Harrow Safeguarding Children Partnership– A Statement

Review into the Strip Search of Child Q

The Harrow’s Children Safeguarding Partnership is aware that the issues raised by the Case of Child Q travel beyond the boundaries of the City of London and Hackney, whose safeguarding partners commissioned the Review.

The concern that this case raises is shared by all of Harrow’s Safeguarding Partners and we are alive to the fact that there are lessons to be absorbed by all who are involved in working with children.

We endorse the report and its findings which are written in clear and direct terms. Harrow’s Safeguarding Children Partnership intends to ensure that the learning that this case has thrown up will inform our procedures and professional practice.

The report contains 14 recommendations, of which nine relate to the Metropolitan Police, the Department of Education and other bodies, which do not have a specifically local presence. We will ensure that our sub groups which are multi agency in nature will oversee the delivery of those recommendations that relate to local children safeguarding partnerships and will alongside other Partnerships seek to hold to account larger, non-local bodies.

We like other local safeguarding partnerships want to ensure that as a result of this event we learn and improve our safeguarding practice. We want to ensure that no child in Harrow should endure the indignities and unsafe practice experienced by Child Q

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