

Appendix A – Press Release in response to Child Q

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said: “I am disgusted and angered by the account of what a 15 year old black schoolgirl from Hackney was subjected to. The investigation by City & Hackney safeguarding board found that racism likely played a part in the decision to conduct the strip search, which has understandably been extremely traumatic for the child and her family. Now we have this new report I have written to the IOPC asking them to look at it as a case of gross misconduct by the officers involved. At a time when confidence in our police is almost at an all time low, I lost confidence in the Commissioner and am determined that the next Commissioner must have a plan to tackle the serious cultural issues within the Met Police and regain the trust of Londoners.”