LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES

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Dear Mr Davies

Thank you for your letter to Paul Martin, the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames about an allegation of non-recent child sexual abuse by Keith Hinchliffe whilst he was in the local authority's care at Grafton Close Children's Home. Mr Martin has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I know that Mr Hinchliffe has been in contact with the local authority previously and we have provided him with a single point of contact in children's services in Caroline Mark and, in line with his request, suggested that he sends a letter of claim to the Council, either directly himself or through his legal representative, by contacting Richard Mason so that this can be investigated. Richard Mason can be contacted at: richard.mason@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk.

Unfortunately there appear to be limited records of Mr Hinchliffe's short period in care with the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and his placement at Grafton Close Children's Home. From his email correspondence with us and attached documentation, I believe that Mr Hinchliffe has already accessed his social care records and the very limited records that are held have been made available; however, if this is not the case he can make a further subject access request by contacting foi.sar@achievingforchildren.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Ian Dodds

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**Director of Children's Services**
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C.C. Paul Martin, Chief Executive