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From: lormac1053@aol.com
To: laura.gow@macroberts.com
Subject: Re: Letter from Dundee City Council
Date: Fri, 1 May 2009 16:30

thanks laura,

No 27

am attaching a draft complaint. can you see if there is anything glaringly wrong with it before we send it? sandra and i will do a seperate one about the fostering. regarding the latest letter...

1st para there were 3 boys in this family, 1 referred to us by the police and 2 others by social work. there were several meetings with social worker, police and EAU before seeing the boys. we do have names and phone numbers cannot comment on parent phoning social work. thats what the parents told us.
phone call on 10th was to refer another child to us. at the end of the conversation the volunteer was mentioned and we were told it was not considered serious. 4 workers were in the room.
2nd para. there has been no recent involvement with us. premises are shared with 2 other organisations and several agencies share the building including lawyers. we cannot control anyone coming into these shared spaces. neither can we dictate to parents, families or young people who they are in touch with. perhaps they (the family) consider the ex volunteer someone who helps them more than others do.
we can supply dates and times if necessary but council hasnot asked for these before now.

4th para they can come here and see the report any time they like. it was offered on 9th feb when we asked for a meeeting to discuss. there is private information in some of this and we have original copies of records available. we dont trust then enough to send anything else.

5th para why would they have a record of scotvec qualifications? they can come here and see them anytime they like. they can check with dundee university about the post graduate child protection course if they like. also sandra hutton was 5 years as a Detective Constable in family protection unit.

karen duffy co-opted back onto management due to problems with the council.

next couple of paras.....we already said we were having a review of policy. happy to include any wee points they want to make. regarding referrals we called police in seymour lodge (john macinaly and julie christeson) several time last year. we always call the police if it is a criminal matter but are happy to write this into policy. we call the housing when its a housing matter too. seems obvious to me.

in practice its as above.

advisory group.....this consisted of police, social work(from university), health, education, business, voluntary agency reps. this group met quarterly for many years. prior to this all policies were written by the rape crisis centre. peter connolly, our last lead officer took an active role in asisting us and did give child protection advice to us.

we are happy to ahere to 'its everyone's job to make sure i'm alright' but there is still not a legal obligation.

we can supply dates of recruitment.. feb, march and june last year off the top on my head but irene can look them out if need be.

what evidence re disclosures? we cannot show the actual forms. they can easily check with disclosure scotland if they want to.

regarding vip in schools, this is rubbish. all children in school who disclose are referred to the staff in the schools.

hope this helps

regards

laurie

-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Gow <laura.gow@macroberts.com>
To: lormac1053@aol.com; jec1053@aol.com
Sent: Fri, 1 May 2009 15:29
Subject: Letter from Dundee City Council

Laurie/Irene,

As discussed, I attach a copy of the letter I received today from John McDonald. I would be interested in your comments on it - although if the Council really has decided to withdraw the funding I would be reluctant to spend much more time addressing the points that he raises!

Kind regards,

Laura

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