# CONTACT SHEET

| DATE OF CONTACT | TYPE OF CONTACT (Visits, Correspondence, Significant Phone Calls, Third Parti |
|---|---|
| 3/4/92 | Joint visit with Alex Niel Re-Donald & C.P |
| 6/4/92 | T.P. Beach Ave & Balrossie. Donald had a good weekend. |
| 7/4/92 | Home visit |
| 8/4/92 | Discussed case with Sw A. Pocherty. |
| " | T.P. Balrossie & Beach ave. |
| " | T.P. Alex Niel. |
| 13/4/92 | T.P. Beach Ave. Gail? Donald had a very good weekend. Including his overnight stay. |
| 21/4/92 | T.P. Beach Ave. |
| 22/4/92 | Home visit with Alex Niel (fam finding) |
| | T.P. Beach avenue. |
| 24/4/92 | Visit Beach Ave, Donald. |
| | Several Attempts to contact K. Laing. Letter sent asking him to contact me. |
| 28/4/92 | T.P. Beach Ave. |
| | Meeting at Balrossie |
| 6/5/92 | Home visit |
| 7/5/92 | T.P. K. Laing No response (0290 61219.) |
| 11/5/92 | " " " " " |
| 8/5/92 | T.P. Beach Ave |
| 11/5/92 | T.P. Beach Ave |
| 11/5/92 | K. Laing telephoned. He will maintain contact |
| * 13/5/92 | Donalds Review |
| 15/5/92 | Home visit |
| 20/5/92 | K. Laing telephoned. |
| 20/5/92 | Visit to Beach ave. |
| 26/5/92 | Joint visit to C. Krents. |
| 2/6/92 | Home visit |
| | - weekend at K Laings - went well. |
| 9/6/92 | Beach Ave T.P. Donald suspended from school. |
| 11/6/92 | Visit to Beach ave. |
| 18/6/92 | Home visit - See fam C/Notes |
| 26/6/92 | Visit to Beach Ave - Donald was out. |
| * 30/6/92 | SBC & Medical form sent to fam finding (P. Delivery) |
| 30/6/92 | Visit to Beach ave |
| | Worker on annual leave 6/7 - 20/7. |
| 22/7/92 | Visit to Donald. |
| | Link Meeting cancelled - 27/7. |

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# CONTACT SHEET

| DATE OF CONTACT | TYPE OF CONTACT (Visits, Correspondence, Significant Phone Calls, Third Parties) |
|---|---|
| 8/2/92 | K Laing T.P. |
| 10/2/92 | Case notes Read. |
| 10/2/92 | T.P. Beach Ave Marg Black Helen Trousdale (Keyworker). 889-7375. |
| 10/2/92 | T.P. Balrossie Gerry (keyworker). T.P. Maxwell Fir T.P. Muirkirk Surgery (Directory Eng No Number listed) Switchboard will contact me in morning. Letter sent to Mthr. Arranged Interview for 14/2. Letter to Reporter re change of address. |
| 11/2/92. | Mr Lain T.P. Befriender. ~~Community Parents~~ |
| 12/2/92 | T.P. Alex Neil link worker fam finding (821-6251) |
| 12/2/92 | T.P. Psychologist. Lynne Townsend. |
| 13/2/92 | Visit to Donald at Beach Ave. |
| 14/2/92 | Home visit: No one at home. |
| 19/2/92 | Beach Av T.P. Donald has absconded, notified Police & Chis Warbeck ADO - also Sw Ch Bell. |
| 19/2/92 | Donald Returned 3:30. Says he just wanted the day off school. |
| 21/2/92 | Beach Ave T.P. |
| 24/2/92 | Donald's attendance at the wedding went well. |
| 24/2/92 | Home visit No one at home. Left letter. |
| 25/2/92 | Discussed case with Leslie Watson ADO Child Care. |
| 26/2/92 | Beach Ave T.P. |
| 28/2/92 | Visit to Beach Ave. |
| 2/3/92 | T.P. Balrossie |
| * 5/3/92 | Review at Balrossie. |
| 11/3/92 | Interview with K Laing Befriender T.P. from Alex Neil fam finding |
| 20/3/92 | Visit to Donald |
| 26/3/92 | Beach Ave T.P. T.P. Balrossie T.P. Beach Ave |
| 30/3/92 | T.P. Beach Avenue |
| 31/3/92 | Message from Balrossie |
| * 1/4/92 | Adoption Panel. Kenneth approved for befriending |

# CONTACT SHEET

| DATE OF CONTACT | TYPE OF CONTACT (Visits, Correspondence, Significant Phone Calls, Third Parties) |
|---|---|
| 14/2/91. | Donald due to go for medical at Russell Inst. - he did not attend. T/C to Beech Ave. D. stole £5 from office but this was retired |
| 18/2/91. | T/C to Ed Psy. to rearrange medical. T/C from Beech Ave. Donald involved in 'harbouring' G. McAvoy over W/E. T/C from Beech Ave (pm.) Donald involved in stealing F.A book. Been charged with Fraud. |
| 19/2/91. | Visit to Donald at Beech Ave. Discussed above |
| 11/3/91 | Visit to Donald at Beech Ave Discussed Behaviour + following review. |
| 18/3/91 | T/C from Beech Ave. Donald absconded last night |
| 19/3/91 | T/C to Beech Ave - Donald returned last evening - been at 'pools'. T/C to Balrossie - no places Balrossie phoned back - may be a place - arrange to take Donald to visit on 21/3/91. |

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D. Stewart

# CONTACT SHEET

| DATE OF CONTACT | TYPE OF CONTACT (Visits, Correspondence, Significant Phone Calls, Third Parties) |
|---|---|
| ~~3/12~~ 3/1/91 | T/C from B.A. Behaviour has not been too good over Christmas Period. 4 visits to man, inc. X-mas day. Disappointed with present. |
| 7/1/91. | Child Care Review, New date set for after DRAM on Friday. |
| 8/1/91 | Visit to Beech Ave. Donald ~~the~~ forgot I was coming + went out. re arranged visit for 10/1/91 |
| 10/1/91. | Spoke to Donald about<br>1) Behaviour at Beech Ave<br>2) Visits Home.<br>3) Future Plans - Review / Balrossie |
| 22/1/91 | Child Care Review - See minutes |
| 7/2/91. | Visit with Donald to Balrossie. Met with Mr McEwen - visit went well. |
| 12/2/91 | Visit to Beech Ave. Donald's attitude and behaviour has not been good. Intervention Group going well. |
| 19/2/91 | Records examined, read to record January's input Otherwise O.K. [illegible] |

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# CONTACT SHEET

| DATE OF CONTACT | TYPE OF CONTACT (Visits, Correspondence, Significant Phone Calls, Third Parties) |
|---|---|
| 19/11/90 | Child Care Review.<br>DASO referral made<br>App. made for SW + Donald to go to Soc Ed - 22/11/90 |
| 22/11/90 | T/c to U-King Beech Ave. Arranged to pick Donald up at 11am<br>T/c from L. Edwards (Soc Ed) cancelling visit. |

For the attention of:
Area Team ~~L.22~~ LCA.
Address .....
District .....
Immediate Telephone Notification to Above: Yes ..... No ✓
Previously Known to Stand-by: Yes ✓ No .....

Strathclyde Social Work Department

# STAND-BY SERVICE

OVERNEWTON CENTRE
52 LUMSDEN STREET
GLASGOW
Telephone: 041-357 3696
Fax: 041-334 8577

LINKLINE 0800 811 505

Serial No. 060900
Date 8.3.90
Time Referred 18.14
Time Completed 20.00
Distribution
Area Team ✓
District Officer .....
Other AFOCC
Other RU

Client's Surname STEWART Forenames LORRAIN
Present Address 5, MARJORY DR GALLOWHILL Age/DOB .....
Previous Address ..... Telephone .....

Children
Name DONALD CHARLES
Age 12. 12.9.77 7. 17.1.83.
Sex ..... CA Reg - Positive.

Referrer:
Name L. Stewart Address A/A Telephone .....

1. (a) Details of **PROBLEM** as given by referrer. Phone call from a Mrs Stewart saying that her son Donald should have attended his I.T. Group this evening & hasn't attended he has just called into the house for a pair of boxer shorts. Run off.
Mrs Stewart was screaming shouting swearing verbally abusive & wasn't prepared to have any discussion re Donald other than 'you had get out here F' quick

(b) Specific **REQUEST** of referrer.

Demanded S.W. Visit Right away!

(c) **FURTHER ACTION**, if any, referrer proposed to take.

Wait for S.W. Visit.

12 MAR 1990
A McAdam - S McDonald got children Donald & Charles

J D Ammond ..... Seen by Patricia Green.
Social Worker Senior Social Worker

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2. Subsequent INVESTIGATION and Action by Stand-by Service.

Tried to explain to Mrs Stewart (who was phoning from her sister) that it would be beneficial to talk to Donald & herself. - She immediately began shouting that we better get out & see her that we are an emergency service. - She added that she has other problems with her son, but not prepared to discuss this with stand-by - she wei tied her own S.W.

Demanded that we visit her early.

Advised her I would phone her back at the sister no, she at first refused to give the number shouting 'you have it on record'. - gave number & said she would expect a phone call in 5 minutes.

Checked Records. Positive. - Ref 031935 dated 9 Apr 88: 051714 - 30 July 89; 055637 - 28 Oct 89.

