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D Wilson Our Ref: ECC-027017-12 Request-139591-575ad3bd@whatdotheyknow.Com Date: 13 December 2012

Dear D Wilson

Your Freedom of Information Request:

I am writing in respect of your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information relating to copies of the published Serious Case Reviews where children have been at risk from the last five years. If the full Serious Case Review was not published, please provide the published executive summary.

Unfortunately, Essex County Council does not hold this information. The information you have requested is not held by Essex County Council as these review reports are multi-agency reports commissioned, produced and published by the Essex Safeguarding Childrens Board. I would like to advise you that Local Safeguarding Children Boards are not public bodies or bodies referred to in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as being subject to the provisions of the Act. We are however, under section 8.42 of Working Together to Safeguard Children (2010), obliged to provide publicly available copies of the Executive Summaries of Serious Case Reviews. The Executive Summaries for Serious Case Reviews are available from the following website www.escb.co.uk.

In order to assist you with your enquiry, in line with section 16 of the Act, we provided below the contact details of the Essex Safeguarding Childrens Board should you wish to contact them for further information.

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If you are not satisfied with the decision you may ask for an internal review via Essex County Council's Complaint, Compliments & Comments procedure. For further information which outlines these procedures please follow this link http://www.essex.gov.uk/Pages/Complaints-comments-compliments.aspx
If you cannot access the internet please contact us on 01245 436071 we will be happy to provide a printed copy.

If, after following our complaints procedure, you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to ask the Information Commissioner tot review our decision. You can contact him at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, telephone 01625 545700.

Yours sincerely

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