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I have re-read the documentation this morning and have some observations on the selective information that has been shared.

- Throughout it refers to not renewing the funding rather than not renewing the contracts – I would suggest that this is deliberate to avoid the view being that this is a contractual matter.
- Para 11 refers to funding being extended to 31<sup>st</sup> Sept but no reference as to why that was the case
- Page 5 refers to funding for children with ASN – it does not refer to the fact that were in fact not eligible under law
- Para 16 refers to the retraction of the statement to the parents and carers but does not acknowledge that they claimed they had issued a revised and updated statement and that they would provide it and that this statement has never been provided.
- Paragraph 17 claims that all ASN information had been sent to us in full when it had not
- Paragraph 18.6 refers to organisational leadership but then nothing substantive added
- Paragraph 19.4 on service improvement period is not relevant as there is no contract in place. SG were also of this view that the guidance did not stand
- Para 19.5 claims that we misrepresented what was said about the quality of Church ST. We had 6 officers there who witnessed exactly what was said.
- Paragraph 20 refers to 250 children to be displaced. This is factually inaccurate, I believe it is 120.
- The included productions are very selective and do not include our emails to nor the minutes of the meeting.

Please keep us updated on whether there is any update today on whether the petition is lodged.

Kind regards,

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