" Alerts " - 33114 dated 27 Oct 89; 34395 dated 5 Jan 90

" Cit Register " - Limited info noted from case conf. Minutes 31 Oct 89

Phoned Mrs. Stewart advised her a visit would be made to see her as soon as possible - she request time.

19.55 H. Stevenson & J. Drummond called at family home Mrs Stewart still very abusive as she complained about us being late then went on to say A.T. Social workers were already in the house therefore no need for RSS involvement. A.T. S.W.'s were happy to continue with case.

3. Areas which require further INVESTIGATION/ASSESSMENT/FOLLOW-UP by Area Team.

(a)

(b) 20.50 - Christine Bell SSW phoned - see Alert 35495

(c)

A Madam - McDonald God Children Donald Charles

d)

Drummond ..... Seen by ..... Patricia Gr .....

Social Worker Senior Social Worker

RIC 1.

CASE FILE

# Admission Form
## FOR RECEPTION OF CHILDREN INTO CARE

Strathclyde Regional Council
Social Work Department

| 1 | | |
|---|---|---|
| A Area Team | ABBEY HOUSE | It is essential for analysis that every question must have at least one box ticked. The Regional Standby Team should attempt to complete R.I.C. (1) up to and including question 5, and questions 21, 22 and 23. |
| B Standby Referral | ☐ Yes ☑ No | |
| C Admission | ☐ Planned ☑ Unplanned | |
| D Date of R.I.C. | 8/3/90 | |
| E Number of Children being received into care | ONE | |

| | FIRST CHILD | SECOND CHILD | THIRD CHILD |
|---|---|---|---|
| F Unique Reference Numbers (to be completed Centrally) | | | |
| 'as the Child(ren) been in care before? | ☑ Yes ☐ No | ☐ Yes ☐ No | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| H EXPECTED DURATION OF TIME IN CARE | ☑ 0 weeks-2 weeks<br>☐ 3 weeks-6 weeks<br>☐ 7 weeks-6 months<br>☐ More than 6 months | ☐ 0 weeks-2 weeks<br>☐ 3 weeks-6 weeks<br>☐ 7 weeks-6 months<br>☐ More than 6 months | ☐ 0 weeks-2 weeks<br>☐ 3 weeks-6 weeks<br>☐ 7 weeks-6 months<br>☐ More than 6 months |
| **2 PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN** | | | |
| A Full legal name (or known as) | DONALD STEWART | | |
| B Sex | ☑ M ☐ F | ☐ M ☐ F | ☐ M ☐ F |
| C Address<br><br>Code | 5 MARJORY DRIVE<br>GALLOWHILL<br><br>PA3 4TB | | |
| D Date of Birth | 12 09 77 | | |
| E Number of Children in Family (including those who are 18 & over) | TWO | | |
| F Order of child in family (please circle) | (1) 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| G Number of Children from Family already physically in Social Work Care | NONE | | |
| H Number of Children 17 years or less living in the household at the time of reception into care (including those being received into care) | TWO | | |
| eligion (stated by rent) | [illegible] | | |

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Strathclyde Regional Council

REF/FILE NO. 3/12/90

DATE 30/11/90

| | |
|---|---|
| ALLOCATION DECISION | NFA ~~to take file~~ |
| Pass to Sheena McDonald. S.S.W. INITIALS— | Anne McAdam SSW. |

# REFERRAL FORM

NAME Donald Stewart
ADDRESS 5 Margery Drive Gallowhill
POST CODE
TEL. NO.

OCCUPATION/SCHOOL In Care
REFERRER Mr Mills Fraud Dept DSS
REFERRAL METHOD Telephone 887 1277 x 334
MARITAL STATUS

DATE OF BIRTH/AGE
G.P.
PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH DEPARTMENT? Sheena Drummond SCW
OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION
(e.g. FINANCIAL, FAMILY COMPOSITION)

**REASON(S) FOR REFERRAL**

Mr Mills phoned stating that DSS Fraud section received a call from a person stating that Donald is in care and that Mrs Stewart is receiving Donalds allowance in the post etc.

Informed Mr Mills that Sheena on holiday and could she ring for her to contact. Said he wanted to know today so benefit could be adjusted etc.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Discussion with Senior Mr Easdie. He confirmed Donald in care.

T/c Mr Mills informed him Donald in care. He wished Sheena to let him know dates of care period.

Recommend — pass referral to Sheena as he case.

SIGNED— SOCIAL WORKER Jane Cochrane

REFERRER

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For the attention of: LCA.

Area Team .....

Address .....

.....

District .....

Immediate Telephone Notification to Above: Yes ..... No ✓

Previously Known to Stand-by: Yes ✓ No .....

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Strathclyde SOCIAL WORK

# STAND-BY SERVICE

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GLASGOW
Telephone 041-357 3696
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**LINKLINE 0800 811 505**

Serial No. 078338

Date 7/4/91

Time Referred 0 19

Time Completed .....

Distribution

Area Team ✓

District Officer .....

Other .....

Other RSS

Client's Surname STEWART

Forenames DONALD.

Present Address BEECH AVE PAISLEY.

Age/DOB 12

Previous Address 5 MARJORY Dr Gallahill

Telephone 44 (13)

Children
- Name .....
- Age .....
- Sex .....

Referrer: Name BEECHWOOD Address ..... Telephone .....

1. (a) Details of **PROBLEM** as given by referrer.

Above boy has failed to return from night out

Police alerted

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
SMcDonald
RECEIVED 09 APR 1991
PAISLEY AREA OFFICE

(b) Specific **REQUEST** of referrer.

(c) **FURTHER ACTION**, if any, referrer proposed to take.

Signed [signature] Social Worker

Seen by M.M. [signature] Senior Social Worker

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For the attention of: SHEILA McDONALD

Area Team ....LEA.....

Address .....

.....

District.....RENFREW.....

Immediate Telephone Notification to Above: Yes ..... No ✓

Previously Known to Stand-by:

Yes .....✓..... No .....

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LINKLINE 0800 811 505

Serial No. 074868

Date ...24.2.91.....

Time Referred ..02.30.....

Time Completed .....

Distribution

Area Team .....✓.....

District Officer .....

Other .....

Other .....RSS.....

Client's Surname .....STEWART..... Forenames ...DONALD.....

Present Address BEECH AVE. C.H. ..... Age/DOB ...13 (12.09.77)...

Previous Address 5 MARJORY DRIVE, GALLOWHILL PAISLEY Telephone .....

Children
- Name ..... ..... ..... ..... 441(b) .....
- Age ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... .....
- Sex ..... ..... ..... ..... .....

Referrer:
Name ...VERA KING..... Address ..BEECH AVE C.H..... Telephone .....

1. (a) Details of **PROBLEM** as given by referrer.

BOTH A/N AND BROTHER CHARLES (12.9.77) AD. BEECH AVE UNDER P.O.S. THEN RETURNED HOME AND READMITTED 27.10.89. DONALD REMAINED IN CARE AS THREATENED WITH A KNIFE BY HIS MOTHER, CHARLES NOT THREATENED

TONIGHT DONALD ABSCONDED AS TOLD THAT MOTHER MAY GO OUT DRINKING AND LEAVE CHARLES ALONE.
POLICE INFORMED AS URGENT REFERRAL AS DONALD SEEN TO BE AT RISK FROM MOTHER

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED 26 FEB 1991
BARRHEAD AREA OFFICE

(b) Specific **REQUEST** of referrer.

INFO. TO STANDBY

(c) **FURTHER ACTION,** if any, referrer proposed to take.

Signed ...C A Whelan..... Seen by .....M. M. [signature].....

Social Worker Senior Social Worker

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2. Subsequent **INVESTIGATION** and Action by Standby Service.

CHECKED COMPUTER - 2220

03.50. Donald has now returned.
No problem at home mis-a-vis Charles as police have visited and mother sound asleep in bed,

M.M. [signature]

3. Areas which require further **INVESTIGATION/ASSESSMENT/FOLLOW-UP** by Area Team.

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

Signed ..... Seen by .....

Social Worker

Senior Social Worker

For the attention of:

Area Team LGA

Address .....

.....

District.....

Immediate Telephone Notification to Above: Yes ..... No ✓

Previously Known to Stand-by: Yes ✓ No .....

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Strathclyde SOCIAL WORK

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GLASGOW
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**LINKLINE 0800 811 505**

Serial No. 077364

Date 17.3.91

Time Referred 23.44

Time Completed .....

Distribution ✓

Area Team .....

District Officer .....

Other .....

Other KRS

Client's Surname STEWART. Forenames DONALD.

Present Address BEECH AVE. PAISLEY Age/DOB 12/9/72

Previous Address 5 MARJORY DR GALLOWHILL PAISLEY Telephone .....

Children — Name ..... Age ..... Sex .....

Referrer: Name BEECHAVE. Address ..... Telephone .....

1. (a) Details of **PROBLEM** as given by referrer.

Above boy has absconded.
Police alerted

(b) Specific **REQUEST** of referrer.

(c) **FURTHER ACTION**, if any, referrer proposed to take.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
Soh'Donald
RECD 19 MAR 991
PAISLEY AREA

Signed Donaghue. Seen by .....

Social Worker Senior Social Worker

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For the attention of:
Area Team ..... LEA .....
Address .....
.....
District.....

Immediate Telephone Notification
to Above: Yes ..... No .....

Previously Known to Stand-by:
Yes ..... No .....

