

November 18, 2016

Mr. Robert Devet
229 PATTON RD
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Dear Mr. Robert Devet:

Re: You are entitled to the records - 2016-02563-COM

Department of Community Services received your application for access to information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act on November 1, 2016.

In your application, you requested a copy of the following records:

Information on abuse cases investigated under the Protection of Persons Act:

- *The name of the institution where the alleged abuse occurred*
- *The nature of the alleged abuse (e.g. physical, emotional, sexual, neglect, etc.)*
- *Whether the case was deemed to be founded*
- *The type of alleged abuser (e.g. staff, resident, other)*
- *Whether the case was referred for police investigation*
- *Whether charges were laid*
- *Whether staff were suspended*

I am interested in investigated abuse cases since April 1, 2015.

Responsive records have been located and are attached. The name of any facility with less than 5 residents has not been released as it may be possible to identify the residents at these facilities due to their small size.

Referrals to police may come from any source at any time in the process. There were three instances where Protection for Persons in Care (PPC) referred the investigation to the police [Files 1043, 1050 and 1078]. Where a complaint is determined to be founded the employer may take a number of other actions including training requirements or other program changes. This is determined on a case-by-case basis. The Department does not track instances where a referral has been made to police by another source. However, we may document in the case file police involvement if we are notified.

Records pertaining to whether or not charges were laid, or staff were suspected fall outside of the authority of the Protection of Persons in Care Act. Any records pertaining to these would be under the custody/control of the relevant police service and residential facility.

You have the right to ask for a review of this decision by the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner (formerly the Review Officer). You have 60 days from the date of this letter to exercise this right. If you wish to ask for a review, you may do so on Form 7, a copy of which is attached. Send the completed form to the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner, P.O. Box 181, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2M4.

Please contact Lauren Smith at 902-424-3786 or by e-mail at Lauren.Smith@novascotia.ca, if you need further assistance in regards to this application.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynn Hartwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "H".

Lynn Hartwell
Deputy Minister

Case File Number	Date Referral Received (dd-mmm-yy)	Facility Name	Type of Abuse	Person Implicated	Allegation Founded or Unfounded?
979	10-Apr-15	Breton Ability Centre	Sexual (between residents)	Resident	Unfounded
984	28-Apr-15	Under 5 Residents	Emotional	Resident	Unfounded
986	30-Apr-15	Community Transition Program	Physical	Resident	Founded
989	14-May-15	The Meadows ARC	Emotional	Staff	Unfounded
990	19-May-15	Riverview Home Corporation	Emotional	Resident	Founded
993	4-Jun-15	Riverview Adult Residential Centre	Sexual (between residents)	Resident	Unfounded
994	4-Jun-15	Under 5 Residents	Financial	Staff	Founded
998	9-Jun-15	Oxford Manor	Multiple	Staff	Unfounded
999	10-Jun-15	Harbourside Lodge	Emotional	Staff	Founded
1000	11-Jun-15	Under 5 Residents	Multiple	Staff	Unfounded
1004	22-Jun-15	Community Transition Program	Multiple	Staff	Unfounded
1011	9-Jul-15	Under 5 Residents	Multiple	Staff	Founded
1014	16-Jul-15	Lynden Rest Home	Failure to provide adequate care	Staff	Unfounded
1015	23-Jul-15	Breton Ability Centre	Multiple	Resident	Founded
1016	23-Jul-15	Breton Ability Centre	Sexual (between residents)	Resident	Unfounded
1020	30-Jul-15	Pleasant Street House	Failure to provide adequate care	Staff	Founded
1022	6-Aug-15	Community Transition House	Emotional	Staff	Unfounded
1024	14-Aug-15	Under 5 Residents	Failure to provide adequate care	Staff	Unfounded
1026	19-Aug-15	The Meadows ARC	Emotional	Staff	Unfounded
1029	27-Aug-15	Under 5 Residents	Failure to provide adequate care	Staff	Unfounded
1031	4-Sep-15	Twin Cities Villa	Failure to provide adequate care	Other	Unfounded
1035	10-Sep-15	BAC-Pine Ridge Unit	Sexual (between residents)	Resident	Founded
1040	23-Sep-15	Under 5 Residents	Emotional	Resident	Founded
1043	29-Sep-15	Under 5 Residents	Physical	Other	Unfounded
1044	30-Sep-15	Under 5 Residents	Physical	Staff	Founded
1045	15-Oct-15	KRRC - Gateways unit	Physical	Resident	Founded
1050	3-Nov-15	Under 5 Residents	Multiple	staff	Founded
1054	12-Nov-15	Under 5 Residents	Emotional	staff	Unfounded
1068	23-Dec-15	Community Transition Program	Emotional	Resident	Founded
1071	29-Dec-15	Under 5 Residents	Multiple	Staff	Unfounded
1078	19-Jan-16	Cobequid Regional Rehabilitation Centre	Physical	Staff	Founded
1082	28-Jan-16	Driftwood Cottage	Physical	Resident	Founded

