

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Internal Memorandum

Date: 5th December 1994

To: \* Panel Members

Your ref.

From: Alison Kerr, Senior Clerical Assistant/Typist

Our ref. AK/C1

R.E.A.P. THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 1994

The next meeting of R.E.A.P. will be held on Thursday 8th December 1994 in the Dumfries Office of the Social Work Department at 5 Gordon Street, Dumfries.

The agenda is as follows, and the relevant papers are attached:-

1. Calendar of Meetings for 1995
2. Update - Alastair McIver

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CLIENT</u>	<u>SOCIAL WORKER</u>	<u>REPORT</u>
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REVIEW OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSION

4.15p.m.	Trevor Trueman	Tony Hazlitt	Y EMERGENCY
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*Alison Kerr*  
Alison Kerr  
Senior Clerical Assistant/Typist

\* Panel Members  
R Pagan, Assistant Director of Social Work  
S Beck, Principal Educational Psychologist, RPS  
G Dean, Principal Social Worker, Nithsdale  
D McKeever, Senior Social Worker, Nithsdale  
M McKean, Education Co-ordinator, Regional Psychological Services  
Dr J Powell, Consultant Psychiatrist, Ladyfield

c.c. for information only  
Social Workers

Tony Hazlitt, Nithsdale  
Helen Walker, Senior Social Worker, Nithsdale  
Yvonne Le Brun, Senior Social Worker, Nithsdale

*Tony's s/la*  
*[Signature]*

**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL**

<b>SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT 7 DEC 1994</b>	<b>PASSED TO YLB</b>
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**Internal Memorandum**

Date: 6 December, 1994

To: Senior Social Worker, Dumfries

From: Lyndy D Roberts, Divisional Reporter

**Our Ref: LDR/JH**

**TREVOR TRUEMAN (3.6.79)  
c/o Hightrees, Closeburn**

This child has been referred to me for the reasons given below. I would be obliged if you would let me have a report as indicated.

Type of Report:

- Social Background Report
- Supplementary Report
- Review Report
- Residential Report
- Comment on New Referral

DATE DUE: **16 December 1994**

Special Comments: **Children's Hearing set for 22.12.94 at 4.15 p.m. in Dumfries. Please provide a full social background report incorporating an assessment of Trevor's difficulties and a recommendation for his future.**

Grounds for Referral: **To continue the case from the emergency Hearing on 5.12.94.**

*Lyndy Roberts*

*P.S. I have requested a report from Liz McArthur, Educational Psychologist, and written to Dr Bob Powell to ask if he feels he can become involved in Trevor's case.*

10/11

**Dumfries  
and Galloway  
Regional Council**

Your Ref: EMcI/AH  
Our Ref:

Psychological Service  
(Nithsdale)  
St Teresa's Primary School  
Lochside Road, Dumfries DG2 0DY  
Telephone 0387 67350  
Fax 0387 57358

Trevor Truman  
Hightrees  
Closeburn  
Thornhill

Stuart H Beck BA DipEd Psych  
Principal Educational Psychologist

If telephoning or calling ask for:  
Mrs McIntyre

6th December 1994

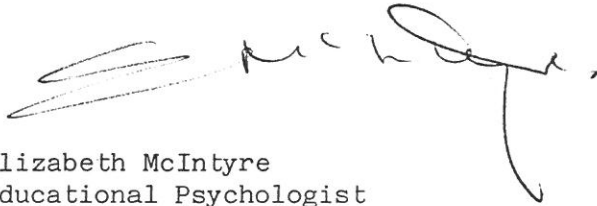
Dear Trevor

This is a little note to let you know I hope to meet with you at Hightrees on Thursday morning about 10.00am.

I am aware you have had a difficult time recently but hope you will still feel you wish see me.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely



Elizabeth McIntyre  
Educational Psychologist

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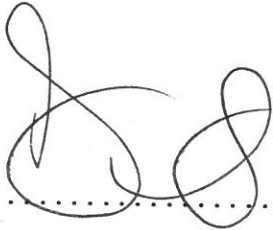
To: Tony Hazlitt, Social Worker

Our ref: DMcK/DV/CH05168

From: Daniel McKeever, Senior Social Worker

Re: Trevor Trueman

1. At an emergency panel held in the secure unit at Hightrees on 05.12.94 it was decided to continue the Hearing and a warrant for Trevor's detention in secure accommodation was issued.
2. The Panel made it clear that they would wish at the next Hearing to have a Psychologists Report from Liz McIntyre and a Psychiatric Report from Dr. John Powell.
3. In view of the developments over the weekend I informed Alison Kerr that it might be felt desirable to consider Trevor at R.E.A.P on 08.12.94.



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Daniel McKeever  
Senior Social Worker

cc. G. Dean, Principal Social Worker  
Y. Le Brun, Senior Social Worker  
Sheila Inglis, Acting Unit Manager, Hightrees

**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL**

**Internal Memorandum**

**7 December, 1994**

**To:** Tony Hazlitt, Social Worker, Dumfries

**From:** Lyndy D Roberts, Divisional Reporter

**Our Ref:** LDR/JH

**NOTIFICATION OF REPORTER'S DECISION**

Please note that after considering the undernoted case I have decided to take no formal action.

