

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 5.8	<u>Known Abusers</u>
a)	<p><u>Does the local authority know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children in foster care?</u></p> <p>Yes, the local authority knows of specific abusers or alleged abusers of children in foster care. The information set out in the undernoted table below has come from litigation files and from the case file audit undertaken on the local authority's foster carer files.</p>
b)	<p><u>If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?</u></p> <p>See details below.</p> <p>The foster carers have been listed in the order of their date of approval and categorised within the Edinburgh Corporation, Lothian Regional Council or the City of Edinburgh Council.</p>
c)	<p><u>For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:</u></p> <p>i. <u>The period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared in foster care</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. <u>If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse</u> iii. <u>The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter</u> iv. <u>Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made</u> <p>See details below.</p>
d)	<p><u>Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?</u></p> <p>See details below.</p>
e)	<p><u>If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?</u></p> <p>See details below.</p>
f)	<p><u>If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?</u></p> <p>See details below.</p>

Undernoted response to Part D, Question 5.8

Edinburgh Corporation (1930 - 1975)

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FSI-SPO [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of neglect was made against FSI [REDACTED] in December 1992. The foster carer was allegedly seen leaving the house to post letters while the baby in placement was left alone.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster carer

c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The foster carers were approved in 1970. There is no evidence on their file of information sought or received about them at this time.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	There does not appear to have been any information shared with any third parties.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles. Their registration was changed from 0-12 month old babies to 0-6 month old babies.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	The incident was dealt with through frontline resolution and was treated as a practice issue. The foster carers had their registration changed in light of the allegation.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The foster carers had their registration changed in light of the allegation.

Lothian Regional Council (1975 - 1996)

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	John McCafferty
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	The foster carer was alleged to have abused children between 1976 and 1992.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role	Foster carer.

	they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority was unable to complete its foster care file audit and therefore has not had sight of John McCafferty's file. Without this file, the local authority is unable to locate evidence of which checks were carried out at the point of approval and thereafter.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The foster carer was arrested, charged and convicted of shameless indecency which suggests that information was shared with the Police and the Procurator Fiscal. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, due to the COVID-19 restrictions impacting on the local authority's ability to complete its file audit, John McCafferty's files have not been reviewed. The local authority does not hold the information required to answer this question.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The allegations were not disclosed until 1992. Once the allegations were disclosed, the local authority de-registered the foster carer.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FTM-SPO [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<u>Allegation 1</u>

		<p>The first allegation was made by a child in foster placement with FTM-SPO [REDACTED]. The abuse was alleged to have taken place between [REDACTED] 1988 and [REDACTED] 1988 and the disclosure was made in July 1988.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The second allegation was made by a child in foster placement with FTM-SPO [REDACTED]. The child disclosed alleged sexual abuse ten days after leaving her foster placement with the FTM-SPO on [REDACTED] 1991. The abuse was alleged to have taken place on a regular basis between [REDACTED] 1991 and [REDACTED] 1991.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The third allegation was made by a child in foster placement with FTM-SPO [REDACTED]. The abuse was alleged to have taken place on a regular basis between [REDACTED] 1989 and [REDACTED] 1990 and the disclosure was made in January 1992.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	<p>[REDACTED] was a registered day carer prior to becoming a foster carer. She was registered on 28 December 1982. Mr and Mrs FTM-SPO [REDACTED] applied to become foster carers in December 1987. FTM [REDACTED] presented at a Fostering Panel. Mr and Mrs FTM-SPO [REDACTED] were approved as emergency foster carers on 22 December 1987 and were approved as foster carers in 1988.</p> <p>Mr and Mrs FTM-SPO [REDACTED] attended the Fostering Panel on 1 May 1990 and attended the Foster Parent Review Panel on 21 March 1989.</p>

		<p>There are records of personal reference checks being undertaken for [REDACTED] three times in December 1982 and in January 1988. Health visitor reports were received in 1982 and fire checks were undertaken in December 1982 and March 1983. A school report was obtained in relation to the foster carer's daughter in June 1991.</p> <p>A police check was taken for FTM [REDACTED] in December 1982 in relation to his wife becoming a registered day carer. There were two previous convictions: a road traffic offence from 1967 and a theft charge from 1975. Further police checks were undertaken against FTM [REDACTED] in December 1987 and January 1988.</p> <p>Medical reports were undertaken for [REDACTED] in December 1982 and in both March and December 1987. Medical reports were undertaken for FTM [REDACTED] in December 1982 and February 1987.</p> <p>Local authority checks were undertaken in December 1982.</p>
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The allegations were initially disclosed to the Hospital Social Worker. They were then referred to the Police for investigation on 25 July 1988, at the same time as the local authority was informed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>A Consultative meeting was held on 25 March 1991 which was attended by the Police. It was agreed that an investigation into the complaints would take place and a referral would be made to the Woman and Child Unit. Information was provided to both Police Scotland and the Woman and Child unit.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>At the time this allegation was made, the Police were already investigating the foster carer in relation to another allegation. The liaison social worker contacted the Woman and Child Unit to inform them that there was another allegation.</p>

d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The foster carers had no children in placement at the time of the allegation. The carers were suspended while the investigation was carried out. It was determined by the Police that it was unlikely that abuse had occurred. The local authority's investigation reflected this outcome and the foster carers were permitted to continue fostering. The foster carers took one month to consider whether to return to fostering following the outcome of the investigation. They chose to continue fostering.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The second allegation was made on 22 March 1991 after the foster child had left the placement. This allegation was reported to the Police and action was taken against Mr FTM [REDACTED]. No children were placed with the foster carers following this allegation and they were later de-registered.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The third allegation was not disclosed until 1992 so the foster carers continued in their roles in the intervening period. At the time this allegation was made, there were no children in placement and the foster carers were already being investigated. The foster carer was de-registered. FTM [REDACTED] was arrested and charged by the Police on 12 February 1992.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The Police determined that it was unlikely that abuse had taken place and took no further action against FTM [REDACTED]. The local authority upheld the decision of the Police.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2 & 3</u></p> <p>The foster carer was de-registered following these allegations.</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision followed.</p>

		<p><u>Allegation 2 & 3</u></p> <p>The foster carer was de-registered following the allegations.</p>
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<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	James Farquhar
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p>Three allegations of abuse were made against this foster carer.</p> <p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The first allegation was made in July 1987 by the foster carer's [REDACTED].</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The second allegation was made in June 1993 by a child in placement with the foster carer in relation to sexual abuse committed by the foster carer against [REDACTED].</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The third allegation was made in January 1998 by a child who had previously been in placement with the foster carer.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of	The foster carer and his wife, FPH [REDACTED] were registered as foster carers from 1984 and had 36 placements between then and January 1998.

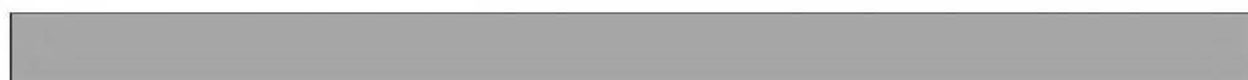
	approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The local authority assisted the Police in their investigations and then provided the file to the Procurator Fiscal following allegations made in 1998. The local authority does not have access to the file to ascertain what checks were made in relation to this foster carer as the Procurator Fiscal still holds this information. The local authority have contacted the Procurator Fiscal to have the file returned but this has not yet happened.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The local authority provided information to the Police following the allegation made in 1998. The local authority also provided the Procurator Fiscal with the foster carer's file to assist in the charges against James Farquhar.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1 & 2</u></p> <p>The alleged abuser and his wife were permitted to continue as foster carers after the first and second allegation of abuse.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>Following the third allegation of sexual abuse in January 1998, the children in their care were removed.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The first allegation was made by the foster carer's [REDACTED] against him. The allegation was investigated by the Social Work Department and the Child Protection guidelines were followed. The outcome in relation to the investigation was that no further action was required.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The second allegation was made by a child in foster placement with James and FPH [REDACTED]. The foster child's allegation relayed information from James Farquhar's [REDACTED] who alleged that [REDACTED] had abused her. The allegation was investigated by the Social Work Department and the Child Protection guidelines were followed. The outcome in relation to the investigation was that no further action was required.</p>

		<p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>Mr and FPH [REDACTED] were not permitted to continue as foster carers after this allegation. They were suspended immediately and were de-registered on 7 September 1999 following James Farquhar's conviction for lewd and libidinous behaviour.</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The allegation was discussed at subsequent Carer Annual Reviews.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The allegation was discussed at subsequent Carer Annual Reviews.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The foster carers were suspended immediately and were de-registered on 7 September 1999 following James Farquhar's conviction for lewd and libidinous behaviour.</p>

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FUU [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	Three allegations were made between 22 July 2011 and 2 June 2016.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carer offering Day Care and Respite Care.
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local	The local authority approved FUU [REDACTED] as a Day Carer in 1985 and as a Respite Carer in June 2001. From 2003, her

	<p>authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter</p>	<p>foster registration was extended to full-time foster care on a number of occasions for emergency foster care. In December 2004, FUU [REDACTED] was approved as a short-term foster carer for one child aged 0-5 years.</p> <p>The local authority undertook PVG and Disclosure Scotland checks every 3 years, including Police checks. Full medical examinations were to be undertaken every 6 years with medical records checks 3 yearly in between. Local authority checks were also undertaken every 3 years.</p> <p>The last PVG/Disclosure undertaken was on 11 November 2014. The last full medical report was undertaken on 4 February 2011.</p>
<p>c) iv</p>	<p>Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made</p>	<p>There is no evidence on file suggesting that information was shared with any third parties.</p>
<p>d)</p>	<p>Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?</p>	<p>FUU [REDACTED] was de-registered on [REDACTED] 2014. There were three allegations between her Carer Review Panel in 2010 and her de-registration at the end of 2014. However, she had no placements from June 2014 onwards.</p>
<p>e)</p>	<p>If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?</p>	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>An allegation was made against FUU [REDACTED] by her neighbour in July 2011. The neighbour claimed that FUU [REDACTED] had put one of the children in the foster placement outside and claimed that FUU [REDACTED] treated her grandchildren more favourably over the accommodated children. The allegations were investigated, and FUU [REDACTED] denied locking the child outside. No further action was taken by the local authority.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>An allegation was made by the siblings of the foster carer in relation to FUU [REDACTED]'s emotional care of the foster children in placement with her as well as a claim that she had a drinking</p>