Strathclyde
SOCIAL WORK

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**LINKLINE 0800 811 505**

Serial No. 077703
Date 24/3/91
Time Referred 20.27
Time Completed 21.25

Distribution 25/3/91
Area Team .....
District Officer .....
Other .....
Other .....

Client's Surname ..... STEWART ..... Forenames ..... DONALD .....
Present Address ..... BEECH AV CH'S HOME ..... Age/DOB ..... 13 .....
Previous Address ..... MARJORY DRIVE, GALLOWHILL ..... Telephone .....

Children
Name .....
Age .....
Sex .....

Referrer:
Name ..... MRS KING ..... Address ..... BEECH AV ..... Telephone ..... 889 - 7375.

1. (a) Details of **PROBLEM** as given by referrer.

DONALD RETURNED TO THE CHILDREN IS HOME THIS MORNING BY POLICE HAVING BEEN MISSING FOR 3 DAYS. HE RAN OFF AGAIN ONLY A FEW MINUTES AFTER AND HAS NOT BEEN SEEN

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED 26 MAR 1991
PAISLEY AREA OFFICE

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED 26 MAR 1991
BARRHEAD AREA OFFICE

(b) Specific **REQUEST** of referrer.

(c) **FURTHER ACTION,** if any, referrer proposed to take.

Signed ..... Seen by .....
Social Worker Senior Social Worker

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**ALERT FORM**
Serial No. 35495

Date Received 8.3.90

Time 20.50

MC.

Strathclyde Social Work Department

# STAND-BY SERVICE

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52 LUMSDEN STREET
GLASGOW
Telephone: 041-357 3696
Fax: 041-334 8577

From
Social Worker CHRISTINE BELL
Area Team LCH
Address
Telephone
District RENFREW

Client's Surname STEWART
Forenames DONALD
Present Address C/O CHISELWOOD
Age/DOB
Previous Address 5 MALSORY DR GALLOWHILL
Telephone

Children
Name
Age
Sex

**KEY PERSONS INVOLVED,** e.g. G.P.s, Caring Relatives, Other Agencies, Etc.

| Name | Relationship/Occupation | Address | Telephone |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

**DETAILS OF PROBLEM AND ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTIES** A/M IS NOW ON POSO. FOLLOWING INCIDENT TONIGHT SEE REF. 060900. 8/3/90 X

**CARING ARRANGEMENTS, ALREADY MADE BY AREA TEAM INCLUDING THOSE IN ANTICIPATION OF EMERGENCY**

**ACTION REQUESTED OF STAND-BY STAFF IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY**

FOR INFO.

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**ALERT FORM**

Serial No.

Date Received 15/01/91

Time 14.30

Strathclyde SOCIAL WORK

# STAND-BY SERVICE

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52 LUMSDEN STREET
GLASGOW
Telephone 041-357 3696
Fax: 041-334 8577/041-339 2899

From
Social Worker Shera McDonald
Area Team LCA
Address ABBEY HOUSE
PAISLEY
Telephone
District

Client's Surname STEWART
Forenames DONALD
Present Address WARD 25 RAH Bisley
Age/DOB 12.9.44
Previous Address 5 MARSDEN DRIVE, Gallowhill, Bisley
Beech Ave. CH Bisley
Telephone

Children
Name
Age
Sex

**KEY PERSONS INVOLVED,** e.g. G.P.s, Caring Relatives, Other Agencies, Etc.

| Name | Relationship/Occupation | Address | Telephone |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lorraine STEWART | MOTHER | | |

**DETAILS OF PROBLEM AND ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTIES**

DONALD subject to 44(1)(B) at Beech Avenue. So currently [illegible] for a [illegible] Testicle - his Mother is refusing [illegible] consent to surgery. However mother is now at Ward 25 and she may give consent to DR.

**CARING ARRANGEMENTS, ALREADY MADE BY AREA TEAM INCLUDING THOSE IN ANTICIPATION OF EMERGENCY**

Discussion has taken place with Bell Radio Manager [illegible] the opinion consent would have to be [illegible] by Depute Director on behalf of SWD

**ACTION REQUESTED OF STAND-BY STAFF IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY**

[illegible] for consent by SWD

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SWD/19

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

*Reporter:*
F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

MEMORANDUM

*From:* Reporters Department *To:* Social Work Department

Paisley Central / Craigielea

**Subject: Reporters' Duties and Transmission of Information, etc (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 6 (1) (2) (3)**

In accordance with instruction contained in Rule 6 of the above Statutory Instrument the decision(s) made by a Children's Hearing is/are* undernoted.

Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate.

| *Date of Hearing:* | *Name* | *Decision:* |
|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | | |
| 1 November 1989 | [redacted] | |
| 699/85 | Donald Stewart<br>5 Marjory Drive<br>Paisley | case continued |
| [redacted] | | |

*Date* 2 November 1989

*for Reporter*

*Delete as appropriate

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT
- 6 NOV 1989
REFD TO Sheena McDonald
ANSWD

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

*Reporter:*
F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

**SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1971—RULE 5**

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on Monday 3rd September 1990

at 2.00 pm within 10 Glen Lane, Paisley

A full list of those cited is undernoted, along with timing of each case.

| *Name* | *Time of Case* | *Reason for Appearance* |
|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | | |
| 699/85 S Hrg Donald Stewart<br>5 Marjory Drive<br>Paisley | 3.45 pm | Review 48(2) |

c.c. Abbey House, West Yonderton

PAISLEY AREA OFFICE
Sch 'Donald
RECEIVED 27 AUG 1990
STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

*Date* 24th August 1990

Douglas Keppie
*for Reporter*

**Form 11(A)** *Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement* *Rule 24*

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**
**THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986**

At[1] The Hearing Rooms, Ellen Lane, Paisley. on 3rd September 1990

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region by way of variation of [and in substitution for]*

the supervision requirement dated[2] 18.12.89

to which[3] Donald Stewart 12.9.77

is subject, hereby require him/~~her~~* [to reside in[4] Beech Avenue Childrens Home

]

[to be under the supervision of[5] The Director of Social Work

]

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated[2] 18.12.89

is herby revoked.

.....
*Chairman of the children's ~~hearing~~*

## CONDITIONS REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

†1. The child ~~is~~ required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3.
etc.

.....
*Chairman of the children's hearing*

1 Place and date
2 Date of previous supervision requirement
3 Name of child
4 Name of residential establishment
5 Name of local authority or other supervisor

† Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.
* Delete as appropriate

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**Form 11(A)**

*Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement*
*Rule 24*

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**
**THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986**

At[1] The Hearing Rooms, Ellen Lane, Paisley. on 3rd September 1990

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region by way of variation of [and in substitution for]*

the supervision requirement dated[2] 18.12.89

to which[3] Donald Stewart 12.9.77

is subject, hereby require him/~~her~~* [to reside in[4] Beech Avenue Childrens Home

]

[to be under the supervision of[5] The Director of Social Work

]

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated[2] 18.12.89

is herby revoked.

.....
*Chairman of the children's ~~hearing~~*

## CONDITIONS REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

†1. The child ~~is~~ required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3.
etc.

.....
*Chairman of the children's hearing*

1 Place and date
2 Date of previous supervision requirement
3 Name of child
4 Name of residential establishment
5 Name of local authority or other supervisor

* Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.
* Delete as appropriate

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# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

*Reporter:*
F.J. Kennedy L.L.B.

MEMORANDUM

From Reporters Department To Social Work Department

ABBEY HOUSE

**SUBJECT: SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968**

CASES SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION

The undernoted has/have been referred under Section 32. Please submit social background report(s) not later than 24 May 1991

Ref. No. 699/85

Name and Address Donald Stewart
5 Marjory Drive
Paisley
DOB 12.9.77.

Grounds for Referral

That he did, while acting along with others, on 18 February 1991, in the Sub Post Office at 10 Barscube Terrace, Paisley, utter as genuine to an employee of said Post Office the Department of Social Security Book No. NM543545B2218323 on which the signature "Y.Glen" bore to be signed, said siganture having been forged and did obtain the sum of £47.65.
NATURE OF OFFENCE - FORGERY AND UTTERING.

1/5/91 - Pass to S.McDonald

* YPRG APPT * - 16/5/91 at 12 noon - Anne McAdam SSW.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SWD (CURR.)
RECEIVED -1 MAY 1991
PAISLEY AREA OFFICE

Date 26 April 1991

Danielle B. Glasser
for Reporter

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

*Reporter:*
F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

MEMORANDUM

From Reporter's Dept ..... To Social Work Dept .....

..... Abbey House .....

..... .....

**SUBJECT: SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968 SECTION 48(5)**

SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT REVIEWS

The undernoted* is/are subject to supervision requirement(s) which it is now necessary to review

Please submit social background report(s) not later than ...7th August 1991*.....
(Where applicable, background reports should also be requested from residential establishments)

[redacted]

✓ SWD 699/85 Donald Stewart, c/o 44 Love Street, Paisley

[redacted]

16/7 - Pass to SM Donald
YPRC appt - 1/8/91 at 12.15.

Anne McAdam
SSW.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED 16 JUL 1991
PAISLEY AREA OFFICE

*Date* 11th July 1991 .....

.....
*for Reporter*

**Delete as appropriate*

Sheena Mc Donald

SWD/7

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

*Reporter:*
F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

**SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1971—RULE 5**

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on....Tuesday 20th August 1991.....

at.....2.00 pm..... within....10 Glen Lane, Paisley.....

.....

