

East Dunbartonshire Council

SCAI Fostering

PART D: ABUSE AND RESPONSE

5. Abuse
5.1 Nature
1930-1975 Not known, No available case records from that time. 1975-1996 Of 4 children's files available for this period covering 5 foster care placements, there were no allegations of abuse 1996-2014 Within the audit there was evidence of allegations of physical abuse, emotional abuse, and sexual abuse.
5.2 Extent
A: what is the LA assessment of the scale and extent of abuse of children in foster care?
1930-1975 Not known, No available case records from that time. 1975-1996 Of 4 children's files available for this period covering 5 foster care placements, there were no allegations of abuse. 1996-2014 Within the audit there was evidence of allegations of physical abuse, emotional abuse, and sexual abuse. 14 Complaints were made in relation to 13 Foster Carers (3 were against a foster carer couple) and one Foster Carers adult son.
B: what is the basis of this assessment?
1930 to 2014 File Audit: East Dunbartonshire Council has audited all available Foster Carers files and undertaken sampling of files of children looked after in foster care placements within East Dunbartonshire Council. Sample included: Pre 1995: all 4 files available/ 5 Foster Care Placements 1995-2000: 13 Children's Files/ 18 Foster Care Placements. 2001-2006: 11 Children's Files/ 13 Foster Care Placements. 2006-2010: 11 Children's Files/ 13 Foster Care Placements.

<p>2011-2014: 11 Children's Files/ 11 Foster Care Placements. Where the audit of Foster Carer files evidenced an allegation of abuse, the child's file was then also audited.</p>
<p>C: How many complaints have been made in relation to alleged abuse of children in foster care?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, No case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample available.</p> <p>1996-2014 14 Complaints were made by or in regard to 11 children and young people. (2 complaints related to sibling groups of 2)</p>
<p>D: Against how many foster carers have the complaints referred to at © been made?</p>
<p>1996-2014 13 Foster Carers/ 10 Foster Care households.</p>
<p>E: How many foster carers have been convicted of, or admitted to, abuse of children?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, No case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence.</p> <p>1996-2014 Convictions: Nil Admissions: 2 Foster Carers</p>
<p>F: How many Foster Carers have been found by the LA to have abused children?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence.</p> <p>1996-2014 one</p>
<p>G: Against how many family members of foster carers have complaints been made in relation to alleged abuse of children?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014 One family member.</p>
<p>H: How many family members have been convicted of, or admitted to, abuse of children?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p>

<p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014 One admission.</p>
<p>I: How many family members of foster carers have been found by the local authority to have abused children?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014 Nil</p>
<p>J: against how many other children placed in foster care in same placement have complaints been made in relation to alleged abuse of children?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014 Nil.</p>
<p>K: how many other children placed in foster care in the same placement have been convicted of, or admitted to, abuse of children?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014 Nil.</p>
<p>L: How many other children placed in foster care in the same placement have been found by the local authority to have abused children?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014 File audit did not evidence any.</p>
<p>5.3 Timing of Disclosure/ Complaint</p>
<p>A: When were disclosures and complaints of abuse/or alleged abuse of children in foster care made to the local authority?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence.</p> <p>1996-2014 9 were at the time of the allegation 5 were later than the timing of the allegation</p>

B: to what extent were complaints and disclosures made while the abuse or alleged abuse was on-going or recent?
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014 As above (a)</p>
C: to what extent were/are complaints made many years after the alleged abuse i.e about non recent abuse?
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014 Complaints raised after the alleged abuse ranged from 1 to 7 years.</p>
D: are there patterns of note in terms of the timing/ disclosure of abuse and/or alleged abuse?
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014 No</p>
5.4 External Inspections
A: what external inspections have been concluded relating to children in foster care which considered issues relating to abuse and/or alleged abuse of children?
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014</p> <p>Inspections carried out by the care commission then care inspectorate into the fostering service were undertaken:</p> <p>30.10.06 06.11.07 20.02.09 30.09.09 26.11.10 10.02.12 24.01.14 30.07.14 12.11.15 30.11.17</p>

