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7th October 2020

Mr J Smith

By email

Dear Mr Smith

Council Meeting – 30th September 2020

Thank you for submitting a question for the above Council meeting.

You ask “Why was a Gold Group set up to investigate SLAC (allegedly)?”

In August 2016 the Council received a number of complaints about Swinton Lock Activity Centre and its Chief Executive.

At that time, Swinton Lock Activity Centre was receiving Council funding and therefore the council had a duty of care to ensure the complaints were robustly and fairly considered.

To enable due consideration to be given to the matters raised the Council formed a multi-agency Gold group to oversee an investigation and commissioned independent investigators to carry it out. It is not unusual when multiple agencies need to work together on one piece of work for a ‘Gold group’ to be formed in this way.

Following the conclusion of the independent investigation, when there were no outstanding actions for statutory partners to undertake, the Gold group ceased to meet.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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