A full list of those cited is undernoted, along with timing of each case.

| *Name* | *Time of Case* | *Reason for Appearance* |
|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | | |
| 599/85 ✓SMCD Donald Stewart<br>5 Marjory Drive<br>Paisley | 2.30 pm | Annual Review |
| [redacted] | | |

c.c. Abbey House ✓, West Yonderton

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED 13 AUG 1991
REGISTRY AREA OFFICE

*Date* .....9th Aguust 1991.....

.....
*for Reporter*

Sheena an' Donald

Dear Sir

Reporter to the Children's Panel

*Reporter:*
F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

MEMORANDUM

*From:* Reporter's Department *To:* Social Work Dept.,
Abbey House

Subject: Reporters' Duties and Transmission of Information, etc (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 6 (1) (2) (3)

In accordance with instruction contained in Rule 6 of the above Statutory Instrument the decision(s) made by a Children's Hearing is/are* undernoted.

Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate.

| *Date of Hearing:* | *Name:* | *Decision:* |
|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | | |
| 20th August, 1991 | [redacted] | |
| 599/85 | Donald Stewart, — 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley | 44(1)(b) (Beech Avenue CH) continued |
| [redacted] | | |

*Date* 26th August, 1991

*for Reporter*

**Delete as appropriate*

**Form 12**

*Instrument continuing supervision requirement.*
*Rule* 24

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**
**THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986**

At[1]

10 Glenhove, Paisley
on 20/8/91

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region, considering that the supervision requirement attached and docqueted with reference hereto is due to expire on[2] 3/9/90

and being satisfied that it is proper so to do, hereby continue the said requirement in force.

Donald Stewart
5 Marjory Drive
Paisley

.....
*Chairman of the children's hearing*

1 Place and date

2 Insert date being one year from the making or last review of the requirement whichever last occurred

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**Strathclyde Regional Council**
**Social Work Department**

**Director: F E Edwards** RD BA MUniv FBIM

**Renfrew Division**
Paisley Area Office, Abbey House, 8 Seedhill Road, Paisley PA1 1JS
Tel: 041-842 5151 Fax: 041-842 5144
Our Ref: PAT/AW/JM
Your Ref:
Date: 26 October 1992
If phoning or calling ask for:

Strathclyde
SCOTLAND
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Mrs Irvine
8d Blackhall Court
PAISLEY

Dear Mrs Irvine

I would like to see you this week to talk about Donald. Can I visit you at home on Friday 30 October 1992 at 3.00pm? If this time does not suit you, please contact me so we can arrange another.

Yours sincerely

Angus Wood
Social Worker

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

*Reporter:*
F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

MEMORANDUM

*From:* Reporter's Dept *To:* Social Work Dept

Abbey House

**Subject: Reporters' Duties and Transmission of Information, etc (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 6 (1) (2) (3)**

In accordance with instruction contained in Rule 6 of the above Statutory Instrument the decision(s) made by a Children's Hearing is/are* undernoted.

Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate.

| *Date of Hearing:* | *Name:* | *Decision:* |
|---|---|---|
| 27th July 1992 | [redacted] | |
| 699/85 | Donald Stewart<br>8d Blackhall Court<br>Pailsey<br>E.F. | Grds-Considered in disposal<br>AR-44(1)(b) continued naming<br>Beech Avenue Children's Home |
| [redacted] | | |

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED 31 JUL 1992
EF
PAISLEY AREA OFFICE

*Date* 28th July 1992

*for Reporter*

**Delete as appropriate*

**Form 12**

*Instrument continuing supervision requirement.*
*Rule* 24

## STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**
**THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986**

At[1] 10 GLEN LANE
PAISLEY on 27/7/92

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region, considering that the supervision requirement attached and docqueted with reference hereto is due to expire on[2] 20/8/92 ,

and being satisfied that it is proper so to do, hereby continue the said requirement in force.

Donald Stewart 12/9/77 .

E.D. Bayne .....

*Chairman of the children's hearing*

1 Place and date

2 Insert date being one year from the making or last review of the requirement whichever last occurred

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**Strathclyde Regional Council**
**Social Work Department**
Strathclyde House, 20 India Street, Glasgow G2 4PF

**Director: F E Edwards** RD BA MUniv FBIM

Regional Family Finding Centre
115 Wellington Street
GLASGOW
G2 2XT

If calling ask for :
Our Ref :
Your Ref :
Date : 3RD August 92
Fax No. : 041-227-6187
Tel No : 041-227-

Strathclyde
SCOTLAND

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Ms. E. Finlayson,
Social Work Dept.,
Seedhill Road,
Paisley.

Dear Ms E. Finlayson

RE : ....Donald Stewart.....

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter, received at Regional Family Finding Centre in respect of the above child.

Previously the Link Worker from Family Finding undertook to follow up any outstanding medical issues in respect of the case.

However, the child is ultimately the responsibility of the Area Team and it is felt that it would be useful for the Area Team Worker to ensure that medical issues are followed up and details can then be noted in the child's file, case notes and in the RIC 3 Medical Book.

We have notified our Medical Adviser, Dr MacAnespie of our action and we would, therefore, ask that the Area Team to respond to the comments in respect of the said child, and send a copy of the reply to Regional Family Finding centre, so that our records can be kept up to date.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Paterson
Regional Family Finding centre Manager

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED - 4 AUG 1992
E.F.
PAISLEY AREA OFFICE

**Strathclyde Regional Council**
**Department of Social Work**
**Director: F E Edwards** RD BA MUniv FBIM

**Paisley Area Office**
8 Seedhill Road, Paisley PA1 1JS
Tel: 041-842 5151

Our Ref: Your Ref: Date: 22 July 1992

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Ellen

Dear

Re : Daniel Stewart

There will be a review on Friday 21/8/92 at 3.00pm in Belrossie on the above child/~~son~~ and you are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend, please telephone the above number.

Yours sincerely

Alison Carr

SENIOR CLERICAL ASST.

22/6/16

SWD/7

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

*Reporter:*
F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1971—RULE 5

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on.....Monday..27th..July..1992.....

at.....2.00 pm..... within..10 Glen Lane, Paisley.....

.....

A full list of those cited is undernoted, along with timing of each case.

| *Name* | *Time of Case* | *Reason for Appearance* |
|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | | |
| 99/85 Donald Stewart EF<br>8d Blackhall Court<br>Paisley | 3.15 pm | Grounds & Annual Review |
| [redacted] | | |

c.c. Abbey House & West Yonderton

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
E Finlayson
RECEIVED 21 JUL 1992
PAISLEY AREA OFFICE

*Date* ..16th July 1992.....

.....
*for Reporter*

**Form 4(A)**

*Form of statement by reporter of grounds for the referral of a case to a children's hearing. Rules* 16 *and* 17

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**
**THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986**

[1] Donald Stewart (12.9.77) 8d Blackhall Court, Paisley

is being referred to a children's hearing for Strathclyde Region on the grounds of the following

conditions[2]: That he has committed the offence as specified below, being grounds for referral in terms of Section 32(2)(g) of the above Act.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

In support of the above conditon, it is stated:-

That he did between 23rd March 1991 and 1st April 1991, while acting with another, break into the dwellinghouse situated at 9 Auchentorlie Quadrant, Paisley, occupied by Andrew Crawford and did steal therefrom a video cassette recorder, a hi-fi system and a quantity of compact discs.

NATURE OF OFFENCE: Theft by Housebreaking

[3]
10 Glen Lane
Paisley

15th July 19 92

.....
*for Reporter*

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 apply 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.

1 Name and address of child 2 Specify Conditions 3 Address of Reporter

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**Strathclyde Regional Council**
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Paisley Area Office, Abbey House, 8 Seedhill Road, Paisley PA1 1JS
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Date: 11.2.92
If phoning or calling ask for: Mrs. E. Finlayson

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The Reporter's Department,
10, Glen Lane,
PAISLEY.

Dear Mr. Hope,

Re: Donald & Charles Stewart - 12.2.77 & 17.1.83
5, Marjory Drive, Gallowhill, Paisley

I am writing to inform you that the above named family have moved to 8d, Blackhall Court, Paisley. Donald continues to reside at Beech Avenue Children's Home.

Yours sincerely,

Ellen Finlayson
Social Worker

Strathclyde Regional Council

**From** Regional Family Finding Centre
115 Wellington Street
GLASGOW

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED 10 JUN 1992
E.F
PAISLEY AREA OFFICE

**To** ELLEN FINLAYSON.
SOCIAL WORK OFFICE
ABBEY HOUSE
PAISLEY

**Tel** 041-227 **Ext** 6044
**Our ref** ALEX NEIL
**Your ref**
**Date** 8 - 6 - 92.

**Subject** LINKING MEETING

CHILD : ...DONALD STEWART.....
FAMILY : .MR & MRS LAMOND.....
DATE : ....10/7/92..... TIME : ..1.00PM..... VENUE : .RFFC.....

As a means of expediting the process of linking families and children the Family Finding Centre has arranged to set aside two afternoons per week for the purpose of linking meetings.

Meetings are held on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and we ask that everybody concerned should accord them a high priority.

Preparation for Linking Meetings

The Social Worker for the child should have shared information from the Form F (Part 1 only) with the child's carer but at this stage, it is unwise to discuss it with the child. The child's worker should ensure that the Form F and medicals are up-to-date (within the past year): the worker for the family should do likewise. It is helpful if the workers bring their files, the family book if there is one and the child's life story book to the meeting.

