



YMCA of Sydney

24th October 2011

Parents, Carers and Families
YMCA Children's Services
Via email and mail

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

RE: Additional YMCA Information to Parents, Carers and Families of our Children's Services

Since our recent communication on Friday 21st October, the YMCA has received additional information from NSW Police on behalf of the Kogarah Joint Investigation Response Team.

As mentioned previously, at this very difficult time, the YMCA is doing everything possible to communicate with the families and communities we serve. Integral in our communication process is the need to keep you as informed as possible.

The press release issued by NSW Police is attached to this email with the following key points:

1. Further inquiries have revealed four further children, aged between 9 and 11, were allegedly indecently assaulted on a number of occasions.
2. Only one of the children was in organised child care at the time.
3. The 24-year-old man was arrested about 2.30pm today (Monday 24 October 2011) at Miranda Police Station.
4. He has since been charged with seven counts of aggravated indecent assault.

The Kogarah Joint Investigation Response Team has again highlighted the need for parents and families with concerns of risk to their children should contact the Child Protection Helpline on 132 111.

We will continue to communicate and keep you updated with information as it comes to hand from NSW Police.

On behalf of the YMCA I would like to thank you for the opportunity to communicate with you at this time. We hope our communication meets your expectations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liam Whitley', enclosed in a simple rectangular box.

Liam Whitley
General Manager
Children's Services

Further charges laid following indecent assaults - Kogarah Joint Investigation Response Team

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Detectives attached to the Kogarah Joint Investigation Response Team (JIRT) have laid further charges following investigations into alleged indecent assaults of a number of children in child care.

On Friday 14 October 2011, police charged a 24-year-old man with four counts of aggravated indecent assault following reports made to police on September 30 and October 10.

It will be alleged the two children, aged eight and 10, were in care organised by a Caringbah-based community organisation at the time of the alleged incidents.

Further inquiries have revealed four further children, aged between nine and 11, were allegedly indecently assaulted on a number of occasions.

Only one of the children was in organised child care at the time.

The 24-year-old man was arrested about 2.30pm today (Monday 24 October 2011) at Miranda Police Station. He has since been charged with seven counts of aggravated indecent assault.

The man was refused bail to appear at Sutherland Local Court tomorrow (Tuesday 25 October 2011).

Inquiries by detectives are continuing.

Parents or carers with concerns of serious risk of harm to their children should contact the Child Protection Helpline on 132 111.

Joint Investigation Response Teams are specialist units comprising detectives from State Crime Command's Joint Investigation Response Squad and caseworkers from the Department of Family and Community Services.