~~Thank you for your report.~~ Please contact me if you wish clarification of the decision.

**Child:** Trevor Trueman  
c/o Hightrees  
Closeburn  
Thornhill

**Grounds for Referral:**

1. Assault and Breach of the Peace on 10.8.94;
2. Possession of Offensive Weapon on 26.10.94;
3. S.32(2)(i)

*Lyndy Roberts*

KFC 9/12/94



**Dumfries  
and Galloway  
Regional Council**

Reporter to the Children's Panel  
3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries DG1 1LN  
Telephone 01387 260390  
Fax 01387 263411

Alan D Miller  
Regional Reporter to the Children's Panel

If telephoning or calling ask for:

**Ms Roberts**

LDR/JH

8 December, 1994

The Unit Manager  
Hightrees  
Closeburn  
THORNHILL

Dear Sir

**NOTIFICATION OF CHILDREN'S HEARING**

I am arranging a Children's Hearing to take place:

on: Thursday 22 December 1994

at: 4.15 p.m.

at: 3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries

I would be grateful if you could arrange to attend the Hearing in respect of the child noted below.

Yours sincerely

LYNDY D ROBERTS  
Divisional Reporter

**NOTE:**

Name and Address of Child:

**Trevor Trueman  
c/o Hightrees  
Closeburn  
Thornhill**

Reason for Hearing:

**To continue the case from 5.12.94**



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**Ms Roberts**

LDR/JH

8 December, 1994

Trevor Trueman  
c/o Hightrees  
Closeburn  
THORNHILL

Dear Trevor

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**

You have been reported to me in terms of Section 32 of the above Act, in connection with allegations as undernoted.

After a full investigation of all the facts and careful consideration of the circumstances, I have decided on this occasion that no further action will be taken on this matter.

Yours sincerely



LYNDY D ROBERTS  
Divisional Reporter

**NOTE:**

- 1. Assault and Breach of the Peace on 10.8.94**
- 2. Possession of Offensive Weapon on 26.10.94**

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**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL**

**Internal Memorandum**

**8 December, 1994**

**To:** Officer in Charge, Hightrees

**From:** Lyndy D Roberts, Divisional Reporter

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**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**

**TREVOR TRUEMAN (born 3.6.79), 2 Criffel Road, Dumfries.  
Presently c/o Hightrees Assessment Centre, Closeburn.**

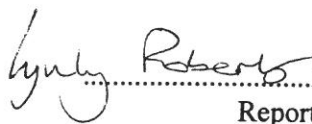
is being referred to a Children's Hearing for **Dumfries and Galloway Region** on the grounds of the following conditions:

**He has committed the undernoted offences [Grounds for Referral under Section 32(2)(g)]**

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

1. On 2 December 1994 within Hightrees Assessment Centre, Closeburn, conducted himself in a disorderly manner, shouted and swore and committed a Breach of the Peace.  
**[Breach of the Peace]**
2. On 2 December 1994 within Hightrees Assessment Centre, Closeburn, assaulted Temporary Assistant Residential Care Officer, by kicking him on the neck to his injury.  
**[Assault]**
3. On 2 December 1994 within Hightrees Assessment Centre, Closeburn, without reasonable excuse wilfully or recklessly smashed one Glass door panel.  
**[Contrary to the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 Section 78(1)]**

05/12/94

.....LYNDY D ROBERTS  
Reporter

Children's Hearing Centre  
3 Newall Terrace  
Dumfries

Telephone: (0387) 260390

**NOTES**

At the Children's Hearing the child or his parents may or may not accept the grounds for bringing the child before the Hearing. If the grounds are accepted by the child, and his parents, if present, the Children's Hearing will discuss and consider with the child and his parents what is best for the child. If any of the grounds are not accepted, the Hearing may either discharge the referral or direct the Reporter to refer to the Sheriff for a decision as to whether or not any of the grounds exist. If this happens the child will have to appear before the Sheriff at a later date. If the Sheriff decides that any of the grounds do exist, the Children's Hearing will then discuss and consider what is best for the child, as if these grounds had been accepted. If the Sheriff decides that no grounds exist the referral will be discharged.

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**

To: Trevor Trueman  
c/o Hightrees  
Closeburn  
Thornhill

You have been referred to a Children's Hearing to continue the case from 5.12.94.

You are required in terms of Section 40(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to attend the Hearing -

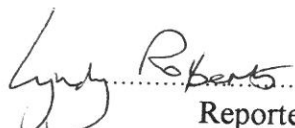
on: Thursday 22 December 1994

at: 4.15 p.m.

at: 3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries

There are important Notes set out below and overleaf. Please read these.

