



Minutes of the CHILDREN'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PANEL of the CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 20 DECEMBER 1999 at 4.30 pm

**Present:** Councillor Turnbull

**Officers:** S Mottram (Residential Services Manager, Children's Services), C Noble (Team Manager, Children's Services) and T Mabbott (Committee Manager)

**Apologies:** Councillors Long, Monk and Seymour

**CQA12/00 MINUTES**

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 29 November 1999 be approved as a correct record.

**CQA13/00 CHILD PROTECTION PROCESSES**

The Panel considered information on child protection processes in Milton Keynes, and noted the figures for the total number of children on the Child Protection Register in Milton Keynes and the number of unallocated child protection cases, which currently stood at none.

Concern was expressed at the high incidence of cases where ethnicity was not properly recorded. It was noted that the recording of ethnicity had been addressed by staff training and that this was improving, although telephone referrals continued to cause difficulties.

**CQA14/00 LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN**

The Panel considered information on the numbers of children looked after by the local authority in Milton Keynes.

**CQA 15/00 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Committee noted that future meetings of the Panel would be held on the following dates for the Council year 1999/2000:

31 January, 2000 (Room 3, Civic Offices)

28 February, 2000 (Room 3, Civic Offices)

27 March, 2000 (Room 35, Civic Offices)

**CQA 16/00**

**INFORMATION ON REFERRALS AND ASSESSMENT**

The Panel noted information on the total numbers of referrals to Children's services from September 1999 to the present date, and considered information relating to the breakdown of the data by reason for referral, whether it was a re-referral and by team, source, ethnicity and gridsquare.

**THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 5.14 PM**