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Subject: "Re: Incident - Eighteen And Under"
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Hi Irene

Although I am the contact person for any issues in relation to your APL application, I am not the appropriate person to be giving advice on dealing with child protection issues. However, there are a number of issues in your email which obviously require further investigation by the appropriate agencies. My advice would be for you to contact Angus Child Protection Team on 08452 777 778 to raise your concerns and take advice on whether you are required to take any further action at this stage or whether passing on all of the information you have to allow the statutory services to investigate is the most appropriate course of action for you.

I have no knowledge of Showcase Montrose, either in terms of how this organisation is funded or whether it is registered/regulated by an appropriate agency. However, my advice would be that you do not contact this organisation at this stage and again, take advice from the angus child protection about the most appropriate way to proceed. You have stated police have already been contacted, again it's not clear from your email whether concerns raised with police are being followed up, the child protection committee may have further information, again, your responsibility is to pass on all of the information that you have in relation to these allegations.

My understanding of your involvement with schools is that you are bound by the host authority's Education Department's policies and procedures. Angus Child Protection will liaise as appropriate with the school and any contact to be made with parents would come from the Angus Council's Education Department.

As part of Dundee's assessment for APL status for Eighteen and Under, this is an example of why it is necessary to have clearly defined procedures and agreements with host agencies for the work that you do. As an organisation you need to clearly set out what is expected of your workers in these situations and there also needs to be clear understanding between yourselves and the school about the process/procedure for dealing with any issues that may arise during the course of your sessions. I would expect that workers are able to leave the school in the knowledge that concerns are being appropriately addressed, and if this is not the case, workers should fully understand their responsibilities for passing on information to the appropriate agency.

When we next meet, we can discuss an appropriate protocol for you seeking advice in matters of this nature, but child protection committee contact numbers are widely advertised and if in doubt should be contacted for advice.

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Hi Sandra,