

Covering statement

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Covid-19 Restrictions

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Council staff have been unable to access Council buildings and records. This led to the premature ending of a comprehensive file audit and has limited the research opportunities and materials available to staff in compiling the responses listed below.

PART C – PREVENTION AND IDENTIFICATION	
<u>5. Abuse</u>	
Question 5.1	<u>Nature</u>
a)	<p><u>What was the nature of abuse and/or alleged abuse of children in foster care, for example, sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse?</u></p> <p>Edinburgh Corporation (1930 – 1975)</p> <p>The surviving evidence for this period is extremely limited. Only one example has been sourced to date in relation to the nature of abuse. Our response to 5.9 provides further details around this case, but the nature of abuse in this instance has been described as ‘neglect’.</p> <p>Lothian Regional Council (1975 – 1996)</p> <p>The evidence for this period indicates that the nature of abuse and/or alleged abuse of children has been varied and included singular or multiple combinations of verbal, emotional, sexual and physical abuse. Our response to 5.9 provides details of complaints and allegations against individuals for this period, including information around the nature of abuse and/or alleged nature of abuse.</p>

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<p>Evidence - Please refer to Section 5.9 for further details.</p>	<p>Reference</p>	