child is living in a domestic household. There is no exception for children in care, whether they are boarded out, placed for adoption, placed under charge and control of a person, or otherwise placed in a household. There is no exception for children placed by another area or local authority; nor any exception because of the nature of the alleged abuse, or its fatality.

This means that the CM4 should be completed, as in other cases, within 24 hours of the onset of the allegations/investigations. Children's Division (PPO - Child Protection or the Principal Assistant - Child Protection) should be alerted by this.

In view of the seriousness of any alleged abuse by a foster or adoptive parent of a child within our care, I will expect the Area Director to arrange immediate notification about the involvement of a substitute family resource to the Principal Assistant - Child Care or the SPO - Fostering and Adoption.

Thank you for your co-operation.

DPA

Assistant Director
(Children's Division)