8 December, 1994

.....LYNDY D ROBERTS  
Reporter

**NOTES**

A Children's Hearing is formed by members of the Children's Panel for Dumfries and Galloway Region. They have been selected from many walks of life especially for their interest and concern in understanding and helping children with problems. The Panel Members will discuss with you and your parents difficulties which have arisen and will try to reach a decision which will be in your best interests.

During the discussion the panel will want to hear your views. You may, if you wish, bring with you to the Hearing someone to help you in discussing your difficulties and what might be done. The personal expenses of this representative (but not any fees) may be refunded.

You must attend the Hearing unless you have been told by me that the Hearing have decided that your attendance is not necessary. If you do not attend, steps may be taken, including possibly your detention, to make sure that you do appear before a Hearing. If there is a very good reason, such as illness, why you will be unable to attend the Hearing, you should contact the Reporter immediately at 3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries, DG1 1LN. Telephone (0387) 260390.

Further information on the Hearing is set out in the leaflet entitled "To Tell You about the Children's Hearing", a copy of which accompanies this notification.

Please also read the notes overleaf about expenses

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DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
REGIONAL EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT PANEL

R.E.A.P. MINUTE

DATE OF CONFERENCE 8th December 1994

NAME OF CLIENT Trevor Trueman

DATE OF BIRTH 3.6.79

HOME ADDRESS 2 Criffel Road

PRESENT ADDRESS Hightrees

LEGISLATION 21 Day Secure Warrant

IN ATTENDANCE S Beck CHAIR : M McKean : D McKeever : G Dean :

APOLOGIES Dr J Powell : R Pagan :

PRESENTED BY Tony Hazlitt, Social Worker

Liz McIntyre, Educational Psychologist, RPS

REASON FOR REFERRAL

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Trevor will be 16 on 3.6.95. He was initially referred to the Department when aged 11 for very similar reasons as those which applied in May 1994. He is outwith mother's control.

He was then admitted to Ladyacre and initially mother did not visit. Initially his behaviour in Ladyacre was okay but he soon started to intimidate other children in the unit. There were numerous incidents ending with his transfer to Hightrees one month ago.

Trevor initially settled in Hightrees but this period has now ended. He has been excluded from two schools and will not comply with education at Hightrees. He put his fist through a window creating an intimidating atmosphere within the classroom.

Northumberland with grandmother

Trevor is having some home visits to

There have been a lot of behaviour problems at Hightrees recently with Trevor intimidating other children, absconding, being picked up by the Police, not doing what the staff ask and generally creating a bad atmosphere. He was placed in secure on Friday and an emergency Panel held on Monday. He is now on a 21 day secure warrant with a further Hearing on 22.12.94. Reporter has requested reports from Dr J Powell who is to see Trevor on the 19th, and from RPS.

Trevor presents as a very nervous individual and never gives straight answers. He does have a strong bond with the who own and run Cost Cutters at Lochside and the jean shop in the Venne1. He knows the two sons and have time for him. Trevor had a work placement at Cost Cutters and it was seen as positive to keep this going. However, Trevor put a cigarette in a toy Santa's mouth and lost the placement. Trevor enjoys art and classes were arranged in Dumfries and Thornhill. The one in Dumfries is now finished.

The secure warrant can be used more flexibly in that he does not have to be in secure the whole time. is willing to have Trevor back to the work placement but is seeking a letter from the Department that we will pay for any damage to property caused by Trevor.

There have been two very serious unprovoked assaults in schools on other children, causing serious injury to the other child and leading to Trevor's exclusion. During one incident when six kids absconded from Ladyacre, Trevor wrecked the inside of a Police car and assaulted two Police Officers. He was handcuffed and ended up being carried handcuffed into the cells. Police then had to take him to the Fire Station to have the handcuffs cut off because they had put them on so tight they couldn't get them off. Trevor was also taken on holiday with the unit but had to be returned, having stolen the minibus and in a panic had thrown something at one of the girls who ducked out the way and it dented car.

There are a lot of issues of violence, self-harm, putting his hand through windows on a regular basis which has damaged his knuckles. There is an issue about the degree of violence and a very serious drug abuse problem which is beyond the point where Trevor has any control of it. He also does not appear to have any short-term memory.

Trevor did form a close relationship with a worker in Ladyacre - Jen Graham - and had began to discuss life with his stepfather. He did not state anything tangible but gave hints of systematic physical abuse and that stepfather was into hitting him where it did not show. That relationship is now causing tremendous friction with the staff at Hightrees because Trevor refuses to talk to anyone else. Difficulties are also arising whereby Trevor was to spend Christmas with his father and grandmother. He is now saying he is going to Jen's but this is pure fantasy on his part. Trevor has been told not to contact Jen.

Liz McIntyre has seen Trevor on two occasions following a phone call that he was beginning to disclose to Jen Graham issues regarding violence by his stepfather. Jen was being given a lot of information which was difficult for the keyworker to work through. Trevor absconded at the time of the first meeting with Liz; by the second things had escalated and he was in Hightrees.

