

Response issued under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Our Reference: CQC IAT 2013 0377

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Information Requested:

“Please can you list the reports into child abuse that the Social Services Inspectorate authored, and provide a copy of one into Sunderland child abuse around February 1992”

The Information Access team have now processed your request and we can confirm that the Care Quality Commission (CQC) does not hold recorded information in relation to this matter.

We have consulted with our colleagues in our Knowledge and Information Management team who have confirmed that CQC does not hold any records relating to this matter.

The Commission was only established as the National Care Standards Commission (NCSC) in 2002.

NCSC was the first independent regulatory body responsible for inspecting and regulating residential and domiciliary care.

In April 2004, this body was replaced by the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI).

In April 2009, CSCI was replaced by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Prior to the establishment of NCSC, the registration and inspection of social care services was the responsibility of the relevant local authority.

Furthermore we can advise that as of the 1 April 2007, responsibility for the regulation and inspection of most children's social care services in England moved from CSCI to the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted).

All children's records held by CSCI were transferred to Ofsted. This is confirmed in the CSCI report titled "Children's services CSCI findings 2004-07". This report is available to view or download from the Ofsted website:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/childrens-services-csci-findings-2004-07>

We would suggest that you direct your request to Ofsted.

The details for making a Freedom of Information request to Ofsted are available on their website:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/freedom-of-information>

CQC Complaints Procedure:

If you are not satisfied with the information that you have been provided then you may request a review of our handling of your information request.

If you do wish to request an internal review of your request please reply in writing stating your reason(s) for requesting the review.

Please be aware that this review process will focus upon our handling of your information request and should not be used to raise further concerns about the provision of care or the internal processes of other CQC functions.

If you are unhappy with other aspects of CQC's actions, or of the actions of registered providers, please see our website for information on how to raise a concern or complaint:

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/contact-us>

Internal Review of your Freedom of Information request:

To request a review please contact:

Legal Services & Information Rights
Care Quality Commission
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Further rights of appeal exist to the Information Commissioner's Office under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 once the internal appeals process has been exhausted.

The contact details are:

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