

Ethelbert Childrens Services



"Ensures Every Child Has Mattered For More Than 35 Years"

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Dear Madam

Inquest Touching upon the death of Lauren Barfoot
Heard 31 July – 1 August 2014

Further in the above matter we acknowledge receipt of the Regulation 28 Report that you kindly sent to Ethelbert Children's Services.

Having reviewed the same we attach for your kind attention copies of the following documents:-

- List of actions related to the collation and sharing of information re the placed child
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Met Police Missing Person Reporting Form

Once you have had an opportunity to review the action list we trust that you will find the steps that we have implemented, address concerns in respect of the collation of information as to the risk assessment of a child and contact details which can be shared with other agencies.

The missing persons reporting form is a document that the Metropolitan Police now issue and require us to complete on the arrival of a child. We understand that this is retained centrally by them and is cross referenced by them when reports are received that the child has gone missing. In addition at the time of reporting that a child is missing, a telephone call would be made by the care manager providing the current circumstances and any additional details in relation to clothing, times and other relevant information. This information will enable the Police to undertake a full assessment.

We continue to explore the possibility of sending an updated missing person form by email, to the police as outlined in action list, although to date our conversations with the Met have not proved successful.

On a separate note and for the sake of completeness we would advise that there is a slightly different system in place within Kent Police (and potentially in other police force areas). In Kent we complete a vulnerability assessment on each child at the



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time of placement which is passed to the Police and each child is then given a unique reference number (PID number). It is cross referenced to at the time of any subsequent missing person reports being made. Regrettably they currently do not have a facility for receiving information by email. A copy of the vulnerability assessment is attached.

Yours faithfully



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- List of Actions
- Vulnerability Assessment Form
- Met Police Missing Person Reporting Form



Please Note: A hard copy of this letter and attachments have also been sent Recorded Delivery for the Attn. of [REDACTED] - Coroners Officer