

Office of the Commissioner for
CHILDREN

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The Chief Executive
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch

Dear Sir

Sexual Abuse of Children in Day Care Centres

As a result of the publicity and public concern that has arisen since the allegations of sexual abuse of children by a staff member in the Civic Creche this Office has decided to gather material, both local and overseas, related to studies into abuse of children in day care and pre-schools and into employment policies and standards. It is likely that we will produce a report with recommendations intended for general use in New Zealand.

I believe your council has contracted a local therapist, Rosemary Smart, to undertake a similar exercise for local purposes.

It might be useful for Ms Smart and myself to share our ideas and background information and I wonder if you would have any objections to my getting in touch with her for this purpose?

I would be grateful to be given a contact address for Ms. Smart or to have you speak with her on my behalf and have her contact me if she is willing to be in touch with me.

Yours sincerely

Beth Wood

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(Community Relations Officer)