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**Section 21 Notice – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
Foster Care Case Study – Part A & B**

Further to previous correspondence on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020, we have reviewed the submission and realised that Part B was omitted during the encrypted file send. Apologies, this has now been included.

If there is anything further you may require, please do let me know.

Yours Sincerely



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## **Part B – Current Statement**

### **3. Retrospective Acknowledgement/Admission**

#### **3.1 Acknowledgement of Abuse**

- a. Does the local authority accept that between 1930 and 17 December 2014 any children cared for in foster care were abused?**

Aberdeenshire Council does not accept this. We cannot comment on predecessor organisations.

- b. If so, what is the local authority's assessment of the extent and scale of such abuse?**

Not applicable.

- c. What is the basis of that assessment?**

Not applicable.

#### **3.2 Acknowledgement of Systemic Failures**

- a. Does the local authority accept that its systems failed to protect children in foster care between 1930 and 17 December 2014 from abuse?**

Aberdeenshire Council does not accept this. We cannot comment on predecessor organisations.

- b. What is the local authority's assessment of the extent of any such systemic failures?**

Not applicable.

- c. What is the basis of that assessment?**

Not applicable.

- d. What is the local authority's explanation for any such failures?**

Not applicable.

#### **3.3 Acknowledgement of Failures/Deficiencies in Response**

- a. Does the local authority accept that there were any failures and/or deficiencies in its response to abuse, and allegations of abuse, of children in foster care between 1930 and 17 December 2014?**

Aberdeenshire Council believes this is not applicable due to responses provided in Section 3.2 above.

**b. What is the local authority's assessment of the extent of any such failures in its response?**

Not applicable.

**c. What is the basis of that assessment?**

Not applicable.

**d. What is the local authority's explanation for any such failures/deficiencies?**

Not applicable.

**3.4 Changes**

**a. To what extent has the local authority implemented changes to its policies, procedures and practices as a result of any acknowledgment in relation to 3.1 – 3.3 above?**

Aberdeenshire Council believes this is not applicable due to responses provided in Section 3.2 above.