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Dear Ms

FOSTER CARE CASE STUDY

Thank you for your letter addressed to Mr Burr dated 25 November 2022 with enclosed Section 21 notice of the same date.

I have been instructed to respond to the notice on behalf of the Comhairle as follows:

1. In the light of the evidence, what reflections do you have on your Part B response to the Inquiry's Section 21 notice dated 27 August 2019? Do you wish to submit a revised version of Part B of your response? If so, please do so in a separate addendum.

In the Comhairle's view, its original response was comprehensive and it does not consider it necessary to submit a revised response.

2. What lessons do you suggest should be learned from the evidence?

The investigative process which followed the concerns raised was appropriate and proportionate. The lesson learned was that foster carers who fail to cooperate fully with the expectations of their fostering service and who do not fully comply with the Child's Plan should not continue to be registered as foster carers in the absence of truly exceptional or extenuating circumstances.

3. In the light of the evidence, what charges do you suggest should be made to protect children from abuse in foster care?

Please see the response to question 2 above.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Tim Langley Head of Law and Governance