The meeting

This can be expected to take approximately two hours and will cover the following agenda:-

Child - legal situation and placement plan
- family background
- the child's development, health and education
- summary of the child's needs

Family - analysis of the resource offered in relation to the need of the child
- discussion

Those invited to the meeting are:-

R.F.F.C. Chairman
For the child : Senior Social Worker, Social Worker, Key Worker/Foster Parent
For the family : Senior Social Worker, Social Worker
A.D.O. for the child.

Occasionally it may be relevant to invite others, for instance, a teacher or psychologist.

However, they will be invited only to that part of the meeting which discusses the needs of the child. It is unlikely to be appropriate to continue with the meeting if the child's carer or Social Worker cannot be present. Therefore, if either of them cannot attend please inform us immediately.

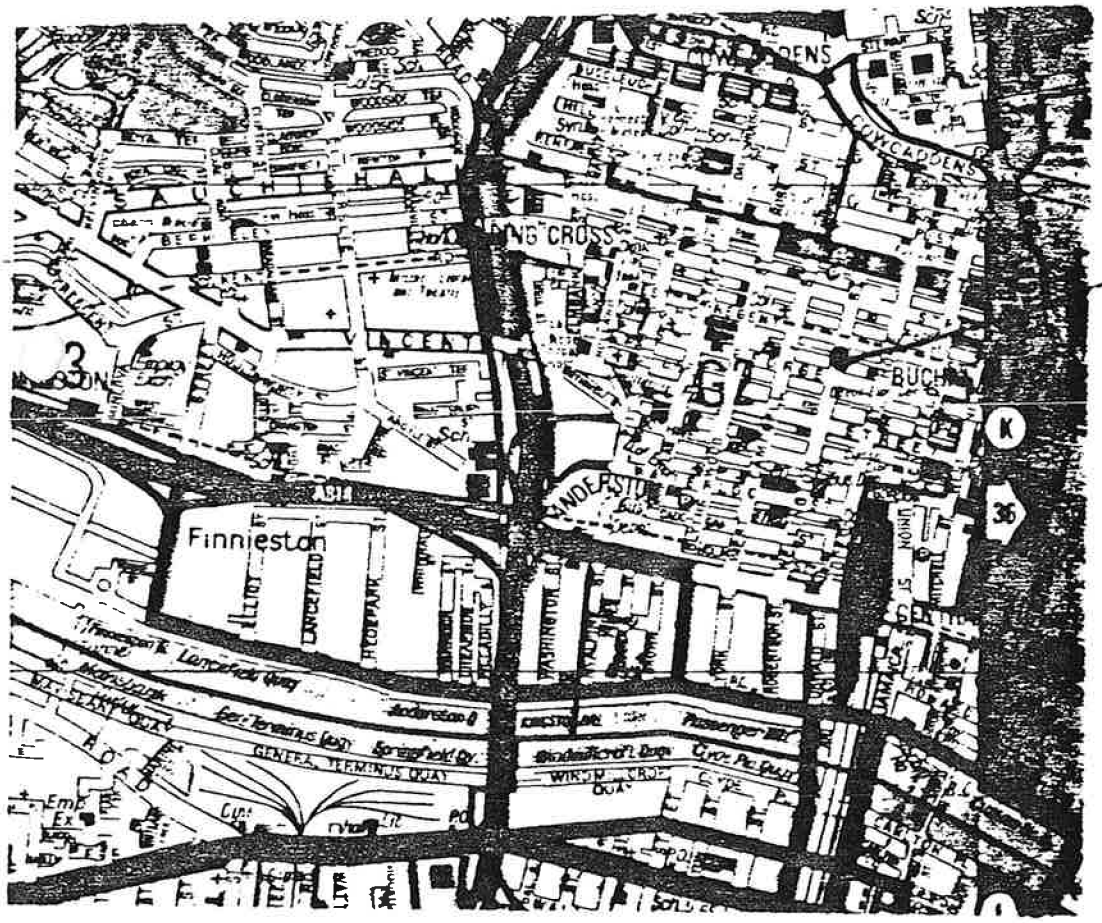
Minutes

Meetings held on behalf of a child who has a Link Worker from the R.F.F.C. will be minuted by that worker. At all other meetings, the senior for the child will be asked to do so in accordance with the fostering guidelines and adoption procedures.

General

Parking is extremely difficult and you are asked to leave plenty of time for this as it is a regular cause of delay in starting the meeting. There is a multi-storey car park in West Campbell Street but at busy periods there are queues. Street parking is 2 hours maximum.

The R.F.F.C. is situated at the Sauchiehall Street end of Wellington Street between West George Street and West Regent Street and it is a 5 minute walk from Central Station.




RFFC is here.

Ellen Finlayson

SWD/6

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

*Reporter:*
F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

MEMORANDUM

From .....Reporter's Dept..... To .....Social Work Dept.....

..... .....Abbey House.....

..... .....

**SUBJECT: SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968 SECTION 48(5)**

SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT REVIEWS

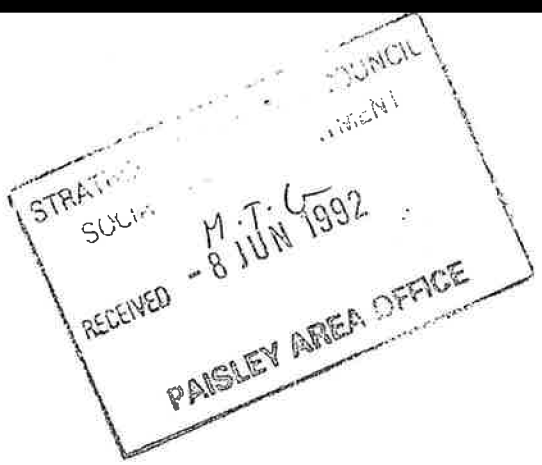
The undernoted* is/are subject to supervision requirement(s) which it is now necessary to review

Please submit social background report(s) not later than .....29th June 1992.....
(Where applicable, background reports should also be requested from residential establishments)

[redacted]

699/85 Donald Stewart, c/o 44 Love Street, Paisley E.F. ✓

[redacted]




*Date* .....1st June 1992..... .....Ellen.....
*for Reporter*

**Delete as appropriate*

29 JUL 1992

# GREATER GLASGOW HEALTH BOARD

Dr. H. MacAnespie, Consultant
Dr. I. M. Stewart, Consultant

**Department of Public Health Medicine**
**Ruchill Hospital**
**Glasgow G20 9NB**
**Telephone: 041-946 7120**

Ref: HM/SG

Date: 27th July, 1992

CONFIDENTIAL

Ms. S. Paterson,
Regional Family Finding Manager,
Regional Family Finding Centre,
115 Wellington Street,
Glasgow,
G2 2XT

Dear Ms. Paterson,

Donald Stewart, 12.09.77.

Thank you for your recent letter received at this office on 24th July, 1992 enclosing completed Form D and Annexe to Form D in relation to the above named. From the information provided, it would appear that he is in reasonably good health, although he does suffer from asthma and uses an Intal inhaler as necessary. He is reported to smoke cigarettes, and this issue must be seriously addressed with him, particularly in view of the fact that he suffers from a respiratory disorder.

I would be grateful for a report from the Social Worker on how this issue is to be addressed with the boy, and a report on progress towards his giving up smoking.

He also has a mild visual defect recorded, and he should be taken to an Optician at some early date for his eyesight to be checked.

I would be grateful for a report from the Social Worker on these medical issues and how they are being addressed.

Yours sincerely,

H. MacAnespie

Dr. H. MacAnespie

FOLLOW UP AND REPORT TO MEDICAL ADVISER REQUIRED PLEASE

3 Months

**Strathclyde Regional Council**
**Social Work Department**

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Date: 14 August 1992
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Dr MacAnespie
Consultant
Department of Public Health Medicine
Ruchill Hospital
GLASGOW
G20 9NB

Dear Dr MacAnespie

Re:- Donald Stewart 12.9.77 Beach Ave Childrens' Home

I am writing with reference to your letter dated 27 July 1992.

I have discussed with Donald the causal relationship that exists between smoking and his health, and make him aware of the effects of secondary smoking, on others. Donald states that he has his mother's permission to smoke and does not wish to consider methods of combating this addiction. However, continued reinforcement will be used to effect change in this area and hopefully increase his motivation to combat this problem.

Donald attended the opticians on the 12 August 1992 and has been prescribed spectacles as a result.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

E Finlayson
Social Worker

RIC 5B

Social Work Department

Strathclyde Regional Council

# Discharge Form

## FOR CHILD IN CARE

NOTE—THIS FORM IS NOT TO BE COMPLETED FOR CHILDREN WHOSE ONLY STATUTE IS SECTION 44(1)(A)—HOME SUPERVISION—SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968 OR SECTION 12 MATRIMONIAL PROCEEDINGS ACT 1958.

