

SOCIAL SERVICES REVIEW PANEL

18 DECEMBER 2001

Chair: * Rita McLean (Independent Person)

Councillors: * Blann
* Mary Graham

* Denotes Member Present

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL

PART II - MINUTES

131. **Appointment of Chair: RESOLVED:** That Rita McLean be appointed Chair of the Panel for the purposes of this meeting.
132. **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.

133. **Terms of Reference: RESOLVED:** That the terms of reference of the Panel be noted.
134. **Guidance Notes: RESOLVED:** That the guidance notes setting out the nature of the Panel be noted.
135. **The Keeping of a Child in Secure Accommodation:** The Panel considered a report of the Head of Children and Families, which set out the background to the current situation and outlined the reasons why a secure placement was still considered necessary for the child in question. A report from the Secure Unit, which set out the child's progress, was also received.

The Panel carefully reviewed the case, taking into account verbal updates from a Social Services Officer and the Secure Unit, the child and child's mother.

Having carefully considered the wishes and the feelings of the child and child's mother, together with all the views expressed at the meeting, the Panel

RESOLVED: That the child remain in the Secure Unit until 28 December 2001.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 2.00 pm closed at 4.15 pm).

(Signed) RITA MCLEAN
Chair

Note: Minutes of Social Services Review Panels:

The minutes of each Review 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 Review Panels which will be considering relevant cases under different Chairmanships.