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A text message identifying those responsible for the death of Baby P has been sent to thousands of people across the country.

An unidentified sender names the toddler's mother and her boyfriend. The publication of their names is not allowed for legal reasons but the pair have also been identified on social networking websites.

The text messages urges people to pass it on to 'name and shame' the couple, who it brands 'the cruel vile killers of baby p'.

It also names the street where the 17-month-old was subjected to the months of abuse that eventually killed him. The message urges people to sign a national newspaper's petition demanding 'justice for that poor little boy'.





Wedding day: Baby P's parent's getting married

But Haringey social workers failed to establish who the toddler was living with despite 60 visits from care workers. It meant the 17-month-old, who was on the child protection register, was repeatedly sent back to his tormentors.

He endured months of abuse and torture during which he suffered 50 injuries including a broken back and fractured ribs, before his death in August last year.

Social workers were kept waiting outside on unannounced visits and believed the mother's lies that no one else lived there. So far no social workers or council bosses have been sacked or resigned over the scandal.

Today residents near where the boy died demanded to know why the basic checks were not carried out.

A man living a few doors down from Baby P's home insisted no one had ever come around to ask about the boy.

The 41-year-old, who asked not to be named, said: 'I can't believe we live just next door and social services didn't even ask us.'

'I used to see the boyfriend all the time. I could have told them straight away. If I'd have known he wasn't supposed to be there I would have told someone.'

Local resident Elton Thomas, 31, a father of two, said: 'I used to see that baby come past in the street every day. People around here knew there were men in that house. If only social services had spoken to people he could have been saved.'

Catherine Jones, 70, said: 'I used to walk past the house every day and hear the baby crying. But I had no idea. All those visits and they couldn't work out they were in there? Why didn't they just ask us. It could have been stopped.'

A Haringey Council spokesman said: 'A government review is under way and we are co-operating fully. This will report back shortly.'

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