		<p>problem in September 2011. The allegation was investigated, and FUU [REDACTED] denied drinking excessively. In terms of the emotional care of the children, she spoke about how challenging the foster children in placement could be and suggested that respite foster care could be of assistance. As none of the children in foster placement had raised any concerns in relation to the issues highlighted in the allegations, the foster placements were to continue and be monitored by Social Work.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The third allegation was made by a foster child in June 2014 who had been in placement from 2003. He told his Social Worker that the placement had reached 'crisis point'. Upon the Social Worker visiting the house, the foster child disclosed concerns about the emotional and physical care provided by the foster carer. He also disclosed an instance of being roughly handled by the foster carer's son-in-law who was also a respite carer. The child who made these allegations was removed from placement on [REDACTED] 2014 and moved to a temporary placement.</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The Social Worker investigated the allegations by the neighbour and found that neither the child nor his kinship carer had any concerns about the care provided by FUU [REDACTED]</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The Social Worker continued to monitor the placement through direct involvement with the foster carer and through the Practice Team Worker's involvement with the children.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>All children and young persons in foster placement were removed following the third allegation.</p>



Known / Alleged Abuser		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FPY-SPO [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	A report of physical abuse was made against FPY [REDACTED] in August 1993. It was alleged that the foster carer had smacked a child on the leg and on the bottom in response to the child misbehaving. This incident was self-reported by the foster carer.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The reports in the foster carers' file suggests that there were Police checks done prior to the carer's approval in 1988 which were renewed in 1993. There were also police checks done for their adult son and daughter in 1993.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	There is no evidence suggesting that there was police involvement from the file; however, the child protection procedures were followed and the child was removed from the placement.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The carers chose to be de-registered in November 1993 and the child in placement was removed at the time of the allegation.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

Known / Alleged Abuser

	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FPW-FPX
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>An allegation of physical abuse was made against FPX in March 1992. It was alleged that the foster carer had beaten a child in placement with a belt.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>An allegation of neglect was made against FPW in March 1993 about events that had occurred in October 1992. It was alleged that the children in placement had lice and that they had been locked in their bedrooms.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>An allegation of historical physical abuse and neglect was made against FPW in September 1991.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence in the foster carers' file of two personal references having been obtained. A home study was also said to have been completed.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers	<p><u>Allegation 1, 2 & 3</u></p> <p>The allegations do not appear to have been shared with any third parties.</p>

	at any point after the allegation was made	
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1, 2 & 3</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carers continued in their roles.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The allegation was dealt with using frontline resolution and the issue was discussed with the foster carers. The allegation was resolved as a practice learning issue and the child was moved to an alternative placement as a result of the difficulties that had arisen.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The files were checked from the time period of the alleged neglect and there was no reference to the concerns raised.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The case note indicated that the allegations were either unfounded or they were true and acceptable practice. The child was removed from the placement and there were practice discussions with the foster carer.</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The child later claimed to have mixed up the event with one that had occurred with his father. Support was provided to the carers following the allegation but there is no evidence on their file suggesting that support was also provided to the child who had made the allegation.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision followed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p>

		The child was removed from the placement and there were practice discussions with the foster carer.
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<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FVR-SPO [REDACTED] and a child in their family
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>An allegation of sexual abuse was made against a child in the foster carers' family in December 1991. It was alleged that the a 10 year-old child in the foster carers' family had attempted to touch a 7 year old child during an overnight stay.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>A report was made to the Social Work Department that FVR [REDACTED] FVR [REDACTED] had been convicted of rape. This resulted in a second SCRO check being carried out in 1993.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence in the foster carers' file of two personal references having been obtained in 1991. An initial police check was done in 1991 and a further check was completed in 1993. Medical reports were obtained in 1991.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>No information was shared with any third parties.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p>

	at any point after the allegation was made	The allegation was confirmed by the Police and a SCRO check was obtained.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The foster carers were de-registered following a second SCRO disclosure in March 1993. The child was moved from the placement.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The allegation was passed to the senior social worker and it was noted that the allegation would be dealt with the following day. The outcome of the complaint was not recorded and there was no further comment made about the allegation.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision followed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>N/A</p>

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FQR

c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of physical and sexual abuse was made against the carer in relation to two children who were in placement between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 1996.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence in the foster carer's file of two personal references having been obtained. The file had evidence of an initial police check being carried out and then updated in 2000. Medical reports were obtained as part of the carer's initial application.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The allegations did involve the Police and the records show that the carer and the children involved were interviewed.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	Yes, the carer was permitted to continue in her role.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	The carer was interviewed and taken to the Carer Review Panel. The carer denied the allegations and this was believed. The children were moved from the placement. The view was taken by Social Work that the child who alleged abuse was projecting abuse onto the carer and there had been a belief prior to the placement commencing that he may disclose information.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The carer attended the Carer Review Panel and her registration was continued on the basis that her denial of the allegations was believed.



Known / Alleged Abuser		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FQP-FQQ
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u> A complaint was made in relation to FQP in October 1998. It was alleged that the foster carer made inappropriate comments about the child in placement's birth family.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u> There was a complaint made against the foster carers in January 1997 in relation to the child in placement absconding from placement and the carers being reluctant to report her as missing.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u> An allegation of neglect was made against the foster carers in July 1996 where it was alleged that the child in placement had been locked out of the house for around seven hours.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u> An allegation of physical abuse was made against the foster carers in July 1996. It was alleged that the child in placement had been smacked and had been spoken harshly to by the carers. There was also reference to the previous allegation made of neglect.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u> An allegation of emotional abuse was made against the foster carer in January 1996.</p> <p><u>Allegation 6</u> A complaint was made by a child in relation to their placement with the foster carers in December 2000. The complaint related to the rigidity of the placement.</p>

c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The local authority obtained two personal references in relation to the foster carers prior to their approval. A police check was obtained as part of the initial application. Medical reports were obtained at the point of the initial application. A local authority check was also carried out.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<u>Allegation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6</u> No information was shared with any third parties.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<u>Allegation 1</u> Yes, the carers were permitted to continue in their role. <u>Allegation 2, 3, 4 & 6</u> Yes, the carers were permitted to continue in their role, however, this allegation was ultimately part of the reasoning for the carers being de-registered. <u>Allegation 5</u> Yes, the carers were permitted to continue in their role.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<u>Allegation 1</u> The allegation was not assessed as a child protection issue and was instead addressed as a practice issue. <u>Allegation 2</u> The social worker explained that it was the foster carer's responsibility to report the child missing and noted in the file that

		<p>the foster carers did not have a clear understanding of the procedures involved in foster care.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>There is no record of the reasoning for the decision taken.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u></p> <p>There is no record of the reasoning for the decision taken.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u></p> <p>The foster carers were made aware of how the child felt and sessions were put in place to work on the issues. The social work team saw an improvement.</p> <p><u>Allegation 6</u></p> <p>There is no record of the reasoning for the decision taken.</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision followed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The social worker did work with the foster carers to explain that it was the foster carer's responsibility to report the child missing and noted in the file that the foster carers did not have a clear understanding of the procedures involved in foster care.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision followed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision followed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u></p>

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<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	Unknown Male Abuser
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	At some time between 1978 and 1980 for 1.5 years. Allegation disclosed in the summer of 1985.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	<p>Foster Carer.</p> <p>The young person disclosed the allegation against her previous foster carer to [REDACTED] her foster carers at the time.</p>
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	A social worker interviewed the young person who made the disclosure and it was discovered that the alleged abuser was now dead. The local authority does not hold further evidence from the point of approval of the alleged abuser as a foster carer.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	At the time the allegation of abuse was made, the alleged abuser was deceased. The local authority is not aware of any information being sought by or provided to third parties after the allegation was made.

d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	N/A. At the time the allegation of abuse was made, the alleged abuser was deceased.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FQL-FQM
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	Approved in 1991. First allegation made in 1992.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence of personal references being obtained and there had been home visits to the referees prior to the carers' approval. There is also evidence that a police check was carried out. Both carers also had medical reports taken as well as local authority checks.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers	<u>Allegation 1</u> There was an allegation made on 21 August 1992 that both carers were frequently under the influence of alcohol with children present, that they both worked long hours and that there had been an incident involving an axe. This allegation was

	<p>at any point after the allegation was made</p>	<p>handled internally and there was no evidence suggesting that information was passed to any third party, including the police.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>An allegation was made on 14 September 1992 that FQM was admitted to hospital with alcohol poisoning while on holiday which may have had an emotional impact on the children in placement. This allegation was also handled internally and there was no evidence suggesting that information was passed to any third party.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>There was an allegation made of poor care and verbal abuse on 2 January 1993 by the foster carers' neighbour. There was also an allegation that there had been a party which resulted in an immediate police visit.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u></p> <p>An allegation was made on 27 February 1993 to the Emergency Duty Team of Mrs FQL being drunk and allegedly shouting and swearing in the street. There is no evidence that a third party was provided with information relating to this allegation.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u></p> <p>An allegation was made that the foster carers' daughter may have a black eye. There is no evidence that a third party was provided with information relating to this allegation.</p>
d)	<p>Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?</p>	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u></p>

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e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Following the allegation made on 21 August 1992, the foster carers' liaison worker made a home visit on 11 September 1992 to discuss the allegation. The social worker counselled against association with the [REDACTED] (the person who had been involved in the axe incident) and FQM [REDACTED] denied this incident and stated that he had intervened in a fight between Mr [REDACTED] and another male relating to the alleged assault of Mrs [REDACTED]</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The foster carers received a joint home visit from their liaison social worker and the senior social worker and there were follow up visits.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The Police attended the complaint and found that the foster carers were sober and the child in placement was asleep in his bed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u></p> <p>The Emergency Duty Team attended the home and found that FQM [REDACTED] was drunk but FQL [REDACTED] was not and the child in placement seemed happy.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u></p> <p>A home visit was made by the social worker and there was no sign of the child having a black eye. No further action was taken.</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p>

		<p>The foster carers' liaison worker made a home visit on 11 September 1992 to discuss the allegation and counselled against association with the [REDACTED]</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>There was an initial joint home visit from the liaison social worker and the senior social worker and then follow-up visits after that.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision followed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision followed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u></p> <p>The allegation was unfounded.</p>
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<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	Mr [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	At some time in 1985.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carer in Ormiston in East Lothian.
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local	The local authority does not hold this information.

	authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The child in placement was frightened to return to the foster placement with [FTL] and was accommodated with different foster carers, the [REDACTED]. The local authority dealt with this internally and has no record of the information being passed to any third parties.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The local authority cannot confirm whether or not the foster carer was permitted to continue in his role.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	The local authority does not hold this information.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The local authority does not hold this information.

