

## **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TO CABINET – 26 November 2020**

### **Question 1**

**Councillor Jennie Hewitt, Golden Valley North Ward**

**To: cabinet member, children and families**

In this report it is claimed that “No children were put or left at risk”, if this is the case then why did the director children and families write a letter of apology to a child who was sexually assaulted (within the period covered by this review) but was not shielded from the perpetrator?

### **Response**

The wording in 1.3 has been clarified to reflect the concern that you raise in the published supplement. The review was of written records, and found that advice was given and separation made. That said the council is aware that in some instances inadvertent contact with the perpetrator, and bullying was not always avoided. The council has shared a child's account (with permission) to enable a better understanding of the victim's experience when the council provides support.

Please see the supplement clarifying the wording of the report.