**A**

AREA TEAM PAISLEY

UNIQUE NUMBER OF CHILD

NAME OF CHILD DONALD STEWART

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DATE OF BIRTH | 12 | 09 | 77 |
| DATE OF DISCHARGE | 01 | 11 | 89 |
| DATE ADMITTED TO PRESENT PLACEMENT | 27 | 10 | 89 |
| DATE ADMITTED TO PRESENT PERIOD OF CARE | 27 | 10 | 89 |

SEX ☑ Male ☐ Female

**B ACCOMMODATION** Please give Name and Address of Placement and tick the appropriate box.

PLACEMENT DISCHARGED FROM

BEECH AVENUE CHILDREN'S HOME

PAISLEY

FOSTERING WITH RELATIVES
- ☐ Temporary
- ☐ Permanent

FOSTERING UNRELATED
- ☐ Temporary
- ☐ Permanent
- ☐ COMMUNITY PARENTS

CHILDREN'S HOME
- ☑ Local Authority
- ☐ Voluntary
- ☐ LIST 'D'
- ☐ SECURE ACCOMMODATION
- ☐ LIST 'G'
- ☐ ASSESSMENT CENTRE
- ☐ HOSPITAL
- ☐ SUPPORTED LODGINGS, ILU, etc.
- ☐ OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)

**C REASON FOR DISCHARGE**

- ☑ Care taken over by parent or guardian
- ☐ Adopted
- ☐ Reached appropriate age
- ☐ Death
- ☐ Decision of hearing
- ☐ Other (specify)

**D** TICK TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION BEING DISCHARGED TO

- ☐ Supported Accommodation (Incl. ILU)
- ☐ Hostel
- ☑ Parental Home
- ☐ Relatives Home
- ☐ Flat/Bedsit/Digs
- ☐ Living in at Work
- ☐ Unknown
- ☐ Homeless Accommodation including Bed and Breakfast
- ☐ Other (Please, specify)

**E LEGISLATION DISCHARGED UNDER**

| | Main | Secondary |
|---|---|---|
| 01 Section 15 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 | | |
| 02 Section 16 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 | | |
| 03 Section 37 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 | | |
| 04 Section 40 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 | | |
| 05 Section 44(1)(a) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 with Condition of Residence | | |
| 06 Section 44(1)(a) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 Home Supervision | | |
| 07 Section 44(1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 | | |
| 08 Section 58(a) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (as amended by HASSASSA Act 1983 Sec 8(4)) | | |
| 09 Section 42(3) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 | | |
| 10 Section 43(4) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 | | |
| 11 Section 198/296(3)—Criminal Procedures (Scotland) Act 1975 + 406 | | |
| 12 Section 323 Criminal Procedures (Scotland) Act 1975 | | |
| 13 Section 206/413 Criminal Procedures (Scotland) Act 1975 | | |
| 14 Section 12(5) Foster Children (Scotland) Act 1984 | | |
| 15 Section 26(1)(b) Adoption Act 1978 | | |
| 16 Section 10 Matrimonial Proceedings (Children) Act 1958 | | |
| 17 Section 12 Matrimonial Proceedings (Children) Act 1958 | | |
| 18 Section 7 Children Act 1958 | | |
| 19 Section 11(1)(b) Guardianship Act 1973 | | |
| 20 Section 24 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 | | |

21 Other (Please Specify)

**F To DISTRICT OFFICE** IS FINANCIAL PAYMENT INVOLVED? YES/NO.

If YES—(See Sect. B for details)

ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

**G NOTIFICATIONS**

| Form No. | Area/Agency | Date Sent | Init. |
|---|---|---|---|
| R.I.C.6 | Other Area/Region | | |
| R.I.C.6 | Health Board | | |
| R.I.C.6 | Education | | |
| R.I.C.7-8 | 4-Week Medical | | |
| | Finance | | |
| C.H.193 | D.H.S.S. | | |

**H SIGNATURES**

Signed Sheena McDonald

Designation SOCIAL WORKER

Area Office PAISLEY Date 2/11/89

Countersigned Admin

Strathclyde Social Work Department

# R.I.C.2.

# INFORMATION FOR CARE STAFF

W5792

Your child may be looked after by somebody who doesn't know him/her yet. It will help him/her to settle down if you can answer the following questions :— DONALD

**Names**

What is your child usually called ? DRUCY

What does he/she usually call you ? MAW

What does he/she usually call his/her brothers, sisters, grandparents, other relations ?

CHARLIE

What words does he/she use for the toilet ? BOG

Does he/she have a special friend ? (Adult and/or child). What is his or her name ?

~~STEPHEN BO~~ STEVEN BOYLE 44 BANK ST

**Bed-time routine**

What time does he/she usually go to bed ? 10pm - schooldays

Does he/she sleep alone, or share a room or bed ? ALONE

Do you leave the light on ? YES

Does he/she leave the bedroom door open ? NO

Does he/she take a teddy or blanket or anything else to bed ? ~~NO~~

BEANO BOOKS

Does he/she have a story or game at night ? NO

Does he/she dream or have nightmares ? NO

Does he/she ever get up in the night ? YES - TOILET

Does he/she ever wet the bed ? NO

Does he/she wear a nappy at night ? NO

Does he/she like having a bath ? YES

Does he/she like having his/her hair washed ? /

Does he/she sleep during the day ? NO

**Food**

Which food does he/she not like ? VEGETABLES - FISH -

LIKES PIE + CHIPS.

Is he/she usually a good or poor eater ? PICKY.

What does he/she like to drink ? FRUIT JUICE.

NOT FIZZY DRINKS.

**Behaviour**

How can you tell when he/she is worried ? TELLS

How do you cope with him/her when he/she sulks or is in a temper ?

SHOUTS

Does he/she get on better with older or younger children ? SAME AGE

**General**

Can he/she dress him/herself ? YES

Can he/she manage buttons, laces, etc. ? YES

Is he/she frightened of dogs, cats, thunder, the dark or anything else ? NO

What games does he/she like to play ? POOL

Does he/she go to any playgroups, clubs, Sunday School, etc. ? If so, please give the names.

SACRED HEART

What have you told him/her about why he/she has to leave home ? TRUTH

Are there any other points concerning your child that you would like to make ?

Signed..... Date.....

(Father/mother/Legal Guardian/person having charge of the child).

# (LAST SECTION) TO BE COMPLETED BY SOCIAL WORKER

Name of Child : ..... Date of Birth : .....

Religion : .....

Reasons for admission to care :

HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE,

Cartha Crescent,

Paisley, PA2 7EL

(Tel: 889.6876)

**Strathclyde Department of Education**
Renfrew Division

14th May, 1990.

Ms. Stewart,
5 Marjory Drive,
Paisley.

Dear Ms. Stewart,

Donald is spending tomorrow morning at Gallowhill Primary School but will return to Hunterhill for lunch.

He should make his own way there for 9 a.m. He will again visit Gallowhill on May 22nd, this time for a whole day.

Could I urge you to send in your placing request as soon as possible as Merksworth is proving a very popular school and places are hard to obtain.

Yours sincerely,

A. McCusker

Head Teacher

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
RENFREW DISTRICT: ABBEY HOUSE
8 SEEDHILL ROAD PAISLEY
16MAY 1990
REF'D TO John & Donald
ACKG'D
ANSWD

c/Social Work Dept.

Divisional Education Officer,
Cotton Street,
Paisley

PAT/WE/SMCD/PF

23rd May, 1990

Dear Sir,

DONALD STEWART, 5 MARJORY DRIVE, GALLOWHILL PAISLEY D.O.B. 12.9.77

The above named boy is at present at Hunterhill Tutorial Centre and due to move to mainstream school in August 1990.

At a review in the Tutorial Centre on 8th May 1990 it was decided that the best Secondary school for Donald would be Merksworth High School, because of the behaviour support project that operates there.

This would require Donald's mother, Miss Stewart to put in a placing request, and, as such, be responsible for paying his bus fares.

As this was an Education recommendation, I am writing to ask if you would consider providing Donald Stewart with a Travel Pass to allow him to attend Merksworth High.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at this office.

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM EADIE
AREA MANAGER.

Social Work Department
Director: F E Edwards RD BA MUniv FBIM

Paisley Area Office
8 Seedhill Road
Paisley PA1 1JS

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Our ref SMcD/TB/PAT

Your ref

If phoning or calling ask for Sheena McDonald

Date 23 July 1990

Miss L Stewart
5 Marjory Drive
PAISLEY

Dear Lorraine

It is becoming very important that I see you to talk about Donald's access home, and also to his father. I would also like to know if where you are staying and if your housing situation has improved.

Could you come and see me at this office on Thursday 26 July at 11am. If this time or date is not suitable, please contact me at the office to arrange a suitable alternative

Yours sincerely

Sheena McDonald
Social Worker

PAT/SMcD/EOB

Mrs McLaren
Housing Officer
Gallowhill Neighbourhood Office
Cotton Street
PAISLEY

Sheena McDonald
14 August 1990

Dear Mrs McLaren

**RE: MISS L STEWART, 5 MARJORY DRIVE, GALLOWHILL**

I would be grateful if Miss Stewart and myself could arrange an appointment to see you regarding Miss Stewarè's housing situation.

Please contact me at this office with a suitable appointment date.

Yours sincerely

Sheena McDonald
Social Worker

I, Lorraine Stewart, agree to my son Donald Stewart having access to his natural father Mr. Henry Burgess and that this access be controlled by the Social Work Department.

Signed ..... L. Stewart .....

Witness ..... S. McDonald .....

Designation ..... SOCIAL WORKER .....

Date ..... 24/8/90 .....

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY**
1-5 Gauze Street PAISLEY Renfrewshire PAI 1EW

*Telephone 041/887/1277 Ext* 334

Social Work Department
Abbey House
Seedhill Road
PAISLEY

Your reference

Our reference 615/F/90

Date 11th December 1990

Dear Madam

**LORRAINE STEWART / DONALD STEWART**
**5 MARJORY DRIVE, PAISLEY**

In connection with a matter that has arisen under Social Security Act 1986 I should be grateful if you can provide details of date Lorraine Stewart's son, Donald, was taken into care of Social Work Department.

