



**Family &
Community Services**
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Assessment Record

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Record Details

Type:	Initial Assessment	Description:	CLASS OF CHILDREN - RGDANCE
Start Date:	02 Mar 2012 17:19	End Date:	03 Mar 2012 08:41
Outcome:	S2-to CSC further assessment	Outcome Desc:	
Record Status:	Complete	Approval Comment:	
Approval Status:	Approved	Additional Info 2:	S24 ROSH Class Of C/YP
Additional Info 1:	less than 72 hrs		
Additional Info 3:	Physical: other		
Secured:	✓		

Plan Details

Plan Name:	CLASS OF CHILDREN - RGDANCE	Plan No.:	1-WABDLG
Start Date:	02 Mar 2012	Plan Goal:	Assessment
Allocated Worker:	Unallocated Burwood CSC	Business Unit:	Burwood CSC
Case Plan Stage:		Plan Sub Type:	
Case Plan Focus:		Approval Status:	Approved
Approving Manager:	Jaspreet Chopra		
Approval Date:	03 Mar 2012		

Parties - Subjects of Record

Person Number	Alert	Family Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Sex	Start Date	End Date	Address
1-A31F32		Class	RGDance			02/03/12		15-17 Bibby St, Chiswick New South Wales 2046

Parties - Persons of Record

Person Number	Alert	Role	Family Name	First Name	Sex	Start Date	End Date
Section 29		Reporter	Section 29			02/03/12	

Assessment Element Details

Name:	Stage 1 Initial Assessment	Created Date:	02 Mar 2012
Explanation:	Stage 1 Initial Assessment		
Outcome:			
Assessment Date:	02 Mar 2012		
Approval Status:	Approved		
Approval Date:	03 Mar 2012		
Approved By:	Jaspreet Chopra		

Assessment Element: Stage 1 Initial Assessment

#	Question	Answer
1	Does the Contactor have concerns for the immediate safety of the C/YP(s)?	Information not known



Assessment Element: Stage 1 Initial Assessment (cont.)

#	Question	Answer
	Comment	
2	Is the Contactor a Mandatory Reporter?	Section 29
3	Contactor's organisation and occupation.	
4	Contactor's own ref no or Police COPS Event Number	
5	Contactor Type:	Section 29
6	Contactor's Perspective: Legal Basis	S24 ROSH C/YP
7	Primary Reported Issue	Physical: other
8	Secondary Reported Issue (1)	Risk of sexual harm/injury
9	Secondary Reported Issue (2)	Psychological mistreatment
10	Primary Reported Injury Type	
11	Secondary Reported Injury Type (1)	
12	Secondary Reported Injury Type (2)	
13	Number Of Stage 1 External Calls Made	
14	Child Protection History	Details in comments

There is concerning history for the dance school as the owner Grant DAVIS was investigated by JIRT due to inappropriate behaviours with students including wrestling them at his own home on the bed. Grant's 'flirtatous' behaviours caused concern among parents.

There are no open plans, alerts or legal records.

A total of 6 Initial Assessments were received between 9/2/07 and 8/12/09, 5 were in relation to risk of sexual harm to students attending the dance school and 1 was due to psychological mistreatment.

The last I.A on 8/12/09 pertains to students experiencing verbal and psychological abuse from the owners of the dance studio. Students were being pushed beyond their limits and were suffering extreme stress. One student was accidentally kicked in the head during a performance and was knocked out. Ambulance officers treated her. The show carried on and the injured student did 3 more dances and collapsed when she came off stage. She was taken to hospital. Report was closed without assesment.

Re: allegations of sexual harm:

Previous records indicate that Grant will be charged with aggravated indecent assault after a student made a statement that Grant had put his hand down her top on to her breasts and moved them, he said he was adjusting them for performance purposes. There have also been reports of inappropriate internet MSN conversations and questions, and sending explicit emails and text messages.

21/1/08 - Parramatta JIRT advised does not meet JIRT criteria and information will be forwarded to NSW Police for follow-up.



Assessment Element: Stage 1 Initial Assessment (cont.)

