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REVIEW UPDATE

Since the Review started in September 2022, 2058 families have joined the Review. Thank you to all families that attended the Family Meeting on Saturday 1st February, we hope that it was supportive and informative.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Donna was welcomed to speak at four church services across the Majority Black Led Churches of Nottingham on Sunday 2nd February.



THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE ON SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

The update that we shared with families at the Family Meeting, and via email or letter on Saturday 1st February was about the Review's timeline and an increase in the number of cases. Some discrepancies were identified in the number of cases provided to the Review, meaning that some family cases should have been provided to the Review but were not. As a result the number of families to be included within the Review will significantly increase to up to 300 new families. By the time the Review closes to new cases at the end of May 2025, we expect 2,500 families to be a part of the Review.

When we made the commitment to publish our report in September 2025, 1,700 families were in the Review. Even without the new families joining the Review, the number of families has increased to 2058. We will have to delay publication of the report until June 2026 to allow the Review team to provide support to all families, and for all cases to be reviewed to the highest professional standards that all of us expect.

This update is made available on our website in the 9 most spoken languages in Nottingham. <u>Read more about this update on our website.</u>

We recognise that the recent update and media coverage may be difficult for some families to hear. If you feel as though you need extra support at this time, please contact the <u>Review</u> team, or the Family Psychological Support Service (FPSS).

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - BIRTH TRAUMA ASSOCIATION

We are always looking for different ways to support families who are part of the Review. February's Charity of the Month is the Birth Trauma Association.

The Birth Trauma Association (BTA) supports both women who have been traumatised by their experience of birth, and partners who have been traumatised by witnessing birth. All the peer supporters have experienced traumatic birth themselves. The team can be contacted at <u>support@birthtraumaassociation.org.uk</u> or on 0203 621 6338. We also have a very active Facebook group, where parents support each other: <u>www.facebook.com/groups/thebta</u>.

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The Family Psychological Support Service (FPSS), can be contacted via email at: enquiries@fpssnottingham.co.uk or by calling 0115 200 1000. Or, we can contact them on your behalf - email us at: support@donnaockenden.com