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FPQ-FPR [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p>There were two allegations of abuse made against the foster carers, neither of which were upheld by the local authority.</p> <p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>An allegation was made on 8 December 1995 of physical abuse by one of the children in foster placement with the Mr and Mrs [FPQ-FPR]. The child retracted the allegation following conversations with Social Work.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p>

		A child in foster placement with Mr and Mrs [FPQ-FPI] made various calls between August 1994 and April 1995 to the Police and Childline making allegations about Mr and Mrs [FPQ-FPI]. The local authority did not uphold any of the accusations made by the child.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The Foster Carers were approved in September 1985. The local authority holds Disclosure Consent forms and SCRO checks from 1995 and a contract of work dated 1995 but there are no records held relating to pre-approval checks. The local authority located a report stating that the [FPQ-FPI]'s file had been destroyed which suggests that pre-approval checks may have been undertaken but a record of these no longer exists.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The local authority understands that the allegation was made initially to the Police before being retracted. However, the local authority did not provide any information directly to third parties.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>These allegations resulted in some involvement between the foster carers and the Police as a result of the child's phone calls. There is no evidence suggesting that the local authority chose to share any information with third parties outside of those third parties that the child contacted directly.</p>
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles, however the child was placed in a residential care unit.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles, however the child moved to a placement within a residential</p>

		care unit due to the impact the allegations had on the other child in placement.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The allegation was rescinded by the child shortly after it was made so no further action was taken.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The local authority did not uphold any of the allegations made by the child.</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The allegation was discussed by the Panel Members in 1996 following the child leaving the foster placement and they were approved to continue as Close Support Carers.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The allegations were discussed by the Panel Members in 1996 following the child leaving the foster placement and they were approved to continue as Close Support Carers.</p>

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FQK
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	There were two separate incidents involving alleged abuse made against FQK between 20 January 2002 and 27 January 2002.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Respite Foster Carer

c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There were two personal references on file as well as a PVG/ Police Check and an Enhanced Disclosure for another member of the household. Medical reports were also obtained for the foster carer and for other members of the household. A local authority check was carried out prior to approval with further information being obtained following approval.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	There is no evidence on file suggesting that the local authority passed any information to a third party.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The foster carer requested to be de-registered from fostering in November 2002 shortly after the allegations were made and the respite placement broke down.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FPV [REDACTED] and her son, [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p>The foster carer was approved in September 1986 and de-registered in 2005. The period of time over which the foster carer was alleged to have abused children was between March 1991 and November 2004.</p> <p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The first allegation was made in March 1991 and concerned an allegation that the foster carer's son had hit a child in placement.</p>

		<p><u>Allegation 2</u> A second allegation was made of physical abuse and neglect in June 1991 detailing various complaints which will be found in Part 5.9.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u> The third allegation was made in June 1991 and related to physical abuse by the foster carer's son and neglect by the foster carer.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u> The fourth allegation of physical abuse and neglect was made on 4 July 1991 by a neighbour of the foster carer.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u> An allegation of physical abuse was made on 30 March 1998.</p> <p><u>Allegation 6</u> An allegation of emotional abuse was made on 13 June 2000.</p> <p><u>Allegation 7</u> An allegation was made against the foster carer on 27 September 2001 that she had been drunk and had been unable to assume the care of the child in placement.</p> <p><u>Allegation 8</u> A child who had been in placement from May 1995 made an historical allegation on 20 January 2003 that the foster carer had hit him in the past resulting in a bloody nose.</p> <p><u>Allegation 9</u> An allegation of neglect, use of alcohol and failure to provide adequate care to a young person was made against FPV in November 2004.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the	Foster Carer

	foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The local authority has two personal references for the foster carer on file as well as evidence that an interview took place with at least one of the referees. There is evidence that PVG checks or Police checks were carried out throughout Ms FPV 's time as a foster carer. There is evidence of local authority checks being carried out at the point of application and subsequently at each re-assessment.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<p><u>Allegation 1, 2, 3 & 4</u></p> <p>An investigation was undertaken into this complaint, among others, in July 1991 by the local authority who appointed an investigator from another area of Social Work to try to ensure a measure of independent scrutiny in the investigation.</p> <p>Information was sought from the Police in relation to the absconding of the child named in the complaints as well as noise disturbance.</p> <p>In relation to the third allegation, information was passed to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children Social Worker.</p> <p>In relation to the fourth allegation, the neighbour who made the complaint was interviewed by the independent investigator as part of the investigation that was undertaken in July 1991.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u></p> <p>The child was taken to a GP in relation to the injury reported in this allegation. The GP's view was that the injury was caused by an insect bite rather than physical abuse by the foster carer.</p> <p><u>Allegation 6</u></p> <p>This allegation was dealt with internally as a practice issue and no information was passed to or sought from a third party.</p> <p><u>Allegation 7</u></p>

		<p>This allegation was dealt with internally as a practice issue and no information was passed to or sought from a third party.</p> <p><u>Allegation 8</u></p> <p>The information relating to this allegation was passed to the Police but there was no action taken as the child in placement was 16 years old and did not want to talk to the Police or take the matter further.</p> <p><u>Allegation 9</u></p> <p>This allegation was dealt with internally resulting in the foster carer being de-registered. However, no information was passed to or sought from a third party.</p>
d)	<p>Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?</p>	<p><u>Allegation 1, 2, 3 & 4</u></p> <p>Following the second allegation, an investigation was opened into both the first and second complaint with an independent council officer appointed to investigate. During the course of the investigation, the third and fourth allegations were made which were then incorporated into the investigation.</p> <p>FPV [REDACTED] was permitted to continue as a foster carer, however, there were no further placements at that time to allow Mrs FPV to focus on her son. This was reviewed after nine months.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u></p> <p>Yes, the allegation of abuse was not upheld by the child's GP. The child's parents chose to arrange the placement for respite care.</p> <p><u>Allegation 6</u></p> <p>Yes, FPV [REDACTED] was permitted to continue as a foster carer.</p> <p><u>Allegation 7</u></p> <p>Yes, FPV [REDACTED] was permitted to continue as a foster carer.</p> <p><u>Allegation 8</u></p>

		<p>Yes, FPV [REDACTED] was permitted to continue as a foster carer.</p> <p><u>Allegation 9</u></p> <p>No, a re-assessment was undertaken by the local authority following which the carer was de-registered.</p>
e)	<p>If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?</p>	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>An immediate home visit was made by Emergency Social Work Service and the child in placement was returned to the care of FPV [REDACTED] on the basis of their assessment. The complaint was then dealt with as a resolved practice issue. An independent investigation was later opened following a second complaint which resulted in FPV [REDACTED] having a break from fostering to focus on her son.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2, 3 & 4</u></p> <p>The liaison social worker continued to support the foster carer and the child involved in the complaints was not immediately removed. Following the independent investigation, the placement of the child was to end within 6 to 8 weeks. No further placements were to be made with FPV [REDACTED] for an initial period of nine months.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u></p> <p>The alleged abuse was not upheld by the GP or the local authority. However, the parents of the child still chose to end the placement.</p> <p><u>Allegation 6</u></p> <p>This was not a child protection issue and was resolved as a practice learning issue following an internal investigation. Mrs FPV [REDACTED] liaison social worker continued to support and advise the foster carer on confidentiality issues and boundary keeping.</p> <p><u>Allegation 7</u></p> <p>This allegation was dealt with by frontline resolution. The Senior Social Worker involved discussed the complaint with their line manager and an immediate home visit was made. The foster</p>

		<p>carer's explanation was accepted by the Senior Social Worker and when discussed with the line manager; it was agreed that no further action should be taken.</p> <p><u>Allegation 8</u></p> <p>A child protection investigation was progressed, and the information was passed to the Police. The outcome of the IRD discussion was to take no further action. The foster carer recalled the incident as an accident, and it was noted that she had not reported it at the time. The foster carer was reminded of the procedures to follow if a child in her care is injured in any way.</p> <p><u>Allegation 9</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Following the home visit and child protection assessment by Emergency Social Work Service, the child was returned to his foster placement with FPV [REDACTED]</p> <p>The file noted that the complaint was dealt with as a resolved practice issue. The behaviour of the carer's son was addressed in a subsequent investigation undertaken following other complaints about the carer in July 1991.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2, 3 & 4</u></p> <p>Following the allegations and prior to the investigation being concluded, the child involved in the complaint continued to reside in the foster placement. This was monitored by the liaison social worker who continued to support the foster carer. Once the investigation was concluded, the child in placement moved within 6-8 weeks and the foster carer took a break from fostering that was reviewed after nine months.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u></p>

		<p>There was no continued monitoring or supervision following the GP's opinion that the injury was caused by an insect bite. The matter was not treated as a child protection issue.</p> <p><u>Allegation 6</u></p> <p>The allegation was resolved as a practice learning issue following an internal investigation and the liaison social worker continued to support and advise the foster carer on confidentiality issues and boundary keeping.</p> <p><u>Allegation 7</u></p> <p>The Senior Social Worker involved discussed the complaint with their line manager and an immediate home visit was made. The foster carer's explanation was accepted by the Senior Social Worker and when discussed with the line manager, it was agreed that no further action should be taken.</p> <p><u>Allegation 8</u></p> <p>The foster carer was reminded of the procedures to follow if a child in her care is injured in any way.</p> <p><u>Allegation 9</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
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<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FOJ-FON [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>On 16 May 1991, an allegation of sexual abuse was made against FOJ [REDACTED]</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p>

		The second allegation was made between ██████████ 1993 and ██████████ 1994 and related to emotional abuse.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence on the carers' file that SCRO checks were undertaken prior to their approval as foster carers in 1983. The local authority also has evidence of medical reports being obtained for both foster carers. Local authority checks of their addresses were also done as part of the SCRO checks.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>A letter was brought to the attention of the Social Work Department that ██████████ had allegedly sexually abused a child in placement. The Emergency Duty Team and Police were informed of the allegations. The Police interviewed both foster carers and their family, including their older children.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The allegations were made at a Children's Hearing, however, information relating to the allegation was not passed to any other third parties.</p>
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Yes, the ██████████ were permitted to continue as foster carers.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>Yes, the ██████████ were permitted to continue as foster carers.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The young person who made the allegation of sexual abuse admitted to inventing the story under pressure from the Police during the investigation into the allegation.</p>

