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Dear Ms Stevens

Clinic: DTHCP. Paediatrics. 12.09.14

Re: **Gabriel Gareeva-Dearman D.O.B: 22/06/2006**

I saw Gabriel, aged 8, in clinic today with his sister, Alisa, their foster carer [REDACTED] and the duty social worker, Michelle. Gabriel has been referred for a child protection medical by Social Care.

#### Key Persons

Gabriel Gareeva-Dearman (GD) DOB 22/6/2006  
Alisa Gareeva-Dearman (AD) DOB 24/04/2005  
Ella Draper (ED) – Biological Mother  
Ricky Dearman (RD)– Biological Father  
Abraham Christie (AC)– Mrs. Draper's new partner

#### Background and chronology of events

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- Jan 2014 The case was transferred to a Child In Need  
 Late Jan 2014 The mother moved from the Camden area to Barnet.
- March 2014 Child in Need review and the concerns were as follows:
1. Mother left her children outside
  2. Children were hungry and were eating only vegan and raw food, concern re nutrition.
- Following this CIN review, the mother said that she would accept parenting support. There were no ongoing concerns about the family situation and the case was closed.
- May 2014 AC moved in with ED and Alisa and Gabriel.
- 17.6.14 There was a court hearing which said that the father could have fortnightly contact for four hours in the community (of note, the father last saw the children two months ago).
- July 2014 School called social care as AC had been aggressive towards the children and other children at school. S/W made contact.
- 5.9.14 A referral was made to the Barnet CAIT by AC's brother-in-law who is a police special constable following a disclosure by Alisa and Gabriel that they were sexually abused by their father and 'teachers' and were part of a 'cult'. This disclosure had been made whilst they were on holiday in Morocco over the summer and the parents stated they were unsure who to inform as many people seemed to be involved (including allegedly police and social workers).
- 8.9.14 A strategy meeting was held (please see other documentation for details of meeting).
- 10.9.14 Visit to family home ahead of ABE interview.
- 11.9.14 Emergency Police Protection order issued following an ABE interview yesterday evening with Gabriel, Alisa and their mother who were all interviewed separately. Allegations of physical abuse from AC towards both children and sexual abuse towards both children by their father and 'teachers'. They are now in an emergency Foster Placement [REDACTED].

### Current situation and concerns

1. Physical abuse: alleged from mother's partner, Abraham Christie, towards Gabriel and Alisa.
2. Sexual abuse: alleged anal penetration and touching by 'teachers' and father and other perpetrators to both Gabriel and Alisa.
3. Emotional abuse: witnessing domestic violence and being threatened with 'going to jail' by Abraham Christie if the tell people about these events.
4. History of neglect: being left out in the cold and complaining of being hungry.

### Birth and medical history

We do not have full details of Gabriel and his sister's birth or medical history as they came today with the duty Social Worker who did not know the full details of the case and a foster carer who has been caring for them for the last 24 hours. Gabriel says that both he and his sister were born at The Royal Free Hospital. They do not report any ongoing medical conditions or taking any medications regularly and they have no known drug allergies. There is no history of urinary tract infections. Gabriel does not report any pain on passing urine. He does not report any constipation or diarrhoea

or thread worms. However, he does report that it does often hurt and he has bled when he has opened his bowels although this has decreased significantly in the last two months which his sister says is because it is two months since they have seen their father. He opens his bowels every day and he reports his stool is soft.

Educational history

Gabriel says that he attended Peter Piper Nursery and currently attends Christchurch school.

Family history

24 hours ago, following the Police Protection Order, Gabriel and his sister Alisa were taken into Emergency Foster Placement. Prior to this, they lived with their mother Ella Draper and mother's partner Abraham Christie. His mother and father, Ricky Dearman, separated five years ago secondary to domestic violence. We have no information about history of family illness.

