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Letter requesting information under chapter 16A- Exchange Information

Chapter 16A of the *Children & Young Persons (Care & Protection) Act 1998* provides for the exchange of information regarding the safety, welfare or wellbeing of a particular child or young person or class of children or young persons.

REQUESTING INFORMATION FROM			
Name and Position:	Detective Sergeant Shannon Spargo		
Organisation:	Child Abuse Squad - Wollongong		
Address:			
From (Name and Position):	Ryan Kiddle, Manager Sport & Recreation Services, The Disability Trust		
Phone:	REDACTED	Date:	24/09/2012

THIS REQUEST IS MADE REGARDING			
Name of Child or Young Person:	CIE		
DOB:	REDACT 1996	Age:	16
Gender:	Male		

1. DESCRIPTION OF RELATIONSHIP WITH CHILD/YOUNG PERSON?
<p>Detail: CIE attends The Disability Trust's After School and Vacation Care program in Nowra.</p>

2. WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION ARE YOU SEEKING REGARDING THE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON?
<p>Detail: What allegations against Royce Comber were disclosed to Detectives by CIE and his family when he was formally interviewed?</p>



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3. WHY ARE YOU SEEKING THE INFORMATION?

Detail:

The NSW Ombudsman has again requested this information to complete their investigation into the matter. Under Part 3A of the Ombudsman's Act, The Disability Trust requires this information as part of their investigation relating to the ongoing employment of Royce Comber.

4. ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD

Detail:

N/A

5. THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY

Date: 28/09/12

COMPLETED BY:

Name of person:

Ryan Kiddle

Signature of person:

Date Completed:

24/09/12

Phone:

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Fax:

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Email:

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Mailing Address:

P.O Box 395 Fairy Meadow NSW 2519



When providing information to a prescribed agency under Ch16A you MUST not disclose the mandatory reporter's details OR witnesses to the child at risk event. This information must be removed (blackened out) as such information could endanger the child if the documents are publicly subpoenaed.

Response to Chapter 16A request – agree

Our ref: <no>
Your ref: <no>
Date: 24 September 2012

Ryan KIDDLE
Manager
Disability Trust – Sport & Recreation Services

Dear Ryan

Re: Request for release of information under Chapter 16A of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*

I refer to your email dated 24 September 2012 in which you sought information from the New South Wales Police Force under Chapter 16A of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998* (the Act) relating to the child .CIE born REDAC1996.

Section 245D of the Act allows a prescribed body to request another prescribed body to provide information they hold that relates to the safety, welfare or wellbeing of a particular child or young person or class of children or young persons. Section 245C allows a prescribed body to provide information.

The New South Wales police Force is releasing the information contained in this letter on the basis that there is a lawful reason to do so, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 16A.

The young person, CIE disclosed that Royce COMBER, his male carer from Interchange Disability Trust, started touching him on his penis under his clothing from the age of 14 to his age now of 15. According to CIE's mother, Royce COMBER has been in their lives for about 18 months.

CIE stated that on an occasion (time unknown), Royce COMBER touched him on the penis while he was toileting himself and did it until CIE got an erection. When asked how many times this had happened, CIE said, "many times" and when no one else was around.

Some of the answers CIE typed were incomprehensible.

The information has been released to you in good faith to assist you to promote the safety, welfare or well-being of the relevant child/ren.

Should you decide, in accordance with Chapter 16A, to provide some or all of this information, either on your own motion or in response to a request, the information can only be shared on a confidential basis in accordance with the processes and principles of Chapter 16A.

If you require further information or wish to discuss the matter, please contact Detective Sergeant Shannon SPARGO on REDACTED during business hours.

I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Shannon SPARGO
Detective Sergeant
Wollongong JIRT

Enclosed: Requested information