#	Question Comment	Answer
15	Caseworker's Perspective Legal Basis	S24 ROSH Class Of C/YP
16	Caseworker's Perspective: Section 23	Not applicable
17	Consultation With Team Leader Report and screening discussed with R. Pak, T/L.	Yes
18	Caseworker's Determination/Outcome Of Discussion With Contactor	Go to Stage-2 Initial Assmt

Assessment Element Details

Name:	Stage 2 Initial Assessment	Created Date:	02 Mar 2012
Explanation:	Stage 2 Initial Assessment		
Outcome:			
Assessment Date:	02 Mar 2012		
Approval Status:	Approved		
Approval Date:	03 Mar 2012		
Approved By:	Jaspreet Chopra		

Assessment Element: Stage 2 Initial Assessment

#	Question Comment	Answer
19	ROSH, Harm Or Neglect Issues: * Email received at the Helpline on 2/3/12 at 15:00 from the Complaints Unit, CS Head Office.	Details in comments

Please see "Attachments" for a scanned copy of the email.

Section 29

Child: Class of Children - RG Dance (Really Good Dance School - Chiswick).

DOB: Ages 2-17 yrs

Address: Bibby Street, Chiswick

Phone:

The Contactor, **Section 29** emailed the CS Complaints Unit, various media outlets, Members of Parliament and many Sydney dance schools on Wed 29/2/12 at 8:29pm, about a range of concerns about the RG Dance School. Allegations cover physical harm; risk of sexual harm; verbal abuse and psychological mistreatment.

A secondary person, **Section 29** was aware of some of the allegations in the email and has lent support to some of the allegations due to **Section 29** private involvement with the dance community. **Section 29** email also forms part of the scanned report in "Attachments".

20 Child/Children/Young Person/s's Behaviour



Assessment Element: Stage 2 Initial Assessment (cont.)

#	Question	Answer
	Comment	
21	Cultural Issues	
22	Family Relationships	
23	Alcohol Or Other Drug Use Issues	
24	Parenting Issues	
25	Domestic Violence Issues	
26	Mental Health Issues	
27	Strengths Or Supports	
28	Agencies Involved And Other Contact Persons	

29 Analysis Of Issues Details in comments
SDM has determined RoSH for a Class of Children at the RGDANCE School in Chiswick.

A lengthy email was received on 3/2/12 about a range of allegations against the owners of this dance school. The report was screened as follows:

Physical abuse - serious non-accidental injury. No dates/timeframes given, however it is alleged that sometime in 2011 a 12 y.o female student at the dance school was forced to stretch painfully against her wishes and sustained a torn hamstring - one of the directors held a leg down while the other forced the other leg over her head. This incident is apparently well-known amongst Sydney dance schools. There are no previous reports about this incident in KiDS.

Risk of sexual harm - At an Eisteddfod in QLD between 17 and 23rd January 2012, the male director ran his hand down the breasts of a 13 y.o student to "check her costume". There are other allegations of this director also making sexually inappropriate comments to other female students. Given the history of this person being investigated previously by JIRT (2007) and concerns he had been inappropriately touching female students, he may be placing these students at continued risk.

There are other concerns about the harsh verbal and psychological treatment of the students, with incidences of them being publicly humiliated about their bodies and ability.

There are 6 prior I.As about RGDANCE school.

Critical Event report generated due to possible media interest. The author of the email has forwarded it to CS Complaints Unit, various media outlets, Members of Parliament and Sydney dance schools.

30 Consultation With Team Leader Yes

Report and screening discussed with R. Pak, T/L.

31 Has any information been obtained through a section 248 request?

32 Current Circumstances

33 What is the Response Priority? less than 72 hrs



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Assessment Element: Stage 2 Initial Assessment (cont.)

#	Question	Answer
	<i>Comment</i>	
34	What is the reason for response priority override?	No Override
35	Final Required Response Priority	less than 72 hrs
36	Assessment Focus	Assessment Only
37	Number Of Stage-2 External Calls Made	

DoCS Worker

Primary	Family Name	First Name	User ID	Position Type	Business Unit	Start Date
✓	Thomas	Anne	ATHOMAS	Helpline Caseworker	DoCS Helpline	02 Mar 2012

Approval History

Status	Updated By	Comment	Date Updated
Approved	Jaspreet Chopra		03 Mar 2012
Requested	Jaspreet Chopra		03 Mar 2012

Approval Details

This assessment was prepared by:

Staff Name:	Anne Thomas	Position:	Helpline Caseworker
Business Unit:	DoCS Helpline	Date Report Submitted for Approval:	03 Mar 2012

This assessment was approved by:

Staff Name:	Jaspreet Chopra	Approval Date:	03 Mar 2012
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Related Records

Record Type	Start Date
Secondary Assessment Stage 1	07 Mar 2012
Contact	02 Mar 2012