He was quite responsive and described the relationship with his stepfather. Although not talking about actual incidents of violence, it was possible to tell that this was quite systematic and that some of things demanded of him at age 13 were quite extreme, and that he was emotionally as well as physically abused. Trevor was relatively relaxed but complained of feeling shut in when moved to Hightrees. He had plans in his head regarding violent behaviour which he had not put into place but involved things he was going to do to other people. He said he was going to smash in the windscreen of a car in return for a small thing which had happened. He had lost the opportunity but was keeping it in the back of his mind. He also spoke about having violent feelings towards Daniel McKeever. Trevor wasn't happy about having these feelings and was to spend time discussing this with Liz. On this occasion he was calm on the outside but agitated inside. Concern was noted about his memory and consideration needs to be given as to whether he has sustained brain damage.

Buccleuch Estates have indicated they are willing to work with him as a gamekeeper.

REAP has to await reports from RPS and Dr Powell. Liz McIntyre will contact the Reporter based on the feelings she has at present but Dr Powell is seeing Trevor on the 19th and is unlikely to have a report ready by the 22nd.

#### **ISSUES**

1. Trevor's future up to and past age 16.
2. His place of residence.
3. How we attempt to work with him about the physical abuse he has suffered.
4. Everyday details about his behaviour.
5. Concern about Trevor's own wellbeing and the danger he presents to other people.
6. Concern about the effect of him being in secure.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. REAP unable to comment or give advice at this time.
2. More considered response to be given following receipt of reports.
3. To be re-presented to REAP on 5.1.94.



8th December 1994

The Unit Manager  
Hightrees  
Closeburn  
Dumfries

Dear Sir

**Re: Trevor Trueman, d.o.b 3.06.79.**

Ms Lindy Roberts, The Reporter, has requested that Dr John Powell should see the above named young man, and an appointment has been made for him here, at Ladyfield Offices on Monday 19th December at 2.00 p.m.

Please arrange for Trevor to come to Ladyfield on 19th, accompanied preferably by his key worker. Please let me know if he cannot attend.

Yours sincerely

Secretary to Dr John Powell

LADYFIELD  
Child and Family Health  
Glencaple Road  
DUMFRIES  
DG1 4TE  
Tel: (01387) 255301  
Fax: (01387) 244194

#### CONSULTANTS

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Secretary	244022
Dr Eileen F Powell	244375
Secretary	244021

##### Children

Dr Michael J S Morton	244345
Secretary	244188
Dr Eileen F Powell	244375
Secretary	244021

#### SPECIALITY MANAGER

Mr Paul J Youngjohns, RGN, RMN	(01387) 244012
Secretary	244012

RESIDENTIAL (CHILDCARE) UNITS INCIDENT REPORT:

DATE: 14th December 1994

UNIT: Hightrees

TIME: 6.30pm - 8.55pm

Names: Young People Involved: , Trevor Trueman,

Staff Present: A. Dickie, G. Graham, S. Brown

Synopsis of incident including significant factors prior to the incident:

As arranged Trevor left to go to his work at Cost Cutters in Dumfries on the 4.50pm bus. It was arranged that he return on the 8.20pm bus. G. Graham went to the bus stop at Closeburn to meet him but he failed to return.

At 9.55pm an ex-resident of Hightrees visited with information that and Trevor were in the Thornhill area. I informed the Police re. this but believed this information to be incorrect and passed this on as well.

Young person's comments:

\_\_\_\_\_ says the whole thing was her idea - Trevor just went along.  
Trevor stated that regardless of what happens "it was worth it!"

Unit Manager's comments/analysis:

It transpired that \_\_\_\_\_ and Trevor had broken into the cottage and spent the night together there. They were returned to the unit the next morning by the Police. Both were charged with breaking into the cottage.

\_\_\_\_\_ maintains that "nothing happened" between her and Trevor although both are sporting love bites.

*Stiglis  
Acting UM*

Agencies Informed/Copies:

Social Worker 1 x S. McGarva 1 x T. Hazlitt  
Senior Social Worker  
(Residential)  
Principal Social Worker  
Unit x 3  
Other Agencies  
Assistant Director - R Pagan  
Central File

Ref: SI/DV/CH  
Date: 21.12.94

*Dena Dickie*

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968  
WARRANT UNDER SECTION 40(8) and 58E(1) OF THE ACT RENEWING  
WARRANT FOR DETENTION IN NAMED RESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT  
PROVIDING SECURE ACCOMMODATION UNDER  
SECTIONS 40(7) AND 58E(1) OF THE ACT

Place: Dumfries

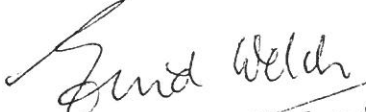
Date: 22/12/94

A children's hearing for Dumfries and Galloway Region, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 40(8) and 58E(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, having heard the reporter of the local authority, and being satisfied

~~[that~~  
~~has a history of absconding and is likely to abscond unless he/she is kept~~  
~~in secure accommodation, and that if he/she absconds it is likely that~~  
~~his/her physical, mental or moral welfare will be at risk]\*~~

[that<sup>1</sup> Trevor Theman (3/6/79), c/o Highbres, Aosebn, Dumfries  
is likely to injure himself/~~herself~~ or other persons unless he/~~she~~ is kept  
in secure accommodation]\*

grant warrant for the renewal from<sup>2</sup> 22/12/94 to<sup>2</sup> 11/1/95  
both days inclusive, of the warrant granted by a children's hearing on<sup>3</sup>  
5/12/94 ordering the detention of the said Trevor Theman  
in<sup>4</sup> Highbres, Aosebn and said detention there shall be  
in secure accommodation at such times as the person in charge of the  
residential establishment, with the agreement of the Director of Social Work  
of Dumfries and Galloway Regional Council considers necessary.

