

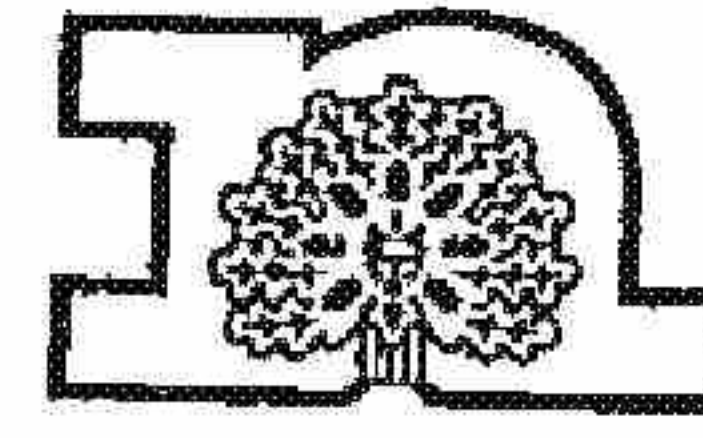
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Dear [**NO-A20**]

2 March 2016

I have read a report prepared by Rachel Morton, social worker, dated 12 January 2016, which she has completed following discussions with you and looking at your social care records. Rachel will be happy to share this report with you if that would be helpful, and also the chronology she has prepared.

Whilst it is difficult to compare the standards of today with standards of the past, I am satisfied that you did suffer harm whilst being placed in foster care with [**NO-F184 & NO-F185**] and that concerns about the care you were receiving were known to the department. Action could and should have been taken, unfortunately it was not. The standard of care you received was unsatisfactory, there were opportunities to protect you and sadly these were not acted upon.

I therefore want to take this opportunity to formally apologise to you on behalf of the department for the care you received whilst you were in foster care with [**NO-F184 & NO-F185**] between [**DPA**] [**DPA**] 1968 and [**DPA**] 1976 and the failings of those involved in your care to keep you safe. I recognise that this apology will do very little to rectify what happened to you during your childhood years.

If you would find it helpful, I would be very happy to meet with you to discuss your time in care and for me to apologise to you in person. I note that you have been supported by John Mann MP and I would be willing to meet with you and Mr Mann at his office if this would be helpful to you.

I understand that you may find it difficult to read this letter so I have given Rachel Morton a copy of it and asked her to go over it with you. I hope that you do not mind. I look forward to meeting you in the near future if you think this is something that would be helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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