



Allegations against Foster Carers and Abuse of Children in Care Serious Case Review

Keith Makin, Independent Chair of the Southampton Local Safeguarding Children Board, said:

“When children are placed in the care of the Local Authority, they are to be protected from harm and abuse. Regrettably, this was not the case when young people were placed with these particular foster carers in 1990s – 2000s.

“This historic review highlighted a range of areas for improvement within previous practice in Hampshire and Southampton.

“On behalf of the Southampton Local Safeguarding Children Board, along with colleagues from the council, police and health services in the City, I would like to say how sorry we are to the victims of abuse.

“Safeguarding practice has changed significantly since this took place but we are always open to learn lessons. We are committed to doing everything possible to ensure that children in Southampton today are safe from abuse and harm.”

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The Allegations against Foster Carers and Abuse of Children in Care Case Review and the LSCB’s Learning & Improvement report are available online at www.southamptonlscb.co.uk

Keith Makin was appointed as the Independent Chair of the Southampton Local Safeguarding Children Board in October 2013. He is a qualified social worker and has held senior positions in social care services for over 30 years. He has worked as a Director of Social Services and as Chief Executive of an independent childcare organisation.