

NSPCC statement following guilty plea from Erin Sutherland



Following the news that Erin Sutherland has plead guilty to culpable homicide in connection with the death of his daughter Chloe, an NSPCC Scotland spokesperson said: “ This heart wrenching case highlights the urgent need to address the considerable gaps in support for families struggling with perinatal mental health issues. Support must be available when and for as long as families need it. And the widespread issues we identified in our recent report on perinatal mental health provision in Scotland including education and training of professionals and access to specialist services must be prioritised. We must do all we can to prevent a similar tragedy happening in future. ”

Getting it right for Mothers and Babies: closing the gaps in perinatal mental health is available to download at: <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/research-resources/getting-it-right/>

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