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Dear Prime Minister,

To begin with I believed that the system would get there in the end; after all, it is for the benefit of children. Unfortunately, as time progressed, I realised that these children were seen as a burden of the state, so are neglected, traumatised and lives unduly complicated. Why are these children treated in this way? As with Child X, the cost of diagnosis and the correct treatment plan would save the nation a small fortune on each. The strategic plan must be wrong; restraint and medication should never be the only route just to control and manipulate the child in care, particularly after the correct approach from a different council had been rejected to the demise of the child as seen by the won tribunal. How many are there under lock and key without charge, proven to be against their human rights but naughty, so it's ok.

Take the child's first placement, the judge gave the mother overall control of her child. In reality they did what social services said as they were paying, with education, for the placement. The mother was blamed as a bad mother who controlled and manipulated her child, causing the naughtiness. The child is autistic, traumatically stressed, constantly on fright or flight mode affecting his ADHD, not a naughty mother's boy. The mother had embarrassed them after all, with complaint followed by press, MP and won tribunal. It clearly had become personal long before I entered the game. The lady in charge was qualified in home economics and ran the house with overall control. She promised not to restrain yet did in the first week. The child left his phone on after speaking to his mother and myself. This lady then spent time explaining to the child that it was the mother's fault. His attachment disorder to his mother was because she always looked after him and protected; the only one who was fully engaged. This constant erosion in his trust of his mother, particularly as she fought to put him there, damaged their relationship and trust issues still prevail. When the child melts down the mother could talk him down, walk him away until the red mist cleared and she could get to the bottom of what had happened to cause it. The child had a minder to protect staff and other kids so he was restrained instead, damaging him further. All staff were taught how to restrain but they were on the minimum wage so had no qualifications in anything useful. Once the child started to bond with a staff member their shifts were changed and he had to start a relationship with someone he didn't

necessarily like. At no stage was he seen by a clinician to confirm or change my diagnosis; what was the point when social services say he is naughty with a bad mother. Without care for his special needs the placement was doomed to failure and to damage the child further. By this stage the mother had been diagnosed with ME and chronic fatigue (due to years of battling to get help for her son and the stress that he caused in her life as he was damaged further by the state) and was not able to fight anymore. She had constant fear that the placement would end as she was in no fit state to look after her grown 16 year-old son and none of his problems had been addressed. Education did a reasonable job in difficult circumstances, a positive one-on-one system that did not change.

The child was restrained. He complained to the Ofsted hot line. "He should not have been restrained" said Ofsted after investigation, yet nothing changed for the child, and he could be restrained again. The placement ended; the social worker recommended a new placement. The child by this stage just wanted to run away as nobody was listening, and he lived either sofa-surfing or on the street until he was 18. This was not what the tribunal judge had ruled!

In any other area of life this would be seen as child abuse, but not when the state is involved. The cover up is so deep that it goes right to the top – Council, Social Services, Education, GCC, and MP for the tribunal and after, Cabinet Office and Privy Council and its departments, from low level working its way up to you. Why have you not sent the paperwork requested or supplied your complaints procedure? Why have you not complied with your code of practice and oath? Why have you not complied with human rights, Cameron's transparency, equal opportunities and disability law? I hope it's because you have not been correctly informed and have been lied to, then there can still be hope for these children.

I hope that this letter has been helpful. If you are in any doubt of how traumatic restraint can be, especially in an emotional meltdown I would suggest you have a couple of your security team test it on you for 10-15 minutes which seems to be the norm.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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