  
Chairman of the Children's Hearing

- 1 Child's name and address
- 2 Date - insert period not exceeding twenty-one days
- 3 Date of previous warrant
- 4 Name of residential establishment providing secure accommodation

\* Delete as appropriate

**Dumfries  
and Galloway  
Regional Council**

Department of Social Work  
5 Gordon Street, Dumfries DG1 1EG  
Telephone 0387 61234  
Fax 0387 60875

Faith Simpson  
Director

If telephoning or asking ask for:

Children's Hearing Report

Name: Trevor Trueman

D.O.B: 03.06.79

D.O.A: 26.10.94

Social Worker: T. Hazlitt

Home Address: 2 Criffel Road  
Lincluden  
Dumfries

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Trevor was admitted to Hightrees on 26th October 1994 following his involvement in incidents at Ladyacre.

General Behaviour

Since his admission Trevor has continued with the same kind of behaviour which resulted in his transfer from Ladyacre.

Before admission to secure Trevor would leave the unit or abscond on a whim.

The catalogue of damage and destruction of property carried out by Trevor grows daily. The damage occurs during bouts of temper when his wishes are thwarted but also in a more calculated, deliberate way.

The destruction has continued in the secure unit which is equipped to a standard intended to prevent such damage.

Relationships with Staff

Trevor refuses point blank to engage in any work with Hightrees staff.

He resents the loss of the relationship he had with a member of staff from Ladyacre.

This was discussed at a Child Care Review when it was felt to be an appropriate time for this relationship to be phased out. Any relationships with staff are purely superficial.

Staff do, however, appreciate Trevor's keen sense of humour when he is in a good mood.

Relationships with Peers

Trevor, we feel, would like to be part of the group but remains on the periphery. This is partly due to the hours spent at his part-time employment.

Trevor's silly behaviour is strangely contagious in that when he starts, others quickly become involved. Regrettably Trevor will not or cannot understand warning signs to calm down. This, in the past, has led to incidents becoming out of control.

As with adults, his relationships with his peers are superficial.

Health

Trevor is currently receiving treatment for an in-grown toe nail. Apart from this he seems fit and healthy.

Contact with Family

Trevor keeps in contact with his gran who lives in the North of England. He has visited her on one occasion since his admission to Hightrees - he telephones her regularly.

Education

Trevor continues to refuse formal education and has contributed little towards planning for work experience. However, has recently requested placement with a game keeper which is being actively pursued by Mr. McKean, Educational Co-ordinator.

Conclusion

Trevor lost, but has now negotiated a return to his part time employment at "Costcutters" in Lochside.

His behaviour in the secure unit has, at times, been unacceptable and would raise serious concerns as to his ability to modify his behaviour if returned to the open unit at this moment in time.

At the time of writing a plan has been formulated, along with the Social

Worker, which will permit Trevor extended periods of time out of secure and outwith Hightrees.



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B. Needham  
Assistant Unit Manager, Hightrees

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

DETAIL RECORD

(For specified incidents or agreed cases)

CLIENT NAME

Trevor Trueman

D/O/B

3.6.79

SOCIAL WORKER

Tony Hazlitt, Nithsdale

DATE: 22.12.94 REAP UPDATE

EVENT:

Panel held today made recommendation for secure warrant. Trevor is on the REAP agenda for 5.1.95. He does not want to see Dr Powell.

DATE: 19.1.95 REAP UPDATE

EVENT:

Trevor is presently on a secure order at the discretion of the DSW. He is currently in Hightrees who are trying to work with him. Kerelaw have no vacancies.

Activities had been arranged for him. He attended the first art class then disappeared, ending up at Maxwelltown High where he allegedly assaulted the Depute.

Trevor has been put on the REAP agenda for full discussion on 2.2.95 and may be included in the trawl of secure placements being undertaken by Mr McKeever.

DATE: 2.3.95 REAP UPDATE

EVENT:

Trevor has made some progress recently and is currently working on a plan which may see him return to Ladyacre for independence training in the semi-independence unit. A work placement is to start next week. Planning meeting being held on Tuesday. Tony Hazlitt has spoken to Trevor proposing a visit to Newcastle to look at hostel accommodation but Trevor refused to go. He does keep in contact with his grandmother however.