Yours faithfully

D. MILLER
for Manager

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Tel: Kilmacolm 2201/2/3
Headmaster: D S D McCallum

Our Ref: DSDMcC/JBW. Your Ref: Date: 14th June, 1991.

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Dear

Balrossie School Sports' Afternoon.

Tuesday 25th June, 1991

1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

I write on behalf of the boys and staff to invite you to attend the boy's sports' afternoon which will be held between 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday 25th June, 1991.

The various races always go much better when there are a lot of parents and other visitors to shout encouragement to the boys.

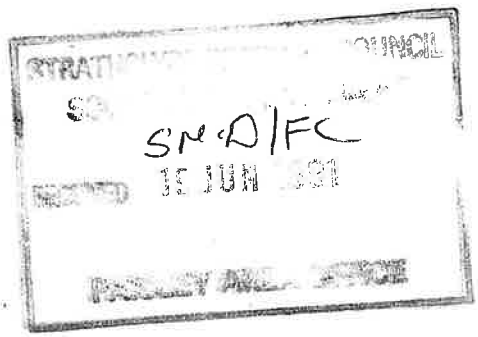
The races will start at 1.30 p.m. prompt and so if you are planning to come then you would be better to try to be here before that time.

We will provide tea and biscuits for our visitors throughout the afternoon.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID S.D. McCALLUM.
HEADMASTER.



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Dear

Balrossie School - Open Day, 1991.

Thursday 27th June, 1991.

I write on behalf of the boys and staff of Balrossie School, Kilmacolm to invite you to join us on our Open Day on Thursday the 27th June, 1991.

A barbeque lunch is available from 1.00 p.m. on that day and throughout the afternoon, finishing at around 3.30 p.m. There will be side-shows and other novelty events for everyone to take part in. You will also have an opportunity to see round the school.

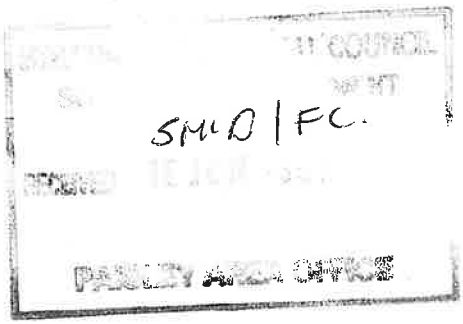
We will also hold the final match of a series of football games which have been held at the school recently.

We hope that you will be able to join us that day, even if only for a short time. We look forward to seeing you then. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

All the best.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID S.D McCALLUM.
HEADMASTER.



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Tel: Kilmacolm 2201/2/3
Headmaster: D S D McCallum

Our Ref: DSDMcC/Sm. Your Ref: Date: 19th September 1991

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Dear Parents,

Re-organisation within the Education Department
Balrossie School

Due to some internal re-organisation of certain parts of our Education Department, it will be necessary for as many boys as possible to have an extended week-end time at home next week-end.

Most boys who are home for the week-end will, then, return to school by 7p.m. on Monday 23rd September 1991. This will give the teachers an opportunity during the Monday to organise the re-arranged system.

Travel Arrangements

a) Central Station
The school van will be at Glasgow Central Station at 6p.m. on Monday 23rd September and all those boys who normally return to school on the school van should be at the Central Station in good time.

b) Johnstone Station
Our second school van will be at Johnstone Station at 6.30p.m. to collect the boys who return from there.

c) Port Glasgow Station
A school van will be at Port Glasgow Station at 7.15p.m. to collect the boys who normally return to school from there.

A small number of boys will be collected from home that evening as usual.

I would be pleased if you would make sure that your son returns to school on time on Monday evening.

Yours faithfully,

David S.D.McCallum
Headmaster

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
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Kilmacolm PA13 4ST
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Our Ref: DSDMcC/JBW. Your Ref:
Date: 9th December, 1991.
If phoning or calling please ask for:

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Dear Parents,

Balrossie School - Christmas, 1991 / New Year, 1992.

It is important that you know about the School's arrangements for the period leading up to Christmas.

Please keep this letter available so that you can make a check on the holidays and other events which are to take place:

Wednesday 11th December, 1991.

Our Christmas disco will be held to-night. Discos are very successful here and the boys enjoy them very much indeed.

Tuesday 17th December, 1991 - Nativity Play and Carol Service.

We hold our Nativity Play and Carol Service to-day starting at 2.00 p.m. All parents, friends and social workers are invited to attend this function. If you would like to come to Balrossie on this afternoon and need transport from the train station at Port Glasgow or Johnstone or from the bus at Kilmacolm, please let me know in advance so that we can collect you in good time in our school van.

The Nativity Play and Carol Service will take about an hour to complete and tea and biscuits will be available for all our visitors. I hope that you will be able to come.

Thursday 19th December, 1991.

The Christmas dinner for boys and staff is to be held at 4.00 p.m to-day. Unfortunately, we can not invite parents to this function because we just do not have enough space. After the dinner the boys will receive their Christmas presents.

Friday 20th December, 1991.

Boys home for holiday. Those boys who are going home for the Christmas and New Year holidays will leave the School during the morning of Friday the 20th December, 1991 and most boys should be home by lunch-time on that day.

Boys' return from holiday.

All boys must be back in School by 11.00 a.m. on Monday the 6th January, 1992. The school van will be at the Central Station at 10.00 a.m. on that day to bring the boys from the Glasgow area back to the School.

Day pupils should be in the School at their usual time on Monday the 6th January, 1992.

Classes re-open on Monday the 6th January, 1992.

The Christmas period at Balrossie School is usually a very pleasant time for staff and boys.

I hope that, if your son is to be at home during the holiday period, all goes well and that you have a good time together.

I would, however, like to remind you that Balrossie School is open throughout the holiday period and there will always be someone available to give advice or help with any problems that arise.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the boys and staff at Balrossie School, to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID S.D. McCALLUM.
HEADMASTER.

# SACRED HEART GROUP REVIEW

Joanne McDonald

Name : Donald Stewart. D.O.B. : 12 9 77
Address : c/o Beech Ave Ch H. Legislation : CC (S

Attendance : 5 actual 14 possible 0/91 this year.

Placement in group has been used for the purpose of :
eg low level support ; assessment etc.

Do you want the above to continue in group ~~Yes~~ No
If Yes briefly state reasons :

If No, briefly state reasons : Donald has not attended for a while and does not show much interest in the group.

Is there any new information which would be helpful in arriving at a final decision at the review meeting :
Donald (hopefully) will be going to a day placement at Bellrossie and may settle down (?)

Review meeting decision :
Discontinue placement

JD. 8/3/91

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Our Ref: DSDMcC/JBW.

Your Ref:

Date: 2nd September, 1991.

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Dear Parents,

Balrossie School - Autumn Term Holidays, (1991).

I have detailed below the holidays which boys from Balrossie School will have during the Autumn School term, 1991.

Some boys will have all of the holidays because they are able to handle these arrangements well, but others will have only part or perhaps even none of them.

Please note that the September holiday is next week-end.

September holiday:

Boys will travel home after classes close at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday 5th September, 1991 and should be back in school no later than 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday the 10th September, 1991 (2 days holiday).
N.B. The school van will be at the Central Station at 10.00 a.m. on the Tuesday.

October holiday:

Boys will travel home on the afternoon of Friday the 11th October, 1991 and should return to school no later than 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday the 22nd October, 1991. (6 days holiday).
N.B. The school van will be at the Central Station at 10.00 a.m. on the Tuesday.

Residential Child Care Officer In-Service Day - Friday 8th November, 1991.

Boys will travel home after classes close at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday the 7th November, 1991 and should return to school on the Sunday evening or Monday morning as usual, depending on each boy's individual arrangements.

Christmas / New Year holidays:

Classes close on Friday the 20th December, 1991 and the boys who are to have the holidays will travel home during the Friday morning. All boys should be back in school no later than 11.00 a.m. on Monday the 6th January, 1992 (10 days holiday).
N.B. The school van will be at the Central Station at 10.00 a.m. on the Monday morning.

I hope that these holiday arrangements work out well. If any difficulties arise during holiday periods, please let the staff at Balrossie School know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

D S D McCallum

DAVID S.D. McCALLUM.
HEADMASTER.

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Our Ref: TMcK/Sm.
Date: 26th September 1991
Your Ref:
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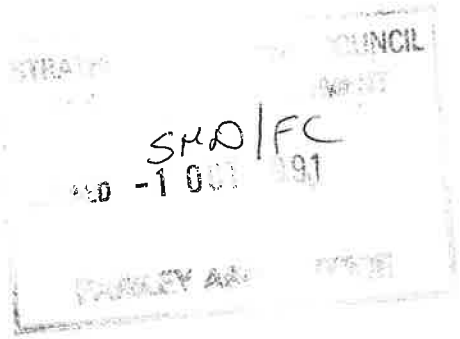


Dear Parent/Guardian,

A parents' day will be held at Balrossie School on Thursday 31st October 1991 from apprximately 11.30a.m. until 2.30p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to give you the opportunity to meet your son's teachers and discuss his educational programme. This is a very important matter and you should make every effort to attend.

A snack lunch will be provided. If you cannot make your own way to Balrossie School,we will be able to provide transport to pick you up at Port Glasgow or Johnstone train stations. Please contact the school if you require transport from one of these stations.

