

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 D – ABUSE AND RESPONSE
<u>5. Abuse</u>

Question 5.7	<u>Impact</u>
a)	<p><u>What is known about the impact of abuse on those children in foster care who were abused, or alleged to have been abused?</u></p> <p>It is understood from information provided by the individuals who were abused by foster carers that the impact of the abuse was significant and wide-ranging. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i behavioural issues; ii depression; iii eating disorders, and iv other psychological damage.
b)	<p><u>Where does the local authority’s knowledge/assessment of that impact come from?</u></p> <p>Several individuals who were raised by foster carers brought civil actions against the local authority. They each lodged a Summons in the Court of Session or an Initial Writ in the</p>

	Sheriff Court. These documents describe the loss, injury and damage they allege they have suffered as a result of the abuse committed by foster carers.
c)	<p><u>What is known about the impact of abuse on the families of those children in foster care who were abused, or alleged to have been abused?</u></p> <p>Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority has been unable to access and research the files that would allow it to answer this question.</p>
d)	<p><u>Where does the local authority's knowledge/assessment of that impact come from?</u></p> <p>Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority has been unable to access and research the files that would allow it to answer this question.</p>