DATE: 16.3.95 REAP UPDATE

EVENT:

REMOVE FROM REAP

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AT

DUMFRIES

ON 22/12/94

Child(ren) TREVOR TREEMAN

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**CHILDREN'S HEARING MEMBERS**

(Chair) E. WELSH

(Member) E. HUNTER

(Member) K. STEPHENSON

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**DECISION OF HEARING:** The Hearing made the following decision(s)

Work for duration in holidays with the option of  
leave accommodation continued - s.40(8) and s.58E(1)

Henry Roberts ..... (Reporter)

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**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DECISION**

The Hearing is continued in order for a more detailed plan to be put forward, specifying educational provision Mike McKean, Dr. Powell's degree of involvement, work-experience and R.P.S. input.

The Hearing stressed that it required assurance that sufficient psychological/psychiatric/counselling input would be offered to address his temper difficulties.

If this care-plan is unavailable then the panel-members might wish to explore an alternative therapeutic environment.

Erna Welch

..... (Chairperson)

REC 6/1/95

**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL**

**Internal Memorandum**

**Date:** 4 January, 1995

**To:** Unit Manager, Hightrees

**From:** Lyndy D Roberts, Divisional Reporter

**Our Ref:** LDR/JH

**NOTIFICATION OF CHILDREN'S HEARINGS**

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**On:** Wednesday 11 January 1995

**At:** 2 p.m.

**At:** 3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries

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**NOTE:**

Name and Address of Child: Trevor Trueman  
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Lincluden  
Dumfries  
(presently c/o Hightrees)

Reason for Hearing: To continue the case from 22.12.94.

*Mike Cash*

*WR*

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**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
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- Supplementary Report**
- Review Report
- Residential Report
- Comment on New Referral

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Special Comments: **Hearing set for 11.1.95 at 2 p.m.**

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*Mike Coe*  
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Special Comments: **You are aware of the information requested by the Hearing on 22.12.94. I enclose copy of their decision sheet to clarify their position further. Hearing set for 11.1.95 at 2 p.m.**

Grounds for Referral: **Continued case from Hearing on 22.12.94.**

*Mike Cadell*

*W*

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DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
REGIONAL EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT PANEL

R.E.A.P. MINUTE

DATE OF CONFERENCE 5th January 1995

NAME OF CLIENT Trevor Trueman DATE OF BIRTH 3.6.79

HOME ADDRESS 2 Criffel Road PRESENT ADDRESS Hightrees

LEGISLATION 21 day secure warrant

IN ATTENDANCE S Beck CHAIR : Dr J Powell : D McKeever : M McKean : G Dean :

APOLOGIES P A David

PRESENTED BY Tony Hazlitt, Social Worker

REASON FOR REFERRAL

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Discussed the options if Trevor were to be moved out of Hightrees. Panel to be held Wednesday 11.1.95 following continuation at the last Hearing to investigate the options within the Region or consider therapeutic options outwith the Region. Trevor is due to leave school in summer 1995 and social worker is recommending that Trevor remain in Hightrees until the summer. Liz McIntyre has supplied a report to the Panel and Tony is to invite her to attend the Hearing.

Tony discussed with Trevor the reasons for seeing Dr Powell and Trevor was told he had the option. He refused the contact. It is difficult for him to see the benefits of talking about his problems. Dr Powell asked about the physical abuse by Trevor's stepfather. Tony advised that the family operate very much with physical presentation and threat. There have been continued incidents of violence but it is difficult to gain proof and conduct an investigation. Trevor has only spoken about the violence with Jennifer Graham from Ladyacre and refuses to address it with anyone else. It was felt that starting this contact up again would undermine the staff at Hightrees. Trevor does engage with Tony to an extent but Tony is not there when the confrontations happen.

Long term plans are another difficulty and Trevor fantasises about possibilities. He wanted to move to be with his father but this is no longer a possibility. He has also spoken about an uncle

Two options for the Panel were discussed, i.e.:

1. to attempt to organise an out of region placement which would require a secure placement for 3 months.
2. to ask the Panel to allow Trevor to remain on a secure warrant where we have the option of whether he is in secure or not. This could give him the option to go to work but to be placed back in secure if he starts trouble. Trevor understands this.

Trevor is very moody and does a lot of damage to a lot of people who have to witness his behaviour. Hightrees is not a long term secure provision and consideration may have to be given to somewhere like Kerelaw. Trevor is not benefiting from being in Hightrees and there are no prospects for him in the short/medium term. Long term plans are uncertain i.e. either to leave him where he is and let him go his own way at 16; or to try to find an appropriate secure placement. A leaving care package would require Trevor to engage which he is unlikely to do. He thinks there is a different life waiting for him when he is 16. His pre-disposition to violence is unlikely to change when he leaves Hightrees.

