

We were asked:

Q1. Requesting a copy of a report authored by John Banham in 1992, about the management of the Social Services Department in North Wales. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We replied:

A1. The Wales Office has undertaken a search of the files and paperwork we hold and have found no information relevant to your request. As you may be aware there are on-going reviews regarding allegations of historic child abuse in a number of children's homes in North Wales. One of these reviews includes an investigation into the way historic allegations were handled by police, and on any new and connected allegations that have been made. The other is a review led by the Honourable Mrs Justice Macur DBE into the conduct of Sir Ronald Waterhouse's Inquiry. Mrs Justice Macur will make recommendations to the Secretary of State for Justice and the Secretary of State for Wales once her review is completed. At the outset of the Macur review, we transferred all files relating to the matter to the review team therefore I am unable to ascertain whether a copy of the document you request is contained within those files.

As the report was commissioned by the former Clwyd County Council, you may wish to contact the relevant local authority if you have not already done so. The administrative county of Clwyd ceased to exist on 31 March 1996, being replaced by four unitary authorities, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Wrexham County Borough and Conwy County Borough.