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Jane,

Kate Gray suggested that I flick this brief to you. It's a summary of CS involvement in the case of Grant Davies, the private dance teacher who has been featured in a number of recent media reports in relation to risk of sexual harm posed to students.

While the BN does not identify a failing on the part of CS, there is a broader policy gap raised - he was known to pose a serious risk six years ago (in 2007) but there was no action open to CS to prevent him from harming future students. It appears that no Working With Children Check was required, and there is no licensing or monitoring of private dance teachers, nor of a whole range of similar persons who work with children: private music teachers, art teachers, sports coaches, martial arts instructors etc. The only action we were able to take was to list him as a Person Causing Harm on KiDS - which would only raise a flag if his name came up in a subsequent report.

For your information.

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