		<p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The allegations were made at a Children's Hearing to determine whether the child should continue in his placement with the [REDACTED]. The outcome of the Hearing was that the child would not return to his placement. The foster carers claimed that the allegations were made in response to the child being caught stealing.</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Following the Police investigation, the foster carers' social worker requested a 28-day break to allow the family to get over the trauma of the allegations without a placement. Following the allegation, the foster carers changed their registration to only take boys for foster placements.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence of what process of monitoring or supervision followed.</p>

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FPI-FPJ [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The first allegation related to physical abuse and was self-reported by the carers immediately after the incident which took place in October 1984.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The second allegation took place between [REDACTED] 1992 and [REDACTED] 1993 and related to physical abuse, primarily</p>

		<p>smacking, as well as neglect through the lack of emotional support and comfort provided to the child in placement.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The third allegation was in relation to neglect, including the child in placement wearing clothes that were not fit for purpose, the use of alcohol and inappropriate language by the foster carers. This took place between July 1988 and April 1989 for the duration of the child's placement.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Community Carers (July 1984 – September 1985), then Foster Carers until their de-registration in July 1999.
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The local authority has evidence of two personal references on file for the foster carers. SCRO checks were also carried out prior to their approval as foster carers which flagged historic offences. Medical reports were also carried out in 1984 prior to their approval as community carers.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>This allegation occurred while Mr and Mrs FPI-FPJ were community carers. The local authority holds information suggesting that the Police were called to the carers' house and took no further action.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>No information was provided to a third party in relation to this allegation.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>No information was provided to a third party in relation to this allegation.</p>

d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Yes, the carers continued as community carers until they were approved as foster carers the following year.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The carers file from the period when they were Community Carers is not available so there is no specific information explaining the decision to permit them to continue as carers.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>A note in the foster carers' file suggested that no further action was taken by the local authority because there was "no reason to believe that the incident had occurred as alleged".</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>An investigation was carried out by a Senior Social Worker resulting in the child's parent, the person who had made the allegation, being invited to attend a meeting to discuss the outcome of the investigation. The parent did not attend the meeting and no further action was taken. The allegation was resolved as a practice learning issue.</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Following the incident, the Police were called and they chose to take no further action. The child was removed to Outworkers for the night. A report was prepared by the Emergency Duty Team suggesting that the incident was followed up by a social worker the following day.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p>

		<p>An internal investigation was undertaken by the Social Work Department.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>An investigation was carried out by a Senior Social Worker resulting in the child's parent, the person who had made the allegation, being invited to attend a meeting to discuss the outcome of the investigation. The parent did not attend the meeting and no further action was taken.</p>
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<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FTI-FTJ
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The first allegation was made relating to physical abuse, including ill treatment, excessive discipline and preventing a child from seeing family members. These allegations were made by a young adult in placement in August 1992 relating to conduct that took place between [REDACTED] 1988 and [REDACTED] 1992.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The second allegation was made in December 1991 and related to historical emotional abuse.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The third allegation was made in March 2002 and related to emotional abuse and neglect that was alleged to have taken place on 24 March 2002. Mr FTJ [REDACTED] had allegedly sworn at the child in placement resulting in the child walking to her mother's house.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the	Foster Carers

	foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The foster carers had two personal references on their file prior to their approval in 1979. There are SCRO checks on file from 1978 prior to their approval as well as medical reports obtained for both carers. There is evidence of local authority checks from 1988, 1992 and 2004. A housing check was carried out in 1979 and thereafter as part of their Form F completion and Carer Reviews.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The allegations resulted in an internal departmental investigation into the foster carers. They were not treated as a child protection issue and no information was passed to or sought from any third parties.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>No information was passed to or sought from any third parties.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>No information was passed to or sought from any third parties.</p>
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1, 2 & 3</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Following an investigation, the allegations were not treated as a child protection issue as the levels of physical punishment described by the complainant was not substantiated in other statements. The young person in placement was sent a letter by the District Manager explaining the decision to permit Mr and Mrs FTI-FTJ to continue as foster carers. This letter explained that the complaints had been taken seriously and that the carers would be required to undertake training in the areas of weakness identified from the investigation.</p>

		<p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The child that the allegation had related to had denied the allegations. No further action was taken.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The carers' file notes that the complaint was dealt with as a practice issue and that the placement ended shortly after the complaint was made.</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>An investigation was made into the allegations. The District Manager accepted the recommendations of the investigation which were to continue home study for the foster carers with specific areas as identified by the investigation requiring further exploration. A letter was sent to the foster carers explaining the summary of the investigation and its outcome.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>There was no monitoring or supervision as the complaint had been denied by the child in question.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>There was an internal investigation into the allegation and it was resolved as a practice issue. The placement ended shortly after the allegation was made.</p>

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FRK [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>There were two incidents noted in the foster carer's file relating to the misuse of alcohol. The first incident related to a police</p>

		<p>charge for driving under the influence of alcohol on 2 September 1995.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The second incident occurred on 24 October 1995 where an employee of the local authority reported that the foster carer smelled strongly of alcohol.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Contract Foster Carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The foster carer was approved in 1994. There are two personal references in her file. A SCRO check was carried out in 1994 for the carer as well as subsequent SCRO checks undertaken for other adults in the household, e.g. handyman and au pair. A basic disclosure check was obtained for regular visitors to the household. A medical report was also obtained for the foster carer in 1994 and the file notes that various checks were made against lodgers staying in the household. A housing check was carried out in October 1994 and local authority checks were carried out for the lodgers as required.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The first allegation involved a police charge for driving under the influence of alcohol. There is no evidence to suggest that any other information was passed to or sought from any other third parties.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The local authority holds no details relating to the foster carer's de-registration. It appears that the foster carer decided to stop fostering in February 1996 but a Panel does not seem to have taken place.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	The foster carer appears to have continued fostering between the allegations and her decision to stop in February 1996. There is no record of why the local authority deemed this to be

		appropriate and there is no further information available relating to the outcome of the police charge.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The local authority holds no evidence of what process of monitoring or supervision followed.

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FKC-SPO
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	Two children placed with the foster carers made allegations of sexual abuse against FKC on 10 and 11 September 1994.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence of meetings, visits and reports by Social Work staff.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	Mr FKC was charged with indecent assault against both children. It is suspected that evidence was passed to the Police and also to the CPS.

d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	No, the carers were suspended when the child protection case conference opened on 15 September 1994. The other child in placement was moved to carers in West Lothian. The carers were then de-registered following the investigation.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FTN-FTO [REDACTED] and their sons, EJM [REDACTED] and EJK [REDACTED] EJG [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The first allegation of physical abuse was made against FTN [REDACTED] in May 1994. The carer allegedly manhandled a child in placement on his return from being missing.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>An allegation was made against the foster carers' son, EJM [REDACTED] in January 1988; however, there were no further details on what the allegations were.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>An allegation of emotional abuse was made against FTN [REDACTED] in July 1994. The child in placement alleged that the foster carer had been threatening him and pushing him around and that he was unhappy with staying in the placement.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u></p> <p>A complaint was made against the foster carers in May 1999 that related to issues dating from [REDACTED] 1994 until [REDACTED] 1999.</p>

		<p>The complaint related to the misuse of clothing allowances, the children in placement sharing bedrooms, the role of the foster carers' adult sons and the language used by FTN and his sons.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u></p> <p>An allegation of physical abuse was made against the foster carers' adult, EJG in October 2000. It was alleged that EJG had assaulted a young person by grabbing him around the neck in an attempt to restrain him.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Some of the allegations were made against the foster carers and others were made against members of the household, primarily their two adult sons.
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The foster carers were approved in 1983 and there is evidence of them having reviews on a yearly basis until 1993. SCRO checks were carried out for the carers in 1993, 1994 and 1996 and were also carried out for their two adult sons in 1991, 1993 and 1996. The SCRO checks on the sons highlighted previous offences and there is a note on the file stating that a report was submitted to the Carers Review Panel in light of this. Medical reports were obtained for the carers and in July 1991 which evidenced that Mrs FTO had previously suffered from temporary nerve pain. A medical certificate was obtained which stated that she was now fit to commence as a foster carer.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Information was passed to the Police in relation to this allegation and a joint interview took place as part of the Child Protection Procedures.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2, 3 & 4</u></p> <p>No information appears to have been sought from or provided to any third parties.</p>

		<p><u>Allegation 5</u></p> <p>The allegations were passed to the Police as part of the Child Protection Procedures. It appears that there had also been police involvement on the night of the incident as the child in placement had run away from the carers' home on two occasions.</p>
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1, 2, 3 & 4</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u></p> <p>The foster carers had their annual review in October 2000 following this allegation and this resulted in their de-registration.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Child protection procedures were initiated and it was determined that the child in placement should not be placed on the Child Protection Register.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The social worker discussed the allegations with a senior social worker to determine whether there should be police involvement. It was decided that police involvement could be traumatic for the child as she had been involved in a rape trial the previous year. In addition, she was no longer in placement at the time of the allegations so there was no further risk. The child was formally removed from the foster placement and the allegations were discussed at the next Carer Review Panel in 1988. It was decided that the foster carers could continue in their roles.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>This allegation was dealt with as a practice issue and the child was removed from placement and placed with Outworkers. A meeting between the Outworkers and the carers was convened to address the issues in the complaint and the file suggests that these issues were resolved.</p>

		<p><u>Allegation 4</u></p> <p>The issues were discussed at the foster carers' next Annual Review and were addressed by their liaison social worker. The child in question did not return to the placement.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence of what process of monitoring or supervision followed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The child was removed from the foster placement and the allegations were discussed at the next Carer Review Panel in 1988. It was decided that the foster carers could continue in their roles.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence of what process of monitoring or supervision followed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u></p> <p>The foster carers were monitored by their liaison social worker and the complaint was addressed at their next Annual Review.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u></p> <p>N/A</p>

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FVT [REDACTED]

c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p>An anonymous allegation was made against the foster carer in 1993 in relation to her “drinking habits” and “seedy personal life” following her approval as a foster carer. However, the letter set out concerns and did not relate to any allegations of abuse. No action was taken by the local authority at this time.</p> <p>A second allegation was made in September 1995 which alleged that the child in placement was not receiving adequate supervision on account of the foster carer’s drinking habits.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The foster carer had two personal references on her file. The local authority located a SCRO for the foster carer and also for her daughter. A SCRO check was also carried out in relation to the foster carer’s partner which flagged a charge for lewd and libidinous practice and another for indecent behaviour. A Form F had been completed and a home study was completed at the. The carer’s home was checked in 1995 following a complaint being made.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	There is no evidence to say that information was provided to any third parties in relation to either allegation.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	Yes, the foster carer was permitted to continue in her role.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	The local authority followed the complaints procedure in relation to the second allegation and the Resource Team Manager was appointed to investigate. This involved consultation with the liaison social worker, child in placement, therapist and staff at the child’s school. A medical report for the carer was also

		obtained. The investigation concluded that the placement was satisfactory.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	There is evidence on the file that a housing check was carried out following the investigation and that ongoing training and support was provided to the foster carer.