Information from Strategy meeting/referral/history from Foster carer (disclosures made by Alisa and Gabriel over last 24 hours to [REDACTED] and during medical examination)

**Physical abuse**

Both Gabriel and Alisa report that they have been hit with a metal spoon multiple times by Abraham Christie over the head and their legs. They also report that they have been pushed into walls. They also allege that Abraham holds his hand over their mouths until they 'can't breathe'. On a recent visit to Morocco over the summer, Gabriel explains that he was punched by Abraham in the left ear which caused his ear to bleed and his left eye to be swollen and bruised. Gabriel and Alisa said that Gabriel was then not allowed to leave the holiday home until the bruises had disappeared.

**Sexual abuse allegations**

Alisa has explained that at school, a teacher 'by the name of Mr Hollings' calls children over and makes them take off their underwear. Alisa explained that she and other children, including Gabriel, are asked to bend over and a 'plastic willy' is inserted into the anus whilst 'Mr Hollings' holds onto their hips. Alisa also said that 'Mr Hollings' 'makes noises' whilst this is done. Of note, she says that he gives them a refresher bar to eat as a reward and to bite on whilst this is happening so they 'can't scream or make a noise' and they are asked to face forwards and not look backwards. Gabriel has said that the same has happened to him. Gabriel says that after this has happened he has bleeding from the anus and subsequently it is very painful when he opens his bowels.

Diet

Both children have said that since Abraham moved into the family home four months ago, they are now unable to have many foods that they previously had, including sweets, chocolate and cereal. They said that their mum is now vegan and they are only allowed to eat raw foods and a 'green juice' which Abraham makes from plants which they say gives them stomach ache. Both children have said they are now frequently hungry but if they complain of being hungry they are hit over the head with a spoon.

Examination

|        |         |  |
|--------|---------|--|
| Height | 126.2cm | (25 <sup>th</sup> centile)                   |
| Weight | 25.6kg  | (25 <sup>th</sup> -50 <sup>th</sup> centile) |

Gabriel was shy but very engaged in today's examination. He was extremely polite and got on with his foster carer, Carol very well. His cardiovascular, respiratory and abdominal examinations were unremarkable. He had good oral hygiene. He was pre-pubertal.

His genitalia were examination with the colposcope for magnification and photodocumentation. He was lying on the couch supine and he had normal male genitalia. He was uncircumcised with bilaterally descended testes. His anus was examined with him in the left lateral position using gentle buttock separation for 30 seconds. He had one anal fissure scar at 9 o'clock on examination of the anus. There was no reflex anal dilatation

Scars and injuries noted on examination and recorded on the body map:

1. A 2cm well healed linear scar in the middle of the forehead which Gabriel said his Grandmother had told him was secondary to falling off a 2 wheeled bike aged 2-3 years. Gabriel says he does not remember it as he was too young and he was told that he fainted at the time.
2. 2 x 2mm round scar just beneath the linear scar on his forehead possibly secondary to chicken pox (Gabriel said that he had chicken pox at age 5).
3. There are two healing abrasions which were 3 x 2mm in size post-auricular (left ear). One was on the posterior aspect of the pinna and the other was overlying the mastoid. Gabriel says that these were sustained after he was hit around the ear by Abraham in Morocco and were bleeding following this injury. He also states he is 'deaf' in the left ear following this.
4. On examination of the left tympanic membrane, a 0.5 x 0.5mm perforation was noted of the ear drum and two associated 0.5 x 0.5mm specks of dried blood. There was no active bleeding or discharge from the ear and the right tympanic membrane was normal.
5. There was a 10mm x 2mm well healed scar on the right scalp which Gabriel said was secondary to where Abraham had hit him on his head with a metal spoon. He also said that it still hurts when pressed over this area.

## Summary

In both the general physical examination and genital examination of Gabriel today, there are physical signs that are consistent with the allegations given by both Gabriel and Alisa. The scar in the anus is from a healed fissure, secondary to the application of a blunt penetrating force that he has alleged. In summary, Gabriel has physical signs that support his allegations of both physical abuse and sexual abuse.

