

SOCIAL SERVICES APPEALS PANEL**18 MARCH 2004**

Chair: * Jane Dunn (Independent Person)

Councillors: * Blann * Toms

* Denotes Member present

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL**PART II - MINUTES**31. **Appointment of Chair:****RESOLVED:** That Jane Dunn be appointed Chair of the Panel for the purpose of this meeting.32. **Arrangement of Agenda:****RESOLVED:** That the item listed in Part II of the agenda be considered with the press and public excluded for the reason indicated below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
6. The Keeping of a Child in Secure Accommodation	This item was considered to contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part I to Schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 in that it contains information relating to the care of a particular child.

33. **Terms of Reference:****RESOLVED:** That the terms of reference of the Panel be noted.34. **Guidance Notes:****RESOLVED:** That the guidance notes setting out the nature of the Panel be noted.35. **The Keeping of a Child in Secure Accommodation:**

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Children's Services which set out the background to the current situation and outlined the reasons why a secure placement was still considered necessary. The Panel also considered a report from the Independent Investigator setting out the views of the child, and a report from the Secure Unit.

The Panel carefully reviewed the case, taking into account the verbal updates from the Social Services Officer and the Independent Investigator. The Panel also considered additional reports from the Secure Unit tabled at the meeting.

Having carefully considered all the views expressed at the meeting including the wishes of the child not present at the meeting, the Panel

RESOLVED: That the child remain in the Secure Unit for a period of 7 weeks from the period of 20 February 2004.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 10.22 am, closed at 12.35 pm)

(Signed) JANE DUNN
Chair

(Note: Minutes of Social Services Appeals Panels:

The minutes of each Appeals Panel meeting is signed by the relevant Chair, to Confirm their accuracy, shortly after the meeting has taken place. Minutes of such previous meetings appropriately are not submitted to subsequent Appeals Panels which will be considering relevant cases under different Chairmanships.)