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Essex, RM17 6SL

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Chief Executives Office

Dear S Prichard

**Re: Freedom of Information request number 5429**

Thank you for your request for information. The details below have been supplied in response to your request. I hope the information supplied satisfies your original request.

Your request:

- 1) We would like to know what is your policy on social workers intimidating service users NOT to contact police for reporting child sexual abuse or domestic violence?

Thurrock Council do not have a policy

- 2) If Q1 is correct, is this policy of social workers advising service users NOT to contact police only in Thurrock or nationwide.

N/A

- 3) We have also been told staff at Thurrock council and contact workers have also been intimidated not to report child abuse to police. How many staff or professionals working for Thurrock have been intimidated or lost their jobs following blowing the whistle or reporting concerns to the police?

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- 4) How many parents have been told by Thurrock social workers they are NOT allowed to report child abuse or domestic violence to police?

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- 5) How many guardians to the children have been told by Thurrock social workers they are NOT allowed to report child abuse or domestic violence to police?

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- 6) How many grandparents have been told by Thurrock social workers they are NOT allowed to report child abuse or domestic violence to police?

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- 7) How many parents have had children removed or stopped contact by Thurrock social workers for reporting child abuse or domestic violence to police?

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- 8) How many guardians to children have had children removed or stopped contact by Thurrock social workers for reporting child abuse or domestic violence to police?

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- 9) How many grandparents have had children removed or stopped contact by Thurrock social workers for reporting child abuse or domestic violence to police?

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CEQuinn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Claire Quinn  
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