

SOCIAL SERVICES APPEALS PANEL

12 NOVEMBER 2002

Chair: * Joy Awiah (Independent Person)

Independent Persons: * Pat Verity
* Jane Dunn

* Denotes Member Present

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL

PART II - MINUTES

1. **Appointment of Chair: RESOLVED:** That Joy Awiah be appointed Chair of the Panel for the purposes of this meeting.
2. **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.

3. **Terms of Reference: RESOLVED:** That the terms of reference of the Panel be noted.
4. **Guidance Notes: RESOLVED:** That the guidance notes setting out the nature of the Panel be noted.
5. **The Keeping of a Child in Secure Accommodation:** The Panel considered a report of the Head of Children and Families and Provided 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 which set out the views of the child and the child's parents. A report from the Secure Unit was circulated at the meeting.

The Panel carefully reviewed the case, and after taking into account views from the Social Worker, the Independent Investigator, a representative from the Youth Offending Team and the child's mother. The Panel

RESOLVED: That the child remain in the Secure Unit pending the outcome of the court hearing.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 10.10 am closed at 11.40 am)

(Signed) JOY AWIAH
Chair

Note: Minutes of Social Services Appeals Panels:

The minutes of each Appeal Panel meeting are 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 Appeal Panels which will be considering relevant cases under different Chairmanships.