

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2012**

**Question**

Will the Minister agree to publish the South Yorkshire Report into the conduct of officers accused of frustrating enquiries into child abuse allegations and if not why not?

Would the Minister confirm whether one of the officers concerned was subsequently promoted?

**Answer**

In 2008 an internal investigation was conducted by the South Yorkshire Police on behalf of the States of Jersey Police, following an internal allegation that an officer had failed to act conscientiously and diligently in ensuring that an investigation into allegations of child abuse at the former Haut de la Garenne Children's Home was dealt with in a timely manner.

The South Yorkshire investigation concluded that the file in relation to alleged child abuse should have been brought to the attention of a senior officer sooner. However, there were no issues about the integrity of the officer concerned. It is not appropriate to state the disciplinary outcome of the investigation as such matters are treated as confidential.

However, even if an officer is subject, during their career, to a disciplinary sanction, that will not perpetually preclude them from consideration for promotion, but the circumstances will be taken into account by any appointments board. The officer has subsequently been promoted.

It is not appropriate to publish this report as, generally, police misconduct allegations and investigations are treated as confidential.