

SOCIAL SERVICES APPEALS PANEL**24 MAY 2004**

Chair: * Jane Dunn (Independent Person)

Councillors: * Blann * Mrs R Shah

* Denotes Member present

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL**PART II - MINUTES**1. **Appointment of Chair:****RESOLVED:** That Jane Dunn 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 reasons set out below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
6. The Keeping of a Child in Secure Accommodation	The item was considered to contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 to Schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access To Information) Act 1985, in that it contains information relating to 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 Director of Children's Services, which set out the background to the current situation and outlined the reasons why a secure placement was considered necessary. The Panel also considered a report from the Unit.

The Panel carefully reviewed the case, taking into account the verbal updates from the Social Services Officer and members of the Unit, together with the wishes of the child.

Having carefully considered all the views expressed at the meeting, together with the reports, the Panel

RESOLVED: That the child remain in the Secure Unit for a period of four weeks from the period of 5th May 2004.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 11.35 am, closed at 1.45 pm)

(Signed) JANE DUNN
Chair

(Note: Minutes of Social Services Appeals Panels:

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