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FTH-SPO [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<u>Allegation 1</u> An allegation was made against FTH [REDACTED] of physical abuse against a child in placement in April 1984.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence on the foster carers' file that personal references were obtained as well as letters provided by the referees prior to their approval. A SCRO check was carried out in 1981 along with medical reports for each carer. Housing checks had also been carried out prior to their approval upon the completion of a Form F.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<u>Allegation 1</u> There is no suggestion that the allegation was passed to or sought from any third parties.

d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<u>Allegation 1</u> Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<u>Allegation 1</u> The social worker spoke with the birth mother who had made the complaint as well as the child in placement, the child's sibling and [FTH ██████████]. It was noted in the foster carers' file that there was no suggestion that the child should go elsewhere and that the allegation was resolved between all parties.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<u>Allegation 1</u> The local authority holds no evidence of what process of monitoring or supervision followed.

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FOQ-SPO ██████████
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of sexual abuse was made against the male carer in August 1990.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Community Care Scheme Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Personal references were obtained from both carers in 1984. SCRO checks were carried out in 1983 and in 1998 for both carers. A check was also obtained in 1983 for another adult member of the household. The carers also had medical reports carried out in 1983.

c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	It was not recorded on the file whether the police were informed of the allegation.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles. They were de-registered in 2000 as a result of marriage separation.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	The allegation was dealt with as a practice issue and the file states that the allegation was investigated but not taken further in the report from 1990.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The local authority holds no evidence of what process of monitoring or supervision followed.

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FQU-FQV and their son FQX
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>An allegation of physical abuse and neglect was made against both foster carers in February 1997. This related to smacking, favouring other children in placement, using food punitively and the carer's adult child staying overnight without the department's knowledge.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>An allegation of physical abuse was made against FQU FQU in August 2000. It was alleged that a child in placement had been slapped on the face.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p>

		<p>An allegation of physical abuse and neglect was made against the foster carers in June 2001. This related to allegations of physical chastisement and poor fitting shoes.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u></p> <p>An allegation of sexual abuse was made by a child who had previously been in placement with the Mr and Mrs FQU-FQV against their adult son, FQX. As part of this investigation, allegations of physical abuse against FQU were also made.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers, and son of Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The local authority holds evidence of the carers' initial application and the relevant checks. Two written references were obtained in October 1994. SCRO checks were carried out and returned August 1995 for both carers. Medical reports were also obtained prior to the FQU-FQV approval as foster carers.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<p><u>Allegation 1 & 2</u></p> <p>No information was shared with third parties.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>This allegation was received from a social worker from an independent adoption agency. No information was shared with any other third parties.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u></p> <p>Child protection procedures were initiated in relation to the allegations and the Police was informed. Both children who made the allegations were interviewed jointly by the local authority and the Police. It was deemed that there was insufficient evidence by the Police.</p>

d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1, 2 & 3</u></p> <p>Yes, the carers were permitted to continue in their roles.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u></p> <p>No, the carers were de-registered.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>An internal investigation was undertaken involving interviews with the foster carers, the child's social worker, Children Centre staff and the Family Based Care social worker. The investigation report was taken to the Foster Panel for review with the investigating officer in attendance. The child was moved from the placement at this time. The Panel was held in July 1997 and the decision was taken to continue registration of the foster carers.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The social worker visited the foster carer and had a general discussion on the use of physical chastisement and the department's policy in relation to the discipline of children.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>Physical chastisement was not dealt with as a child protection issue at this time. A meeting was arranged between the relevant senior social workers who determined that the issues relating to ill-fitting shoes would not be addressed with the carers but noted that there was a future need to be more specific with these issues. In relation to the allegation of physical abuse, this was raised with the carer and she denied the allegation. No further action was taken.</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The carers were required to undertake sessions as identified before a further placement was made. Concerns were noted</p>

		<p>about maintaining boundaries and some of their responses. The Family Based Care worker agreed to arrange sessions to address issues on attachment, separation and loss and on rebuilding trust and working relationships.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The social worker visited the foster carer and had a general discussion on the use of physical chastisement and the department's policy in relation to the discipline of children. The allegation was not followed up beyond this discussion.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence of what process of monitoring or supervision followed.</p>
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<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FQT-SPO [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of physical and emotional abuse was made against FQT [REDACTED] in January 2000. It was alleged that the foster carer smacked the child in question and that she was cold and did not comfort the child.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Share the Care Foster Carers until 1999 when they became Contract Foster Carers.
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	SCRO checks were obtained for both foster carers along with medical reports and local authority checks. There were also assessment review reports and minutes on file.

c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	There is no evidence that information was provided to third parties as this was not deemed to be a child protection issue.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The child did not return to the placement and the carer gradually left foster-caring and was de-registered the following year.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FQD [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of sexual abuse was made against FQD [REDACTED] at some point in 1989.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	A SCRO check was completed in 1992 and a criminal conviction enquiry was obtained in 1994. Medical reports were obtained prior to his approval in June 1988 and further reports were obtained in 1991 and 1994. A local authority check was completed in 1994. Housing checks were completed during 1991.

c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	There is no evidence of information being passed to any third parties.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	Yes, the foster carer was permitted to continue in his role.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	A report in the Mr FQD file dated 30 January 1990 recorded that the Department's position was that they did not accept the allegations and they were unfounded.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision followed.

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FSJ-FSZ
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>An allegation of physical abuse was made against FSJ in February 1999 in relation to her use of physical chastisement.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>A historic allegation of sexual abuse was made against both carers by a woman who claimed to be between 15 and 17 years old at the time. The allegation was made in October 1999 and was said to have taken place twenty years ago, around 1979/1980.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p>

		An allegation of neglect was made against the foster carers in August 1997. The allegations related to concerns around the carers' drinking habits and that a child in placement was wearing clothes that were worn out.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The local authority holds two personal references for the foster carers which were obtained prior to their approval in 1977. The foster carers' file noted that SCRO checks were carried out in 1977 and 1990 for both carers and that all adults in the household completed disclosure checks in 1990. Medical reports were also obtained in 1977, 1978 and 1990 for both foster carers. Local authority checks were carried out in November 1990 for the foster carers and for the adult members of the household. A housing check was done prior to the carers' approval and again in 1990.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Information was passed to the Police in relation to the allegation and they concluded their investigation after a joint interview with the child in May 1999. No charges were made against the carers.</p> <p>Information was also passed to the Edinburgh and Lothians Registration and Inspection Service (ELRIS) for an inspection of fostering services. The carers were randomly chosen for the pilot scheme and it was noted in the report that the normal child protection IRD processes were missed resulting in lengthy timescales where the carers were unsure of their current and future status.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>A joint investigation was made into the alleged historical child abuse. The allegations were shared with Police Scotland and were investigated by the Public Protection Unit. In addition, this</p>

		<p>allegation was also included in the audit carried out by ELRIS, detailed above.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>No information appears to have been shared with any third parties.</p>
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Yes, the carers were permitted to continue in their roles.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>At the time of this allegation, the carers were taking a break and after all the allegations were dealt with, it was decided that no further action would be taken. However, the carers decided that they wished to be de-registered and never returned to foster care.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>A joint investigation was undertaken by the local authority and the Police. The Police did not proceed to bring any charges against the carers and the local authority took the carers to a Panel for review.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The carers did not return to fostering.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The foster carers' file makes reference to this complaint being discussed.</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The carers went to a Review Panel following the investigation where their registration was continued. The child remained in placement for five weeks and then moved to a residential unit.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p>

		<p>The carers did not return to fostering.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The foster carers' file makes reference to this complaint being discussed.</p>
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<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FQS-SPO
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of physical abuse was made against FQS in July 1999. It was alleged that the foster carer had sworn at a child in placement and slapped him on one occasion.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence of two personal references on the foster carers' file. There is also evidence that medical reports had been obtained for both carers.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The Police were informed of the allegations but did not believe that the incident warranted their involvement.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The foster carers did continue fostering.

e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	The day prior to the allegations, the foster carer had phoned her liaison social worker and had indicated that the placement was too difficult and that they were looking to stop fostering. The allegations were made the following day and there is evidence in the file that the child in placement had overheard this phone call. The foster carers denied the allegation and the Child Protection Procedures appear to have been followed. A report was prepared which sets out the tensions in the lead up to the end of the placement. The child was moved from the placement as it had broken down but there is no evidence suggesting that further action was taken against the foster carers.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision followed.

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FQJ-SPO
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of physical abuse was made against FQJ in 1999 which related to her alleged inappropriate handling of a child in day-care at a Toddler Group. It was alleged that the child's hand was smacked and the child was roughly grabbed and later pushed.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The local authority had two personal references on file for the foster carers. A SCRO check was done for both carers in May 1995. Medical reports were also obtained in May 1995. A housing check was done as part of the initial application and there is evidence on the file that there were regular visits to the

		foster carers' home by social work staff. The carers had also been inspected by the Care Commission in 2002 in relation to their role as child minders and no concerns were raised.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	Information was passed to ELRIS (Edinburgh and Lothians Registration and Inspection Services) in relation to the allegation.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	Following the report to ELRIS, an unannounced home visit was made to the foster carers by the Resource Team Manager and the liaison social worker in March 1999. The outcome of the investigation found that the foster carer against whom the allegation had been made had not been in attendance at the Toddler Group when the allegation was said to have taken place. The local authority took no further action in relation to the allegation.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	There was an unannounced home visit to the foster carers' home following the allegation.

