

UKIP demands the resignation of NSPCC official over Climbié slurs

"The NSPCC is trying to shift blame away from itself to the Home Education community" said Godfrey Bloom. "They were explicitly condemned by the enquiry into Victoria Climbié's tragic death. And now Vijay Patel, their political adviser is trying to blame the innocent"

"In today's Independent, Mr Patel claims, "Some people use home education to hide. Look at the Victoria Climbié case. No one asked where she was at school. We have no view about home education, but we do know that to find out about abuse someone has to know about the child."

However at the time of the enquiry it was not Home Education that was singled out for blame, Victoria was never home educated, but the NSPCC itself.

"crucial details on NSPCC files were changed after Victoria's death.

One read that Victoria's case was "accepted for ongoing service" when she was first referred to them, while another version, made - according to computer records - after the girl's death, was marked "no further action".

"Instead of taking responsibility for its own failures the NSPCC is conniving with the Government to demonise Home Educators", said Mr Bloom. "It is hardly a surprise that the NSPCC is a government toady given that they ceased to be an independent charity years ago and now are a branch of government. They are heavily funded by the Government and do the Government's bidding. Today that job is to vilify decent parents.

I am writing to Dame Mary Marsh, the Director demanding that she explain the actions of her underlings and calling for Mr Patel to be fired for his abject dishonesty"

Notes

Mr Patel's comments can be found here

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/schools/is-the-government-right-to-be-concerned-about-homeschooling-1631969.html>

Climbié enquiry criticism of NSPCC here

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/1781399.stm

NSPCC funding

http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/registeredcharities/ScannedAccounts/Ends01%5C0000216401_ac_2008_0331_e_c.pdf

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