

Matter M10 - Hearing Statement provided by email to the Programme Officer on behalf of The Traveller Solidarity Network

3 short case studies

Thank you.

On 5 July 2017 at 00:24, Beverley Carpenter wrote:

Dear Mr Dixon

We see that the deadline for these comments was, in fact, the 4th July. Apologies if this has arrived late but we would appreciate it if you are able to accept this material. We are doing this work in our own time and I hope you understand.

We would like to submit the attached photos in order to elaborate upon them when we meet the Inspector.

1. English Gypsy families camped 4th July 2017 on ground near the the Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge. The site is within half a mile of Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge. Map location available as needed.
2. Detail of photo No 1.
- 3-7. Examples of overcrowding and other conditions at local sites in South Cambridgeshire: photos taken on 4th July 2017.

We wish to include two short case studies (names changed to protect identities) relating to images 1 and 2 above and the lack of adequate stopping places:

1. Lisa McCarthy, a child with a brain tumour undergoes a potentially life threatening operation at Addenbrookes Hospital. The immediate family from Cottenham gathered in the hospital. On the day before the operation wider family members arrive from other parts of Cambridgeshire, London, Basildon. They camp and gather to pray at the hospital and await news around the outcome of the operation. The child survived and was released from hospital. Currently she is poorly but being cared for by her family.
2. Alice Smith was dying was in Addenbrookes. Her granddaughter was due to get married shortly. The marriage was brought forward and took place at her bedside 2 weeks ago in order that she should share this before she died. The granddaughter was married by the pastor at the hospital. Guests from the extended family gathered and camped up. There were around 50 Travellers present. Alice has now passed away.
3. After complications during her pregnancy Serena Hegarty is admitted to the Rosie Maternity Hospital. Her parents arrive in Cambridgeshire to be with her, as do members of the father's family. The baby is not allowed to leave the hospital due to his low birth weight and his failure to thrive in the first two weeks. He has serious problems with his blood sugar levels. Serena is unable to care for him in a caravan where the family live in three small caravans and rely on one or two generators for electricity (which is often unreliable). Serena must learn how to monitor his blood sugar levels and treat him when he is unwell. His condition is life threatening. He has two visits to London hospitals and is released from hospital to live in the parent's caravan in Cottenham under the supervision of health workers. He is currently thriving.

Maybe you can confirm receipt. Thank you

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