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	██████████ and FQO ██████████
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	The foster carer informed the liaison social worker that he had hit a child in placement at some point in June 1994 while the child was on holiday with the foster carers and their family.

c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence of a reference on the file. The file states that a SCRO check was completed. The SCRO check found a charge of breach of the peace against the male carer. Medical reports were obtained for both carers. A housing check was also done at the initial application stage.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The child's GP provided an examination of the child's injuries. The Police were also informed of the incident and they attended the child protection case conference. No further action was taken as the incident occurred outside of their jurisdiction.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The female carer continued to provide day-care.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	The liaison social worker visited the foster carers after the incident was reported. The foster carers were suspended following the investigation report and the child was moved from the placement. A child protection case conference was held in July 1994 which the Police attended. The foster carers indicated that they wished to continue fostering and that they deeply regretted the incident. The female carer was permitted to continue to provide day-care.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision followed.

Known / Alleged Abuser

	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FRL
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>An allegation of physical abuse was made against the foster carer in October 2000. It was alleged that the foster carer had hit and/or pushed the child in placement.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>An allegation of emotional abuse was made in July 2000. The foster carer was alleged to have been unsympathetic in response to a child in placement falling off a quad bike while on holiday.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The foster carer had two personal references on file from 1995. A SCRO check was also carried out in April 1995. Medical reports were obtained in 1995 and then twice in 2000 at the point that the carer was seeking medical de-registration.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<p><u>Allegation 1 & 2</u></p> <p>No information appears to have been shared with any third parties.</p>
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>No, the foster carer was in the process of being de-registered due to medical reasons. The child removed herself from the placement and did not return. The carer was then de-registered.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p>

		It appears to be the case that the carer begun the process of being de-registered due to medical reasons following this complaint. The carer was de-registered in 2001 and the child remained in placement until October 2000 when there was an additional allegation of abuse.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The allegation was investigated fully following departmental procedures. The allegations appear to have been raised at the carer's annual review on 10 October 2000. The concerns were raised with the child's social worker.</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The allegations were raised at the carer's annual review on 10 October 2000. The concerns were raised with the child's social worker.</p>

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FVU-FQN
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>An allegation of emotional abuse was made against FVU in July 1995 by a child in placement. It was alleged that the foster carer shouted and swore at the children in placement. It was also alleged that the foster carer had been drinking on one occasion and had been asked by the female carer to back off.</p>

		<p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>An allegation of abuse was made against FVJ in November 1997 as he had collected a child in placement from school whilst drunk.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>An allegation of neglect as well as physical and emotional abuse was made against FVU-FQN in March 1998. It was alleged that a child in placement had been found by Police officers with minor facial abrasions and lacerations and that a child in placement had been permitted to consume alcohol. The foster carers admitted to drinking alcohol and the Emergency Duty Team arrived and provided shelter for the child. The child in placement had been crying and the carers were alleged to have shown no concern for the child's health and wellbeing. The carers had also allegedly referred to the child in placement using derogatory terms while in the presence of the Police officers.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Two personal references were obtained by the local authority prior to the carers' approval. The files state that SCRO checks were carried out in 1992. A SCRO check also appears to have been carried out in relation to the foster carers' adult son. Medical reports were carried out in 1992 for both carers and also for their adult son. A local authority check also appears to have been carried out prior to their approval as carers.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers	The foster carers had previously contacted Glasgow City Council regarding fostering for them. A letter was sent to the Head of Service at Glasgow City Council by the local authority's Head of Operations summarising the allegations and the de-registration of Mr and Mrs FVU-FQN. The local authority does not

	at any point after the allegation was made	<p>have a copy of this letter but its existence was noted in the foster carers' file.</p> <p><u>Allegation 1 & 2</u></p> <p>No evidence appears to have been passed to any third parties.</p> <p>In relation to the second allegation, it was raised the following day so it would not have been possible to consider the police testing the carer for alcohol.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>Police officers had passed the property and seen the child in placement outside being pushed by another child. The incidents alleged were managed by the Police officers and the Emergency Duty Team and information appears to have been shared between the organisations.</p>
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1 & 2</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carers continued in their roles.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>No, the carers were de-registered.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>There is no evidence on file to answer this.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The allegation was dealt with through frontline resolution and was denied by the carers. No further action was taken.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The allegations were raised at the Child in Care Review and the child was then removed from the placement.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p>

		<p>The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision followed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
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<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FPK-SPO
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of physical abuse was made against FPK in October 1989. It was alleged that the foster carer had grabbed the neck of a child in placement and that this had left a mark.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence that personal references were obtained for each foster carer and interviews prior to their approval. A police check was carried out in May 1984 and medical reports were obtained in June 1984. A local authority check was also on file from May 1984.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The child in placement made an allegation of assault to the Police and was examined by a doctor. The Police interviewed the carers and the child's social worker and found the allegation to be unfounded and no further police action was taken. The doctor who examined the child in placement found that the mark was not consistent with being grabbed.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The carers decided to end fostering and were de-registered in 1990.

e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	Dorothy and Phillip Duncan
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u> An allegation of physical abuse was made against FVS ██████ in October 1994.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u> An allegation of physical abuse was made against FVS ██████ for an incident that took place at some time between January and February 1996.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	A report in the file stated that police checks and health checks were carried out.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers	<u>Allegation 1 & 2</u> There is no evidence suggesting that the information relating to the allegations was passed to any third parties.

	at any point after the allegation was made	
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<u>Allegation 1 & 2</u> The foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<u>Allegation 1</u> The Complaints Procedure was followed and a formal enquiry took place following which the foster carer was completely cleared of the allegation. <u>Allegation 2</u> There is no record of what process was followed in relation to this complaint. However, there was an enquiry made which found that there was no substance to the complaint.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<u>Allegation 1 & 2</u> The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision was followed.

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<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	ECT [REDACTED] & [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	Concerns were raised 2004 regarding ECT [REDACTED] misuse of alcohol.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Share the Care foster carers in relation to a named child.

c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence that prior to the foster carer's approval in May 1999, a police check and medical reports were obtained.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The local authority holds no evidence to suggest that this information was passed to a third party following the allegation.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The carer continued to be a foster carer after the first allegation in March 2004 and took a six-month break from fostering after the second allegation and did not return to fostering following this break. The third complaint was made in May 2004 at which point the foster carer was already taking a break from fostering.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	After the first allegation, the foster carer took ten days off and then returned to work. This was resolved as a practice issue. The foster carer did not return to fostering after the second allegation.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	Following the first allegation, the foster carer attended two meetings with her liaison social worker before returning to fostering.

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	KDL [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of abuse was made against the foster carer in relation to concerns that occurred between November 1999 and May 2000.

c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence of two personal references on the foster carer's file and there is evidence suggesting that both referees were contacted prior to the carer's approval. There is evidence of a SCRO or Police check being carried out in relation to the foster carer. A disclosure check appears to have been done in relation to the foster carer's sister. Medical reports were obtained for the foster carer and for a lodger in 1999. Local authority checks were also carried out for the foster carer, her sister and a lodger that lived within the household. It was highlighted that the lodger had a previous criminal conviction.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	There is no evidence that information was shared with any third parties.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The foster carer was de-registered following a breakdown in the relationship of trust.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response

b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FZB
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of physical abuse was made against the carer by the child in placement's mother in relation to alleged physical abuse. This abuse took the form of a scratch on the child's leg which happened at some time between 28 June 2000 and 17 August 2000.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence in the carer's file that personal references were obtained for the foster carer and that one of the referees was interviewed prior to her approval. There is also evidence in the file that police checks were carried out. Basic disclosure checks were carried out for regular visitors to the household. A medical report and a housing check was carried out prior to the carer's approval in 1999.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	There is no evidence that any information was passed to any third parties.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The foster carer was permitted to continue in her role.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	The child in placement's mother withdrew the allegation shortly after making it and there is no evidence suggesting that an investigation was carried out.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The child in placement's mother withdrew the allegation shortly after making it and there is no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision was followed.

Known / Alleged Abuser

	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FTU-SPO [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u> An allegation of physical and verbal abuse was made against FTU [REDACTED] in June 2002.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u> An allegation was made against FTU [REDACTED] of physical abuse, emotional abuse and neglect, primarily relating to the misuse of alcohol. The allegations were said to have taken place between December 2000 and October 2002.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u> An allegation was made in November 2002 relating to FTU [REDACTED] FTU [REDACTED] drinking at a children's centre.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u> An allegation was made against FTU [REDACTED] in January 2003 relating to her drinking.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5</u> A historic allegation was made against FTU [REDACTED] of physical abuse against a child in placement in addition to threats of violence. The allegation was made in February 2003 by a child who had previously been placed with the Mr and Mrs FTU-SPO [REDACTED] who had witnessed another foster child be slapped across the face.</p> <p><u>Allegation 6</u> A historic allegation was made against FTU [REDACTED] of physical abuse and of being drunk while in charge of children in her care. The allegations were made in April 2003.</p>

c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Mr and Mrs FTU-SPO transferred from Essex County Council where they had been registered as respite carers and subsequently as short-term carers. There is evidence on file that Essex County Council had received two personal references at the time of the foster carers' registration in 1998. The local authority obtained PVG checks at the point of transfer from Essex County Council as well as basic disclosures on two friends of the carers. There is evidence of a medical check on file for FTU from 2003 within which her GP expressed concern that fostering was too difficult for her. A local authority check was carried out by Essex County Council. The local authority carried out a housing check upon the carers' move to Edinburgh.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>There was an inter-referral discussion with the Police where it was agreed that the local authority would visit the child in placement. Information was passed to the Police in relation to the allegations.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2 & 3</u></p> <p>There is no evidence that information was passed to any third party relating to this allegation.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4</u></p> <p>The police were informed of the allegation but no charges were brought against the foster carer.</p> <p><u>Allegation 5 & 6</u></p> <p>At the time this allegation was made, the police were already involved in relation to previous allegations. It is unclear from the</p>

		file whether further information relating to the allegation was passed to the police as it appears to overlap with Allegation 1 where there had already been police involvement.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u> Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u> Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles. The child who made the allegations did not return to the placement but the other three children remained in placement.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u> Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4, 5 & 6</u> The children were removed from placement in January 2003 and the foster carers were de-registered in March 2003.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u> Following an inter-referral discussion with the Police, the local authority interviewed the child and it was determined that the incident was less serious than described initially. This outcome was agreed by the Police and the social worker was advised.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u> The allegations were dealt with as complaints against the carer, rather than child protection procedures. The decision was taken to end the placement of the child who made the allegations and to continue the other placements with liaison social workers making home visits alongside the senior social worker.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u> The staff at the children's centre spoke to the foster carer as did the liaison social worker. There is no evidence in the file that any further action was taken.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4, 5 & 6</u></p>