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HMle inspections of services to protect children in 2010 and 2014.
There were no issues identified relating to abuse or alleged abuse of children. Therefore there are no external inspections requiring details in B-I below.
For each external inspection, please answer the following:
B; who conducted the inspection?
C; Why was the inspection conducted?
D: When was the inspection conducted?
E: What was the outcome of the inspection in respect of any issues relating to abuse or alleged abuse of children in foster care?
F: what was the LA response to the inspection and its outcome?
G: What recommendations were made following the inspection?
H: If so, what were the recommendations and were they implemented?
I: if recommendations were not implemented, why not?
5.5 external Investigations
A; What external investigations have been conducted relating to children in foster care which have considered issues relating to abuse and/or alleged abuse of children?
1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.
1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence
1996-2014 Nil
B-I therefore not relevant.
5.6 Response to external inspections/ investigations
A: what was the LA procedure/process for dealing with external inspections and/or investigations relating to abuse, and/or alleged abuse of children in foster care?
There were no external inspections/investigations relating specifically to abuse and/or alleged abuse of children in foster care. B-C therefore not relevant.
5.7 Impact
A: what is known about the impact of abuse on those children in foster care who were abused, or alleged to have been abused?
1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.

<p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014 There is no record of specific impact other than children who moved placement during the investigation and did not return to the placement.</p>
<p>B: where does the LA knowledge/ assessment of that impact come from?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014 From the Children's and Foster Carers File Audit</p>
<p>C: What is known about the impact of abuse on the families of those children in foster care who were abused, or alleged to have been abused?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014 There is no record of specific impact other than children who moved placement during the investigation and did not return to the placement.</p>
<p>D: where does the LA knowledge/ assessment of that impact come from?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014 From the Children's and Foster Carers File Audit</p>
<p>5.8 Known abusers and alleged abusers.</p>
<p>A: Does the LA know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children in foster care?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014 As 5 (A) (c) 14 complaints were made by children and young people in regard to physical, sexual and emotional abuse against registered foster carers which is itemised in <i>appendix 5.9</i></p>
<p>B: if so, What are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?</p>
<p>1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.</p> <p>1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence</p> <p>1996-2014</p>

<i>See separate appendix 5.8</i>
C: For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information
<i>See separate appendix 5.8</i>
D: Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?
<i>See separate appendix 5.8</i>
E: If so was this considered appropriate?
<i>See separate appendix. 5.8</i>
F: if so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?
<i>See separate appendix 5.8</i>
5.9 Specific Complaints
A: How many specific complaints of abuse of children in foster care have been made to the LA?
1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.
1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence
1996-2014 14 specific complaints were identified in the file audit.
For each specific complaint, please answer the following:
<i>See Separate Appendix 5.9</i>
5.10 Civil Actions
A: How many civil actions have been brought against the LA relating to abuse, or alleged abuse, or children in foster care?
1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.
1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence
1996-2014 None that the LA is aware of.
B: For each Civil Action, please answer the following:
B-M therefore not relevant.
5.11 Criminal Injuries Compensation Awards
A: Has any criminal injuries compensation been awarded in respect of abuse, or alleged abuse, of children cared for in foster care?
1930-1975 Not known, no case records available from this time.
1975-1996 No complaints found in sample evidence
1996-2014 unknown
B: if so, please provide details if known.

5.12 Police

A: How many complaints of abuse of children in foster care have been made to the police?

1930-1975

Not known, no case records available from this time.

1975-1996

No complaints found in sample evidence

1996-2014

4 that were identified within the file audit.

In relation to each known complaint to the police please answer the following questions:

See separate appendix 5.12

5.13: Crown

A: To what extent has the Crown raised proceedings in respect of allegations of abuse in Foster Care?

1930-1975

Not known, no case records available from this time.

1975-1996

No complaints found in sample evidence

1996-2014

From the File Audit this would appear to be nil.

In relation to each time the Crown has raised proceedings, please answer the following questions:

B-E therefore not relevant.