



BRIEFING NOTE

ISSUE: Community Services involvement relating to Grant Davies and RGDance Studio.

CURRENT AS AT: 4 June 2013

BACKGROUND:

Reports relating to CAH (Grant Davies natural daughter):

- On 19 December 2006, Community Services received a Risk of Harm Report alleging CAH (b. REDA2005) was being exposed to verbal domestic violence and property damage following an incident between her natural parents, Mr Davies and Ms BZB.
- At the time Community Services confirmed that there was an enforceable Apprehended Violence Order in place for a period of 12 months.
- On 10 April 2013, Community Services received a Risk of Harm Report alleging inappropriate sexual interactions by Mr Davies with a minor (via information found on Mr Davies home computer). The conversations were allegedly between Mr Davies and BZD (b. REDA2000) and her mother, Ms BZC. The conversations were sexually explicit. The report further details that the messages were from the mother, BZC who was allegedly encouraging sexual activities between BZD and Mr. Davies. Police were provided with BZC's details. It was determined that BZC and BZD reside in South Australia, leaving no ongoing role and responsibility for NSW Community Services.
- This report also indicated risk of ongoing sexual harm or exposure to inappropriate sexual harm for Mr Davies' child CAH.
- Burwood CSC followed up with NSW Police who indicated that they were continuing to gather evidence for the purposes of criminal charges. Also that BZB was assessed by them as acting protectively of CAH, by removing her from the family home and ensuring any contact between CAH and Mr Davies is supervised.
- On 8 May 2013, Burwood CSC spoke with BZB via telephone and BZB has sought legal advice. She stated that she has now finished the relationship with Mr Davies. BZB further stated CAH has had two contact visits with Mr Davies since the allegations. Mr Davies' mother supervises these contacts which have been at the shopping centre or at dinner.
- BZB further advised that she has organised a psychologist for CAH through 'victims' services' and that CAH has commenced engagement. BZB stated that the psychologist will gently approach the topic of Mr Davies to determine if CAH makes any disclosures.
- On 13 May 2013, this matter was closed noting that there is an ongoing police investigation. BZB has demonstrated protective behaviour and organised appropriate counselling for CAH.

Reports relating to BZP (Grant Davies via RG Dance):

- Community Services received 4 Risk of Harm Reports from 10/2/2007 to 7/3/2007 alleging that BZP (dob. REDA1992) and several other classmates at RG Dance had been approached by their teacher, Mr Davies and prompted to discuss inappropriate sexual issues.
- The reports indicated that BZP had disclosed and made a statement of aggravated indecent assault.
- The reports indicated possible multiple victims, however no further children or young people were willing to come forward and speak to Parramatta JIRT.
- Ongoing JIRT/Police investigations occurred through Parramatta JIRT and a referral was made to the NSW Health Sexual Assault Services at Westmead Hospital for BZP to attend counselling.
- As there was an ongoing Police investigation, this matter was closed on 8 August 2007 and Mr Davies was identified by Community Services as a Person Causing Harm.
- Mr Davies was not formally charged in relation to the sexual harm of BZP. Police legal advice determined there was insufficient evidence to proceed with criminal charges.

Reports relating to Class of Children

- From 9 February 2007 to 17 August 2007, Community Services received 5 Risk of Harm Reports relating to allegations of risk of sexual harm to students attending the Dance School under a Class of Children.
- Burwood CSC continued to liaise with Parramatta JIRT and Burwood Police. The plan was subsequently closed given the potential to incriminate or jeopardise further Police investigation.
- On 17 May 2013, Community Services received a Risk of Harm report raising further allegations of sexual harm, indecent assault and inappropriate sexual behaviour relating to nine year old BZF (b. REDA2004) and her 13 year old sister, BZG. These matters were accepted by the JIRT Referral Unit (JRU) and referred to Bankstown JIRT for investigation.
- BZF and BZG will be attending Bankstown JIRT for interview on 5 June 2013.
- On 28 May 2013, a further Risk of Harm Report was received by Community Services relating to allegations of risk of sexual harm posed by Mr Davies through his professional relationship as a dance teacher with numerous children of various ages.
- The Class of Children Reports were to be closed at Burwood CSC with no further action as there were no other identified children in the Reports, Mr Davies is currently incarcerated and therefore does not pose any future risk to the class of children and finally, RG Dance Studio has been closed down.