1088	16-Feb-16	Wolfville Developmental Residence I	Emotional	Staff	Unfounded
1092	26-Feb-16	Under 5 Residents	Sexual (between residents)	Resident	Unfounded
1096	9-Mar-16	LaHave House	Multiple	Resident	Founded
1097	11-Mar-16	Terrace Manor	Emotional	N/A	Founded
1098	11-Mar-16	Terrace Manor	Emotional	Resident	Founded
1099	11-Mar-16	Under 5 Residents	Sexual (staff to resident)	Other	Unfounded
1100	11-Mar-16	Riverview Adult Residential Centre - Thomas Lane	Sexual (staff to resident)	Staff	Unfounded
1102	14-Mar-16	Community Transition Program	Failure to provide adequate care	Staff	Founded
1103	14-Mar-16	Under 5 Residents	Emotional	Resident	Founded
1105	15-Mar-16	Harbourside Lodge	emotional	Staff	Founded
1107	21-Mar-16	Riverview Home Corporation	emotional	Resident	Founded
1108	21-Mar-16	Under 5 Residents	Physical	Staff	Unfounded
1109	23-Mar-16	LaHave House	Physical	Resident	Founded
1114	1-Apr-16	Harbourside Lodge	Multiple	Staff	Founded
1116	6-Apr-16	Twin Cities Villa	Emotional	staff	Founded
1121	20-Apr-16	Under 5 Residents	Physical	Staff	Unfounded
1123	22-Apr-16	Willow Street Home	Multiple	Staff	Founded
1124	21-Apr-16	Community Transition Program	Emotional	Resident	Founded
1126	28-Apr-16	Community Transition Program	Physical	Resident	Founded
1132	9-May-16	Community Transition Program	Emotional	Other	Founded
1138	15-May-16	Under 5 Residents	Multiple	Staff	Founded
1143	19-May-16	Bonny Lea Farm - Church House	Sexual (between residents)	Resident	Founded
1144	24-May-16	New Dawn Guest Home	Sexual (between residents)	Resident	Unfounded
1145	24-May-16	Kings Regional Rehabilitation Centre	Sexual (between residents)	Resident	Founded
1146	26-May-16	Under 5 Residents	Physical	Resident	Founded
1147	26-May-16	KRCC	Sexual (between residents)	Resident	Unfounded
1150	9-Jun-16	Willow Street Home	Emotional	Staff	Unfounded
1151	9-Jun-16	Willow Street Home	Failure to provide adequate care	staff	Unfounded
1153	13-Jun-16	Willow Street	Multiple	staff	Unfounded
1156	17-Jun-16	Under 5 Residents	Physical	Staff	Unfounded
1157	22-Jun-16	Breton Ability Center (Birchdale unit)	Sexual (between residents)	Resident	Founded
1162	14-Jul-16	Under 5 Residents	Emotional	resident	Founded
1176	9-Aug-16	Cobequid Regional Rehabilitation Centre	Physical	Staff	Founded
1177	10-Aug-16	MacDonald Hall Group Home	Emotional	Staff	Unfounded

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24-Aug-16 Under 5 Residents

Physical

Staff

Unfounded