		N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Following an inter-referral discussion with the Police, the local authority interviewed the child and it was determined that the incident was less serious than described initially. This outcome was agreed by the Police and the social worker was advised. The child returned to her placement with the carers. The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision was followed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The decision was taken to end the placement of the child who made the allegations and to continue the other placements. Monitoring and supervision was put in place with liaison social workers making home visits alongside the senior social worker.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>The liaison social worker spoke with the foster carer and this was noted in her file.</p> <p><u>Allegation 4, 5 & 6</u></p> <p>N/A</p>

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FTR-SPO [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of emotional abuse was made against FTR [REDACTED] for conduct that occurred at some point between [REDACTED] 1997 and [REDACTED] 1999.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role	Respite Foster Carers

	they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence in the carer's file that two personal references were obtained for the foster carer. There is also evidence in the file that police checks were carried out for both carers. A medical report was carried out prior to the carers' approval in 1997.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	There is no evidence that any information was passed to any third parties.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The records indicate that the foster carers opted for de-registration following their reluctance to address areas of development in their practice. They did not continue as foster carers.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FTX-FTY
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	A list of sixteen complaints was made by a child in placement's mother against both foster carers.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role	Foster Carers

	they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	There is evidence in the foster carers' file that personal references were obtained for each foster carer and that interviews were carried out with the referees. There is also evidence in the file that police checks were carried out for both carers in December 2000. Basic disclosure checks were also done for three regular visitors to their home. A medical report was obtained for each carer in 2001 and medical reports were obtained for two regular visitors in 2002. Local authority checks were also carried out in 2000 and 2001. A housing check was done in 2002 following the foster carers moving address.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	There is no evidence that any information was passed to any third parties.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	An internal investigation was opened into the complaints and allegations. This was handled by a senior social worker and the resource development manager. The allegations were discussed with the foster carers. A letter was provided to the complainant and it appears to be the case that pastoral support was offered.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	There is no evidence to show the process of monitoring or supervision that followed.

Known / Alleged Abuser

	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FTT [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of physical abuse was made against FTT [REDACTED] in relation to an incident that happened at some point between [REDACTED] 1998 and [REDACTED] 1998.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The local authority obtained two personal references for the carers and interviewed one of the referees prior to their approval. SCRO checks were carried out in July 1998 for each foster carer and these included local authority checks. Medical reports were also obtained for the foster carers in July 1998.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	No information appears to have been passed to any third parties.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	There is no evidence of an investigation carried out in relation to this allegation. The social worker attended with the foster carer. The situation did not improve and the child was moved to Outworkers within a number of days of the allegation being made.

f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The child was moved from the placement to the Outworkers.
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<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FUV-FUY
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	2 June 2014
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Respite Foster Carers and the daughter and son-in-law of FUU FUU a de-registered foster carer.
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	<p>There is a record of an accommodation visit in December 2006 by the Social Work department as the FUV-FUY had contact with the children in foster placement with FUU</p> <p>FUV was approved as a respite foster carer for the children in foster placement with FUU in June 2008. Both FUV-FUY had a full medical check in 2008 and a review check in 2011.</p> <p>Mr and Mrs FUV-FUY were approved on 19 December 2012 to be foster carers for one baby placement. Prior to their approval, a full medical test, Disclosure Scotland check, Local Authority test and Health & Safety check was carried out. Home visits were undertaken by their Social Worker on a regular basis following Mr and Mrs FUV-FUY approval as foster carers.</p> <p>The original date for Mr and Mrs FUV-FUY review was set for 2 May 2014 but was rescheduled due to events taking place within the family. The rescheduled Review took place on 15 December 2014 where the foster carers were de-registered.</p>

c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	Interviews were conducted with FUV following the allegations made by the child in foster placement with FUJ. FUJ This information was passed to the Police.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p>No, the foster carers did not continue as foster carers following the allegations.</p> <p>FUY suffered a stroke in early 2014. The baby that was in foster placement at that time was removed. Mr and Mrs FUV-FUY did not provide a foster placement for any child following the removal of the baby on 22 April 2014 due to FUY ill health.</p> <p>A child in foster placement with FUJ mother, made allegations against FUV about her excessive drinking and made allegations against FUY of rough handling. There were no children in placement when these allegations were made. Mr and Mrs FUV-FUY were de-registered on 2014.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	Gary Goodrum
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	Gary Goodrum is currently serving a prison sentence for indecency towards children in relation to incidents occurring at his martial arts academy outwith his role as a foster carer.

		As a foster carer, allegations of abuse were made between September 2015 and December 2015. There were no respite placements from December 2015 onwards.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Respite foster carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Three personal references were obtained in 2006 when Gary Goodrum's partner, ██████████ became a foster carer and two further references were obtained in 2011 when the couple became joint foster carers. There is evidence on file that interviews were carried out with referees on both occasions. A check was done with both carers' employers in 2011. A Health and Safety check was done on the carer's home and proof of identity checks were carried out. PVG checks were carried out for the carers in 2009 and in 2014 and basic disclosure checks were done for the two regular visitors to the household. A medical check was done for both carers in 2011. Local authority checks were carried out in 2011 and 2015.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The local authority received information in relation to the charges against Gary Goodrum from Fife Council. Information was also received from Police Scotland.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	No. The first allegation against the Gary Goodrum was made in September 2015 and the foster carers had no placements from December 2015 onwards. The child who made the allegation did not return to the care of the foster carers following the disclosures made. The foster carers were de-registered on 26 June 2017 and had no contact with the department after September 2016.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A

f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A
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<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	ETZ-SPO [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	Between February 2004 and June 2005.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Specialist foster carers, their remit was for one full-time child with a disability.
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The foster carers were approved on 16 December 2003 following statutory checks being carried out, including Disclosure Scotland, full Medical check and local authority check.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The local authority was co-operative with Police Scotland and the Crown Prosecution Service in relation to the allegations against ETZ [REDACTED]
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	No, the child who made the allegation of sexual abuse was removed from the foster carers and placed with respite foster carers. No further children were placed with ETZ-SPO [REDACTED] while the Police investigation was ongoing and thereafter when ETZ [REDACTED] was charged and convicted of the possession of child pornography. The local authority learned of ETZ [REDACTED]'s conviction in May 2007 and de-registered him and his wife as

		foster carers in March 2010. The delay in de-registering the foster carers was a result of an administrative oversight, however, the local authority can confirm that no children were in placement following a disclosure made in 2005.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FUI-FUO [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>An allegation of physical and emotional abuse was made in February 2008 against the foster carers. The foster carers were alleged to have struck children in placement, been mentally cruel and pinned a child against a wall.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>An allegation of physical and emotional abuse was made against the foster carers which was said to have taken place between 3 and 19 April 2008. It was alleged that FUI [REDACTED] FUI [REDACTED] had slapped a child, pulled his hair and made him wash his soiled underwear.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers

c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The local authority has been unable to access this information as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The Police and Amethyst were both informed of the allegations but both chose not to interview the children involved.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The Police were informed of this allegation and were involved in the investigation under the Child Protection Procedures.</p>
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>No, an internal investigation was led by the local authority and the outcome of this was to de-register the foster carers.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The local authority followed its Child Protection Procedures and then took the view that there were no indicators supporting the allegations.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>No further action was taken.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>N/A</p>



Known / Alleged Abuser		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	██████████
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of sexual abuse was made against the grandson of ██████████ in January 2015. The alleged abuse took place between 9 February 2012 and 24 June 2014.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Grandson of Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	N/A
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The local authority instigated Child Protection Procedures which resulted in a Police investigation and charges being brought against the alleged abuser.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The allegation against ██████████ was not disclosed until January 2015. The foster carers were de-registered on 30 March 2015 but did not have contact with the department from April 2014 onwards.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

Known / Alleged Abuser

	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FTV-SPO [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of physical and emotional abuse was made against the foster carers in June 2015 in relation to incidents that happened between August and September 2012.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The local authority had PVG, medical checks and local authority checks carried out on the foster carers.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The local authority instigated Child Protection Procedures which resulted in Police involvement. Following investigation, the Police chose to take no further action. The incident was also reported to the Care Inspectorate.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The alleged abuse was said to have occurred in 2012 but was not disclosed until 2015. In the interim period, the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles. Following the disclosure, the foster carers were taken to the Carers Review Panel in 2015. They were not deregistered at this time.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	The foster carers were reviewed on 12 August 2016 and their remit was reduced to respite only which was reviewed after 6 months.

f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The foster carers were reviewed on 12 August 2016 and their remit was reduced to respite only. It was agreed that they would return to the Panel after 6 months for a further review.
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<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FRZ-FSD
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of neglect and physical and emotional abuse was made against the foster carers in April 2008 in relation to incidents that happened between September and April 2008.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority has been unable to complete its file audit and review the foster carers' file to locate this information.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The local authority instigated Child Protection Procedures which resulted in Police involvement. Following investigation, it was decided that a single agency response by the Social Work Department would be appropriate.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	Yes, the foster carers continued in their roles.

e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	The local authority acknowledged that the placement had been stretched beyond the foster carer's remit. Training was provided to the foster carer and this was viewed as a practice learning experience. It was acknowledged that the foster carer's experience was better suited to younger children.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The local authority provided the foster carer with training and acknowledged that the foster carer was better suited to younger children.

