

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry
Foster Care Case Study – Report

**Part D Abuse & Response –
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The questions in Part D should be answered in respect of abuse or alleged abuse relating to the time frame 1930 to 17 December 2014 only.

5.8 Known Abusers and Alleged Abusers

- a) Does the organisation know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children in foster care?

Please refer to Appendix 5.8.

- b) If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

Please refer to Appendix 5.8.

- c) For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children in foster care
- if they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse
- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter
- any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation of abuse was made,

Please refer to Appendix 5.8.

- d) Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?

Please refer to Appendix 5.8.

- e) If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

Please refer to Appendix 5.8.

- f) If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?

Please refer to Appendix 5.8.

5.9 Specific Complaints

- a. How many specific complaints of abuse of children in foster care have been made to the organisation?

For the purpose of this report, Swiis have considered 'complaint' to mean a statement that something is unsatisfactory or unacceptable. To the best of our knowledge, Swiis received 25 complaints regarding the standard of care provided that might have indicated possible signs of abuse.
Please refer to Appendix 5.9 for further information.

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

b. Who made the complaint?

Please refer to Appendix 5.9.

c. When was the complaint made?

Please refer to Appendix 5.9.

d. Against whom was the complaint made?

Please refer to Appendix 5.9.

e. What was the nature of the complaint?

Please refer to Appendix 5.9.

f. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

Please refer to Appendix 5.9.

g. What was the organisation's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

Please refer to Appendix 5.9.

h. What was the organisation's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to Appendix 5.9.

i. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

Please refer to Appendix 5.9.

j. Did the organisation provide a specific response to the complaint?

Please refer to Appendix 5.9.

k. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

Please refer to Appendix 5.9.

l. If there was no response, why not?

Please refer to Appendix 5.9.

m. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

Please refer to Appendix 5.9.

n. If not, why not?

Please refer to Appendix 5.9.

5.10 Civil Actions

a) How many civil actions have been brought against organisation relating to abuse, or alleged abuse, of children in foster care?

Please refer to Appendix 5.10.

For each such civil action, please answer the following:

b) Who brought the action?

Please refer to Appendix 5.10.

c) When was the action brought?

Please refer to Appendix 5.10.

d) Against whom was the action brought?

Please refer to Appendix 5.10.

e) What was the nature of the abuse, or alleged abuse, to which the action related?

Please refer to Appendix 5.10.

f) What were the names of the persons said to have, or alleged to have, committed abuse?

Please refer to Appendix 5.10.

g) When/over what period was the abuse said, or alleged, to have taken place?

Please refer to Appendix 5.10.

h) How did the action progress?

Please refer to Appendix 5.10.

i) What was the outcome?

Please refer to Appendix 5.10.

j) Was the action settled on a conditional basis of confidentiality?

Please refer to Appendix 5.10.

k) Who was/were the organisation's legal representative(s) in relation to the civil action?

Please refer to Appendix 5.10.

l) Did the organisation carry insurance for meeting civil claims at the time the action was live?

Please refer to Appendix 5.10.

m) How/where can copies of the court papers relating to the civil action be made available to the Inquiry?

Please refer to Appendix 5.10.