

Appendix A: History of interactions with Kaleb and Jonathon

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Year	Key interactions
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaleb attends a Special Education Development Unit
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaleb attends an Early Childhood Development Program at a departmental school (school 1)
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaleb starts primary school at a special school (school 2) • Jonathon attends school 1
2005, 2006 and 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff at both schools have concerns about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kaleb and Jonathon’s diet, presentation, toileting and hygiene - Paul Barrett’s aggressive behaviour when responding to the concerns of school staff
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathon starts at school 2
March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school principal issues a student protection report to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and notifies Child Safety of suspected harm/risk of harm to Kaleb and Jonathon • The concerns of harm relate to their: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - hygiene - diet (digesting foam rubber regularly) - care at home (including the condition of the house) - access to support services • Child Safety decides not to investigate and notes that teachers can monitor both children and refer additional concerns to Child Safety
May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The QPS visits Kaleb and Jonathon’s home and observes both children to be at risk • Child Safety removes them given the ‘unliveable’ condition of the home and their ‘serious neglect’
June 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Safety assesses the information and returns them to their father after six days • Child Safety opens an investigation and works with the family for six months
August 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school principal informs Child Safety: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul Barrett behaves aggressively, particularly when challenged about supports for Kaleb and Jonathon - The children are not eating enough at home - Attempts to meet with Paul Barrett have been abandoned

August - December 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Safety contacts school staff on several occasions • School staff explain they used to bathe both children every day before Child Safety's investigation
Early 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School staff observe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jonathon smells of dog odour - His hair smells of urine - He passes rocks and pebbles in bowel movements - He attends school in unsuitable clothing - Kaleb and Jonathon do not always have enough lunch • School staff do not report these observations internally or to Child Safety
Late 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff notice a lump on Kaleb's head, but do not submit a student protection report to Child Safety • Child Safety liaises with school staff and gathers information about both children's hygiene, appearance and school lunches • School staff tell Child Safety Paul Barrett is 'coping well given the significant disabilities' of his children • During a meeting with Child Safety, Queensland Health and the QPS, Education raises concerns that Paul Barrett may be minimising Jonathon's seizures • Kaleb finishes school
Early 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Safety determines that Jonathon is not in need of protection
February 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School staff become aware that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jonathon does not have access to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) - Paul Barrett has not regularly provided incontinence products for Jonathon to use at school for six months
March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathon begins learning from home due to state restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic
Early May 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School staff deliver education packs to Paul Barrett and offer to help Jonathon with schoolwork • Staff do not see Jonathon, but discuss his access to the NDIS with Paul Barrett, who is worried about losing his pension if Jonathon has NDIS support
Late May 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A teacher aide texts a teacher with concerns about Kaleb and Jonathon because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul Barrett is unwell - Jonathon has lost weight and is not at school (on that day) • Seven days later, school staff try to telephone Paul Barrett to check on Jonathon • The following day, authorities find Paul Barrett, deceased, at the house • They also find Kaleb and Jonathon naked and severely malnourished, locked in a room with faeces on the floor

Source: Office of the Queensland Ombudsman, adapted from the Royal Commission's report on Public Hearing 33.