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FTS
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of physical abuse was made against the foster carer by his adopted child. The alleged abuse was said to have taken place in April and May 2008.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority was unable to complete its file audit and has been unable to locate this information as it has not reviewed this foster carer's file.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers	The local authority instigated Child Protection Procedures which resulted in Police involvement. Following investigation, it was decided that there should be a joint interview and a joint paediatric forensic medical.

	at any point after the allegation was made	
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The local authority information states that no further action was taken against this foster carer.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FUH [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of emotional abuse was made against the foster carer. This was said to have taken place in June 2008 and involved the foster carer swearing at a child in placement.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority has been unable to complete its file audit and has not been able to review this foster carer's file or locate this information.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers	There is no evidence that information was shared with any third parties as the allegation was handled internally.

	at any point after the allegation was made	
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	The foster carer was permitted to continue in her role.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	As the complaint was made anonymously, the Social Work Complaints Handling Procedure could not be followed fully and was instead followed informally. The allegation was handled as a practice learning issue.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The liaison social worker discussed the allegation with the foster carer and support would be available. The local authority holds no evidence to show what further process of monitoring or supervision was followed.

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FUE [REDACTED]
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>An allegation physical abuse was made against the foster carer by a child in placement in May 2003.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>An allegation physical abuse was made against the foster carer by the same child in placement as in allegation 1 in June 2003.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>An allegation of physical and emotional abuse was made against the foster carer by his birth child in September 2005.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the	Foster Carer

	foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority has been unable to complete its file audit and has not reviewed the file of this foster carer or been able to locate this information.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The information relating to all three allegations of abuse was passed to the Police as part of the local authority's Child Protection Procedures.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carer was permitted to continue in his role.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carer was permitted to continue in his role.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>No, the foster carer and his wife were taken back to the Carers Review Panel.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The local authority instigated its Inter-Agency Child Protection Procedures and involved the Police in their investigation. Following an investigation, the local authority decided that no further action should be taken.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The local authority instigated its Inter-Agency Child Protection Procedures and involved the Police in their investigation. Following an investigation, the local authority decided that no further action should be taken.</p>

		<p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision was followed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision was followed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 3</u></p> <p>N/A</p>

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FZC
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation relating to a verbal threat of physical abuse was made against the respite foster carer in January 2007.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Respite Foster Carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority has been unable to locate this information as it was unable to complete its file audit and review the foster carer's file.

c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	There is no evidence that information relating to this allegation was shared with any third parties.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	Yes, the foster carer was permitted to continue in his role.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	The child who had made the allegation was moved from placement while the investigation was ongoing. The liaison social worker and senior manager met with the foster carer to discuss the allegation and the foster carer admitted to using threatening language but explained that it had been in jest. A discussion was held on the use of appropriate language and on reflection the foster carer acknowledged their use of inappropriate language.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The allegation was acknowledged at the foster carer's next Carer Review Panel. The Panel discussed and recognised the learning that had been achieved for the foster carer from these development opportunities.

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FTZ
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of sexual abuse was made against the foster carer on 30 November 2006 for inappropriate sexual behaviour.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role	Foster Carer

	they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority has been unable to complete its file audit and has not reviewed this foster carer's file to be able to locate this information.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The Child Protection Procedures were followed in relation to this allegation and information was shared with the Police. The young person was joint interviewed and assessed as giving a credible account of the alleged abuse. However, due to the lack of corroboration, the Police took no further action and the investigation was passed to the local authority.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	No, the young person in placement had an alternative placement secured during the investigation and the foster carer was subsequently de-registered.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	██████████
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	Two allegations of sexual abuse were made against the son of foster carers ██████████ The first allegation was not made by a child in foster care and will not be covered in this section.

		The second allegation was made against the son of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in November 2015 for inappropriate sexual behaviour. This allegation related to abuse that was alleged to have taken place at some point in 2007.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Son of Foster Carers, [REDACTED]
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority has been unable to complete its file audit and has not reviewed this foster carer's file to be able to locate this information.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	There is no evidence that information was shared with any third parties as the complainant would not agree to provide a formal statement to the Police.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	No, the liaison social worker met with the foster carers in November 2016 to discuss the historical allegations. The foster carers were informed that no further children could be placed with them under the circumstances. The foster carers were de-registered.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A



Known / Alleged Abuser		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FUT
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of physical abuse was made against the foster carer in relation to abuse that occurred on 21 June 2007.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority has been unable to complete its file audit and has not reviewed this foster carer's file to be able to locate this information.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<p>A medical examination was carried out in relation to both children in placement at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children on 21 June 2007 which confirmed no physical evidence of abuse having taken place.</p> <p>The foster carer was charged with assault and breach of the peace at the time of the incident. The carer was remanded overnight and the Procurator Fiscal decided not to take proceedings forward. There were no further criminal proceedings following this.</p>
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	Yes, from the information available, it appears that the foster carer was taken to a Carer Review Panel and his registration was continued.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	An internal investigation was carried out into the allegation where it was found that the foster carer had dealt with a very challenging situation where he had acted in a manner which kept the child in placement safe and free from harm. The report acknowledged that the foster child had presented very

		challenging behaviour while travelling in a car. The foster carer attended the Carer Review Panel and was offered the opportunity to attend specific training to inform his caring abilities.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The foster carer attended the Carer Review Panel and was offered the opportunity to attend specific training to inform his caring abilities.

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FVC
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of physical abuse was made against the foster carer by his adoptive son in relation to abuse that occurred at time before 12 June 2007.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Respite Foster Carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority has been unable to complete its file audit and has not reviewed this foster carer's file to be able to locate this information.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	Child Protection Procedures were initiated. As part of this, the foster carer was interviewed by the Police. Support was secured from Scottish Adoption in order to address the ongoing familial relationships.

d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	No, the foster carer resigned following the allegations to focus on his adoptive son.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FTP-FTQ
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>An allegation of physical and emotional abuse was made against the foster carers in September 2003. The alleged abuse was said to have taken place between 2001 and 2003.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>An allegation of physical and emotional abuse was made against the foster carers in October 2008. The alleged abuse was said to have taken place throughout 2008.</p>
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority has been unable to complete its file audit and has not reviewed this foster carer's file to be able to locate this information.

c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>Information relating to the allegation was shared with social work staff in Northern Ireland who had responsibility for the complainant at the time.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The Child Protection Procedures were followed and information relating to the allegation was passed to the Police.</p>
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>From the information available, it appears that the foster carers were permitted to continue in their roles following this allegation.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>Yes, the foster carers appear to have continued in their roles.</p>
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The allegation was resolved as a practice learning issue.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>A Standards of Care Investigative Interview was carried out where the issues in the allegations were addressed with the foster carers. The outcome of the interview was relayed to the service manager where it was agreed that no further action would be taken.</p>
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	<p><u>Allegation 1</u></p> <p>The local authority holds no evidence to show what process of monitoring or supervision was followed.</p> <p><u>Allegation 2</u></p> <p>The allegation was acknowledged at the foster carer's next Carer Review Panel in June 2010 and ongoing support was offered to the complainant.</p>



Known / Alleged Abuser		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	Kevin Gillan
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	Between 12 May 2010 and 25 June 2013.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Son of foster carer.
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority has been unable to complete its file audit and has not reviewed the relevant foster carer's file to be able to locate this information.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	The allegations made against Kevin Gillan were reported to the Police and to the Procurator Fiscal.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	Kevin Gillan was the son of a foster carer for the local authority called [REDACTED] No children were placed with the foster carer since 25 June 2013.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A



Known / Alleged Abuser		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FVA-FVB
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	The children were placed on 15 September 2005. The complaint was made on 7 March 2006 by the children's aunt and uncle who had looked after the children on the weekend of 3 March 2006.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carers
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	Information was shared with the Police in relation to the allegation of abuse. Information was also shared with Who Cares? as the Social Work department contacted them to speak to the children about the allegations.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	Yes, the foster carers were permitted to continue.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	Senior management decided not to review the foster carers as they had just been reviewed and it was thought that this may cause further distress.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	Following the investigation, the liaison social worker and senior social worker visited the foster carers. A discussion was had in relation to safe caring and the social workers and carers

	examined the ways in which future allegations could be prevented.
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<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FUA
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	The complaint was made on 10 July 2008 and the alleged abuse was said to have taken place in the months prior.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster Carer
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The foster carer was approved alongside his wife in 1986. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the local authority has been unable to review the foster carer's paper file which is where the older checks would be contained. Therefore, the information required to answer this question has been limited. The local authority holds evidence that medical update reports were obtained for the carers in October 2007 and that FUA received a Disclosure check on 21 October 2007.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	Information was shared with the Police in relation to the allegations.
d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	No, the foster carer was deregistered.

e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

<u>Known / Alleged Abuser</u>		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FUP
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	The allegation of abuse was said to have taken place in May 2007.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster carer.
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The foster carer and his wife were initially registered with the Barnardo's Fostering and Adoption Panel in January 2002. A recommendation was given to the local authority about the foster carers by Barnardo's. They transferred to the local authority in April 2004. There is evidence that English Police checks were obtained on 22 April 2002 by Barnardo's. A SCRO check was done for the foster carers on 22 April 2002 and disclosures were obtained for four family members of the carers. A health and safety check was carried out in March 2004.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	Information was passed to the Police following the allegations and the Police carried out an investigation resulting in charges being brought. Information was then passed to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to these charges.

d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	No, the foster carers were deregistered.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	N/A
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	N/A

Known / Alleged Abuser		
	Question	Response
b)	Name of abuser or alleged abuser	FVG
c) i	Dates known or alleged to have abused children	An allegation of physical abuse was made on 21 October 2008. It was alleged that the foster carer struck her birth daughter on 20 October 2008.
c) ii	If they were foster carers, or if not, their relationship with the foster carers or what other role they had during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse	Foster carer.
c) iii	The knowledge sought or received about them by the local authority at the point of approval/registration of foster carers and thereafter	The foster carer was approved on 2 August 2006. Due to Covid-19 restriction we have been unable to view the carers paper file. However, computer records show a full home study was carried out prior to approval. This included 2 referee statements, health and safety checks, medical assessments, local authority checks and police checks. She also attended preparation groups prior to approval.
c) iv	Any information (including regarding abuse or alleged abuse) sought by, or provided to, third parties or future employers at any point after the allegation was made	Information was passed to the Police in relation to this allegation and a joint interview took place as part of the Child Protection Procedures.

d)	Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children permitted to continue as foster carers?	Yes, the foster carer was permitted to continue in her role.
e)	If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?	The Inter-Agency Referral Discussion was concluded on 23 October 2008 with no further child protection action being taken.
f)	If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed?	The foster carer took 3 months time-out. She attended mediation sessions with her daughter. This was with an independent consultant provided by the local authority prior to allowing any future placements to take place.