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Terence Banks case review

Mrs Edi Carmi, an independent consultant commended to me by West Sussex Social Services, has made a good start in her review of how it was that Terence Banks was able, over so many years, to abuse the good offices of the Cathedral to perpetrate his crimes against children and young people.

Her first task was to hear from the police and from social services in order to understand precisely the offences for which Banks was convicted and the processes of his arrest, trial and sentence. She now needs to hear from others both how they see the situation and what steps they think we should now be taking as a church to ensure the maximum possible safety for children and young people.

The point of this letter is a simple one. I am writing to ask you to give Mrs Carmi every possible co-operation in her task if and when she asks to see you. This is a difficult exercise for everyone, but I hope you agree that it is a most important matter and may teach us much about how to improve our policies and practice in the care and protection of children and young people throughout the Church.

I am sending an identical letter to all members of the Chapter.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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