

From: Ian Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, 28 April 2009 9:45 AM
To: Margaret Hendriks
Cc: John Coman; Michael Cash; Christopher Fry; John Borserio; Julie Willett
Subject: Planning for SP In-service in July Update

Margaret,

Further to our conversation this morning, Jacqui from Childwise confirms the following:

*Childwise are happy to have the parent session on the Monday evening following the Staff In-service during the day on Monday 13th July.

*Childwise plan to have two presenters at the Toowoomba In-services and the make-up would be:

oToowoomba: Karen & Jacqui

oRoma: Fiona (prefers to drive – does not like plane travel, especially small planes!)

oCharleville: Kay

*The parent session powerpoint is still being edited re Qld legislation and is on its way.

*Childwise are pleased to know that we are pursuing follow-up to the issue with past staff as per the email below.

We will now look into travel and accommodation logistics for the Childwise presenters.

Thanks,

Ian

From: Karen Flanagan [mailto:karen@childwise.net]
Sent: Monday, 27 April 2009 2:30 PM
To: Ian Hunter
Cc: Fiona Williams
Subject: Request for follow up

Hi Ian. Please see below email from Fiona which I asked her to document so we can alert you to this issue. It is our practice to pass on any concerns to the person contacting or employing Child Wise. We would appreciate it if you can follow this up. Hopefully you can identify the teacher in question?? If you need any additional info please feel free to contact Fiona. Thanks Ian. Regards
Karen

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From: fiona and eugene [mailto:neft@bigpond.com]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2009 10:41 AM
To: Karen Flanagan
Subject: Catholic Ed training

Hi Karen
Just to follow upon the training conducted in Dalby last Monday.

As discussed with you, a teacher approached me at lunchtime after I had shown the offenders DVD and discussed the dynamics of offending. She had previously taught at the school where a teacher had abused a number of students and was currently in court facing the charges. She was extremely upset and was crying. I asked her to come and sit down and have a chat, which we did. She cried for some time and then spoke about how she felt she was to blame and should have realised the students were being harmed. I spoke to her about this and explained that she was not to blame and that this teacher was presumably quite devious and very secretive about the abuse. Also the students themselves had not indicated any signs of abuse up until disclosure - which was my understanding. We spoke for some time, she collected herself and then wanted to join the others for lunch. She did attend the rest of the afternoon's training.

This teacher, who I think was Katherine, has since left the school and is teaching at another school. I am concerned that she has not had a chance to fully debrief about the incident, perhaps with other teachers in the school as she has moved on. I am not sure if she is currently attending any counselling, and whilst I understand the DVD would of course be extremely difficult to sit through, I would like to know that she is receiving some ongoing care.

Karen, could you please follow this up with Catholic Education, Toowoomba Diocese as I feel we certainly have a duty of care to her and any other teachers from the April or upcoming July

training sessions who may still be dealing with the abuse incident.

I also feel it is important that those teachers are fully briefed and made aware of the content of the training so they could choose to leave for the DVD or any other part. I of course discussed the DVD prior to showing it and asked people to take care of themselves, however this is a particular sensitive issue given the recent abuse incident.

Thanks

Fiona

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