It was acknowledged that it would be possible to employ someone to support Trevor on a semi-independent basis for the same costs as would be involved in sending him to Kerelaw but this option is not presently available. It was suggested that perhaps REAP should discuss this as a separate item as no monies currently exist for this type of provision.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The following options to be placed to the Panel:-

1. continue with some sort of package at Hightrees whilst recognising that Trevor's behaviour is such he may have to spend periods in secure.
2. seek placement in secure unit in Kerelaw.
3. Tony Hazlitt to contact Kerelaw prior to the Hearing to be held on 11.1.95.

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

DETAIL RECORD

(For specified incidents or agreed cases)

CLIENT NAME

TREVOR TRUEMAN

REF NO

05168

SOCIAL WORKER

TONY HAZLITT

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DATE: 09.01.95

EVENT:

Last night Trevor was let out of secure. His behaviour was okay last night, but this morning he broke a pool cue for no obvious reason at all.

Anna Dickie wanted to ask Trevor for payment for this which I agreed to. He came in last night with £30.00, so he should pay.

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DATE: 13.01.95

EVENT: T/C to Sheila Ingles, Hightrees

dropped Trevor off for art classes today at Gracefield Art Centre.

Trevor went to Maxwelltown High School and assaulted a teacher.

Came back to Hightrees at 1.00pm.

Police have charged Trevor with assault. He seriously harmed a teacher.

Sheila requesting a Review for Trevor and that he goes into Police cells because there's no room in secure.

Trevor refused to say anything to the Police.

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DATE: 06.02.95

EVENT: Visit to Trevor at Hightrees

1. Trevor and I went to Thornhill and had tea at the Queensberry & Buccleuch Hotel.
2. I offered to write to [redacted] there and then and to discuss with Trevor what we should put in the letter. [redacted] is Trevor's maternal uncle [redacted], I am led to believe. Trevor asked me not to write. I asked Trevor if he would then write. Trevor said he didn't want to.  
  
He said he would turn up. [redacted] has a bedroom for him and wants him to stay. I asked when [redacted] said this and Trevor said ages ago, when I lived with mum.
3. I asked Trevor if he would get a YTS or look for work. Trevor shrugged. I said that I was concerned that if Trevor went to Newcastle, he might get into serious trouble because he would need to get money from somewhere. Trevor appeared thoughtful.
4. Despite talking about jobs, accommodation, DSS, YTS, NCH hostels, Trevor was not forthcoming and always shrugged or changed the subject.

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT AUTHORISING PLACEMENT  
IN SECURE ACCOMMODATION

Place: 3, Newall Terrace  
DUMFRIES.

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require him/her\* to reside in : THE SECURE ACCOMMODATION AT  
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(name of residential establishment  
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subject to the conditions noted below.

[The operation of this supervision requirement is postponed until :

(specify date) :

]\*

J A Melhuus

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

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**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**

To: Trevor Trueman  
c/o Hightrees  
Closeburn  
Thornhill

You have been referred to a Children's Hearing to continue the case from 22.12.94.

You are required in terms of Section 40(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to attend the Hearing -

on: Wednesday 11 January 1995

at: 2 p.m.

at: 3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries

There are important Notes set out below and overleaf. Please read these.

4 January, 1995

  
LYNDY D ROBERTS  
Reporter

**NOTES**

A Children's Hearing is formed by members of the Children's Panel for Dumfries and Galloway Region. They have been selected from many walks of life especially for their interest and concern in understanding and helping children with problems. The Panel Members will discuss with you and your parents difficulties which have arisen and will try to reach a decision which will be in your best interests.

During the discussion the panel will want to hear your views. You may, if you wish, bring with you to the Hearing someone to help you in discussing your difficulties and what might be done. The personal expenses of this representative (but not any fees) may be refunded.

You must attend the Hearing unless you have been told by me that the Hearing have decided that your attendance is not necessary. If you do not attend, steps may be taken, including possibly your detention, to make sure that you do appear before a Hearing. If there is a very good reason, such as illness, why you will be unable to attend the Hearing, you should contact the Reporter immediately at 3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries, DG1 1LN. Telephone (0387) 260390.

Further information on the Hearing is set out in the leaflet entitled "To Tell You about the Children's Hearing", a copy of which accompanies this notification.

Please also read the notes overleaf about expenses

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AT 3, Newall Terrace  
Dunfries  
Child(ren) Trevor Tomeman

ON 11<sup>th</sup> January 1995

### CHILDREN'S HEARING MEMBERS

(Chair) Mrs. Mehroki

(Member) Mr. Kelly

(Member) Mrs. Wood

### DECISION OF HEARING: The Hearing made the following decision(s)

Supervision requirement Made (Residential)

With Condition of Secure Accommodation at Highbees, Roseburn

Sec 44(1)(B) & Sec 58 A(3) of the Act.

..... Mike H. Cochrane ..... (Reporter)

### STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DECISION

It was felt to be very important that a plan be made to prepare Trevor for the time when he could leave school & handle his own life. An essential element for this would be Trevor controlling his temper. He would need help to do this. Mrs McIntyre offered to be available should Trevor wish to speak to her. It was also agreed that Tony Hazlett would set up a plan for Trevor to meet Jen from Ladyacne on a regular basis as he felt he could talk to her, whereas he had difficulty discussing his problems with anyone else. Mum was also happy for Trevor to visit her whenever possible.