## Plan

1. Urine for gonococcal and chlamydia NAAT.
2. Bloods for blood borne viruses (taken today and sent with Chain of Evidence form). He will need a repeat blood test in three months' time which we will arrange here.
3. Urgent ENT referral for examination of both tympanic membranes and assessment of hearing.
4. Eye testing (Gabriel complains of some blurred vision).
5. Collateral medical history from mother
6. Collateral medical history from GP
7. Police photography of injuries
8. Assessment and emotional/psychological support for Gabriel and Alisa

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Chantelle

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Re: **Alisa Gareeva-Dearman D.O.B: 24/04/2005**

We saw Alisa, aged 9, in clinic today with her brother Gabriel, their foster carer [REDACTED] and the duty social worker, Michelle. Alisa has been referred for a child protection medical by Social Care.

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Birth and medical history

We do not have full details of Alisa's birth or medical history as she came today with the duty Social Worker who did not know her full details nor did the foster carer who had been caring for them for the last 24 hours.

Educational history

Alisa attends Christchurch school.

## Family history

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## General Examination

|           |         |   |
|-----------|---------|---|
| Weight    | 25.2kg  | (9 <sup>th</sup> centile)                   |
| Height is | 125.8cm | (2 <sup>nd</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> centile). |

On examination of the Alisa's mouth today, she had evidence of tooth decay of one upper molar on the right side.

Examination of her cardiovascular, respiratory and abdominal system was unremarkable. She had no associated lymphadenopathy and her nose and throat examination was also normal.

On examination of her body, she had the following lesions as numbered on the body map:

1. A birth mark which was 8mm hyper-pigmented on the medial aspect of her left thigh.
2. She had two 3mm healing marks on the upper right outer and anterior right outer thigh which Alisa says may mosquito bites.
3. She had three well healed annular scars which were each 1.3 x 1cm in diameter on the thoracic aspect of her spine. She could not recall how these had been incurred.



4. She had a 1mm round mark on her right upper thigh from a mosquito bite
5. She had a 2 x 2mm abrasion which was healing on her right calf (posterior aspect) which Alisa reports was secondary to her being pushed against a wall by Abraham.
6. 3 x 4 mm abrasion on the pinna of her left ear and 3mm abrasion posterior to her left ear, which Alisa reports were secondary to being pinched and picked up by her ear by Abraham
7. 2mm excoriated annular lesions on her left arm which Alisa reports were mosquito bites.
8. 7mm longitudinal abrasion (excoriated) on the right lateral aspect of her ankle which she attributes to when Abraham pushed her against an outside wall whilst in Morocco.
9. 2cm x 0.5cm healing abrasion on left side of chin which Alisa reports was secondary to being hit by Abraham with a spoon.

## Ano-genital examination

Alisa was examined in the supine and frog legged on the examination couch. The colposcope was used for magnification and photodocumentation. When asked, Alisa said that she had been touched at the opening of her vagina but not into the vestibule and this was confirmed by Dr Hodes who indicated these places with her finger and asked Alisa if she had been touched there. Using gentle labial traction, examination of her genitalia were found to be normal and there were no signs of trauma (injury); her hymen was an annular configuration and was intact.

Her perineum was examined with her in the left lateral position. There were no lesions of the skin. The anus was viewed with the colposcope and there were 3 three linear scars along the ruggae which extended almost to the anal verge (skin edge at the junction between mucosa of the ruggae and the skin); they were in the 7, 9 and 11 o'clock positions. There was anal laxity after 10 seconds of gentle buttock traction. There was venous congestion. There was no reflex anal dilatation.

## Summary

In the general physical and genital examination of Alisa today, there was evidence of findings consistent with the allegations given by Alisa. These were of inflicted physical injury - physical abuse and insertion of a blunt penetrating instruments into her anus. The scars in the anus are from healed fissures, secondary to the application of a blunt penetrating force that she has alleged.

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