It was felt necessary to have provision for secure accommodation during this time for Trevor's own protection and for the protection of the other young people at Highbees. However, the panel was pleased to know that Trevor had been out of secure accommodation several times over the last few weeks.

..... A. McAlister ..... (Chairperson)

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T. Haggitt

RESIDENTIAL (CHILDCARE) UNITS INCIDENT REPORT:

DATE: 11th January 1995

UNIT: Hightrees

TIME: Approx. 10.45am

Names: Young People Involved: Trevor Trueman (DOB 03.06.79)

Staff Present: None - Incident occurred at Maxwelltown High School

Synopsis of incident including significant factors prior to the incident:

Trevor, as per his education programme, was supposed to attend Gracefield Arts Centre between 10am and 12.30pm.

I was taking another resident to a Hearing in Newall Terrace so I gave Trevor a lift.

He left us at around 9.55am to walk round to the Centre. Trevor was in good frame of mind. At approx. 11.30am I received a call from Maxwelltown High to say that Trevor had been there, smashed a fire alarm and had assaulted Mr. Pittendrie (Assistant Rector). The Police had been contacted but Trevor had gone off by this time. I contacted D. McKeever, Senior Social Worker and let him know of the situation.

Trevor arrived back at Hightrees at 1pm. I spoke to him and contacted Dumfries Police to let them know that Trevor had returned here. Trevor's explanation is as follows:-

"I didn't go to Gracefield but instead decided to visit my pals at Max High - it was break time when I got there. I spoke to some of my pals - boys and girls. When the bell went I smashed the fire alarm and everyone went to the field. I stood with my old register class. Mr. Crawford asked when I'd come back to School - I said a couple of days ago. Everyone started walking back to class. My pals warned me that Mr. Pittendrie was approaching but I just kept walking and ignored them. Mr. Pittendrie said something - I don't know what - then he grabbed my arm. I turned and punched him in the face and then kned him in the face.

I don't know why I did it - I can't really remember much about it."

Young person's comments:

Unit Manager's comments/analysis:

Trevor was subsequently charged with the assault although he declined to comment.

Agencies Informed/Copies:

Social Worker 1 x T. Hazlitt  
Senior Social Worker  
(Residential)  
Principal Social Worker  
Unit x 2  
Other Agencies  
Assistant Director - R Pagan  
Central File

Ref: SI/DV/CH  
Date: 17.01.95

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MEMORANDUM

FROM:- John Dunlop  
TO:- M. McKean  
DATE:- 11th January, 1995  
SUBJECT:- Trevor Trueman

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Please note that I have made the following weekly arrangements of Art Tuition for Trevor with effect from today's date.

Friday 1 pm - 3 pm: Thornhill Community Centre Art Class  
Tuesday and Thursday 10 am - 12.30 pm: Gracefield Art Centre

Transport arrangements will have to be made for Trevor to attend these classes.

I have also arranged for Trevor to attend Drumlanrig Estates on Monday 16/1/95 and Monday 23/1/95 for work experience with the Gamekeepers. On these two dates he should report to Mr Gibson, Head Gamekeeper at the Factors Office at 8 am.

19.1.95  
23.1.95  
24.1.95  
26.1.95  
27.1.95  
1st FEB

8AM start.

Factors Office  
Drumlanrig Estate.

Liaison Officer

**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**

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CLIENT NAME

TREVOR TRUEMAN

REF NO

05168

SOCIAL WORKER

TONY HAZLITT

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**DAST:** 12.1.95 DAST UPDATE

Panel yesterday. Remains in Hightrees.

**REMOVE FROM DAST AGENDA**

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**DATE:** 6.10.94 DAST UPDATE

On the positive side Trevor is talking more about the abuse he suffered while at home. There has been an improvement since Jen Graham became his Keyworker and he wants to talk things over.

There were major problems re schooling. He is still on the work placement.

Meeting tomorrow morning for the next stage.

Jen could have a meeting with members of the Offenders Team re anger management.

**REMOVE FROM DAST AGENDA**

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**DATE:** 3.11.94 DAST UPDATE

Trevor has been moved to Hightrees (Section 15) with his mother's agreement.

There have been serious concerns about Trevor's violence and he has been putting his hands through glass. He will probably remain in Hightrees until he is 16.

Possible referral to REAP.

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**DATE:** 17.11.94 DAST UPDATE

Trevor has a Review at Hightrees in Monday and it is thought that the Social Worker is not considering Trevor leaving Hightrees but this will have to be confirmed at the Review.

Daniel McKeever will update at the next DAST.

If Trevor is to remain in Hightrees his case will be passed to REAP.

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**DATE:** 1.12.94 DAST UPDATE

**REMOVE FROM DAST AGENDA**

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**DAST:** 15.12.94 DAST UPDATE

Trevor was discussed as an emergency at REAP.

Case needs to be referred to the Reporter.

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