A copy of this letter will be sent to your son's Social Worker who is also welcome to attend and may be able to help with transport. Please complete the slip below and return to me.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas McKeown.

Thomas McKeown
Deputy Education

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I will/will not be attending the parents' day on

Thursday 31st October 1991 (Please delete).

Alex Neil
Social Worker
Regional Family Finding Centre
115 Wellington Street
GLASGOW G2 2XT

041 227 6044

RFFC/AN/MB

FORM D MEDICAL REPORT

When a child is referred to the Regional Family Finding Centre for placement, it is important that at an early stage the child receives a medical examination by a consultant paediatrician and the abovementioned report is completed and sent to the Regional Family Finding Manager at the above address.

The Form D Medical report is key to they pursuance of family placement in that the medical adviser for the Regional Panel should have it well before the panel date.

As Linkworker to .....Donald Stewart (12.9.77) I would be grateful if you would organise the medical as soon as possible and send it to this address.

Thank you for all your help in this matter.

Alex M. Neil.

**Strathclyde Regional Council**
**Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel**

**Regional Reporter: Frederick J Kennedy** OBE LLB

**Renfrew Division**
**Divisional Reporter: Miss C A McBurnie**
10 Glen Lane, Paisley PA3 2HU
Tel: 041-889 9171

Our Ref: CM/JG Your Ref:
Date: 24th January 1992
If phoning or calling please ask for: Mrs Macdonald

Ms Sheena McDonald
Social Work Department
Abbey House
8 Seedhill Road
PAISLEY

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Dear Ms McDonald

Re: Donald Stewart (12.9.77) 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

Further to my request for a social background report on the above named due on 7th November 1991, I would like to draw your attention to this case as of 24th January 1992 I have not received any report.

I would urge you to let me have this report as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Macdonald
Assistant Area Reporter

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D. STEWART
- E.F.

Our Ref: DSDMcC/MA Your Ref:
Date: 3 February, 1992
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Dear Parents,

Boys' holidays - Balrossie School - Spring Term 1992

I have written out below, for your information, the details of the holidays that boys at Balrossie School will have during the Spring Term 1992. Some of the holidays will be normal school holidays and a few others will be because of staff study days or perhaps special staff meetings. Please note that, although most boys will be able to have these holidays at home, there will always be a few boys, because of personal circumstances, who will have to stay at Balrossie on those days. It will, of course, be in order for any boy who is not handling his holiday at home well to be returned to Balrossie School.

Please keep this letter readily available so that you will always know of our holiday plans.

Spring Holiday Thursday 13 February 1992 to Wednesday 19 February 1992

Boys will be is classes until 3.30 pm on Thursday 13 February, 1992 and will travel home after they have had tea at 4.00 pm.

All boys should be back in school by 11.00 am on Wednesday 19 February, 1992. Your son will be told the details of his return travel arrangements.

Our school van will be at Glasgow Central station at 10.00 am on that Wednesday, to collect the boys who live in the Glasgow area.

This amounts to a 5 day holiday at home. I hope that it goes well./

Staff In-Service day (Child Care Staff) - Friday 13 March 1992

Boys will go home after classes close at 3.30 pm on Thursday 12 March 1992 and should return to school at their usual time on the Sunday evening or Monday morning.

Easter holidays - Friday 3 April 1992 - Tuesday 21 April 1992

Classes finish at 2.30 pm on Friday 3 April, 1992 and boys will travel home that afternoon. Again, there may be some boys who, for various reasons, will be in a position to have only a part of these holidays or, for a few, perhaps none of them.

Boys should return to school by 11.00 am on Tuesday 21 April, 1992. Again, our school van will be at Glasgow Central Station at 10.00 am on that day to collect the boys who live in the Glasgow area. All boys will, however, be told of their return travel arrangements.

Classes re-open on Tuesday 21 April, 1992.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

David S D McCallum
Headmaster

Date of review: 27/7/92.
S. Paterson Rep:
Mr Brown Mrs Bain chlP.
~~Outcome:~~
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offence Discharged.

Strathclyde Regional Council

Social Work Department

Eastwood/Renfrew District

# REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

Name: Donald Stewart

Address: 8d Blackhall Court
Paisley

Beech Avenue
Children's Home

Date of birth: 12.9.77

School attended: Balrossie

Religion:

Section of legislation: Section 44 (1)(b)

Reason for review and by whom called:

Annual Review - Reporter's Department

New grounds of referral (if appropriate):

Significant changes since previous report:

Changes in Social Work Department or worker:

Change of Social Worker from Sheena McDonald to Ellen Finlayson

Contact with other agencies:

Psychological Services (Lynne Townsend)
Balrossie School (George Keogh)
Beech Avenue (Helen Tousdale)

Report compiled by:

E Finlayson

Date report completed:

24.6.92

## HOME SITUATION

Mrs Stewart married Mr Steven Irvine in February 1992. This marriage took place following a very brief relationship. The family moved to a three apartment flat on the 8th floor of a tower block. This house was originally rented by Mr Irvine, and is now a Joint Tenancy. The home is reasonably well furnished and maintained to an adequate standard.

Mr Irvine is currently unemployed and has made application to join the Fire Service. He is a member of the Territorial Army, Parachute Regiment, and is involved in Outdoor Pursuits as a result. Mr Irvine has a reasonably positive attitude towards Donald and Charles. It would also appear that he has had some positive influence over Mrs Stewart and this is reflected in the settled situation within the home and the decrease in Mrs Stewart's alcohol consumption. Case Records indicate that in the past there had been several unfounded referrals made to the Department stating that Mrs Irvine was heavily intoxicated . On these occasions Mrs Irvine would admit to having consumed alcohol but would not appear incapable of caring for Charles. There has been no reoccurance of these referrals or of this situation since August 1991.

## ACCESS

Since February of this year there has been an improvement in the relationship between Donald and his mother. This is reflected in the change in Mrs Irvine's attitude towards Donald visiting the family home. Since February Donald has been invited by his mother to visit the family home as often as he wished, more recently Donald has had two overnight stays. Despite this improvement in their relationship Mrs Irvine continues to state that she will not consider having Donald home on a permanent basis. The writer feels that perhaps the relationship has reached a "steady state" and may not develop further. Acceptance of the family dynamics may enable Donald to maintain some level of acceptance within the family. Pressure to increase overnights or return Donald home may have an adverse effect and create an unresolved imbalance in the present situation pertaining to Donald and his mother's relationship.

In recent months it has also been found that whenever Donald and his mother have a dispute it is generally reflected in Donald's behaviour either in the community or within school and Beech Avenue. At these times Donald can become verbally aggressive and refuse to respond to any requests made by his care staff. The writer feels that this behaviour may be Donald's way of coping with the rejection he experiences when his mother refuses to allow him to visit. In contrast to the past when such disputes could last for months, they now only last for a few days. Donald finds it difficult to discuss his feelings when these incidents occur and gives the impression of not wanting to say anything that may be perceived as a criticism of his mother's parenting or behaviour. Donald generally sees himself as being responsible for any disputes between himself and his mother.

At a Child Care Review in August 1991 it was decided to pursue both a Befriender and Community Parents on behalf of Donald. Subsequent reports were completed and Donald was accepted for introduction to Community Parents and a Befriender was identified. Mrs Irvine was in full agreement with these decisions.

BEFRIENDER

Donald has been introduced to a Befriender and visits his home on a monthly basis. Mr Laing was known to Donald when he worked as a member of staff at Beech Avenue. He is now a gamekeeper on an estate near Cumnock, Ayrshire. Donald enjoys these visits, generally helping out on the estate and becoming involved in Mr Laing's work. Such experiences will assist Donald in building relationships whilst giving him experience in a possible source of employment for the future.

COMMUNITY PARENTS

At the time of writing Community Parents have been identified for Donald however, the "link meeting" to discuss this further will not take place until 21st of July 1992. Should this placement be approved a further meeting will take place at the Adoption Panel on the 6th of August. Donald is not aware that a couple have shown an interest in him, at this time, as the above meetings need to take place before he can be given the above information. Should there be any movement forward in this area prior to the Children's Hearing a Supplementary Report will be forwarded to your Department providing the Panel with more details of the Placement.

SCHOOL

Donald continues to attend Balrossie School. A previous Child Care Review had discussed the possibility of Donald returning to mainstream schooling, namely Merksworth. Case records indicate that Merksworth could not offer Donald a part time placement, and it was believed that he would be unable to cope with a full time placement. At a subsequent review it was decided that Donald should remain at Balrossie for the foreseeable future. Donald has stated a preference to remain at Balrossie, at least until he is placed with Community Parents, thereby avoiding two changes in school. The writer feels that should Donald be placed with Community Parents he will need time to adjust to this transition before changes in school should be considered.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

Donald's relationship with his mother has improved since his mother's marriage in February. Donald also appears to have a reasonably good relationship with Mr Steven Irvine and this is having a positive effect on his mother's attitude towards him. This is perhaps reflected on the recent acceptance of Donald into the home on a regular basis. Mrs Irvine remains adamant that she would not have Donald home on a permanent basis and continues to support the Department's intention to pursue Community Parents. The writer feels that the relationship between Donald and his mother can be volatile and has now reached a more "steady state" where both parties feel more positive in their contact with each other. However, attempts to move Donald back home may result in this relationship breaking down and Donald experiencing another rejection by his mother.

As stated in the report, a Befriender has been identified for Donald. This appears to be going very well and is perceived as being a very positive movement forward for Donald. Community Parents have also been identified and it is hoped that Donald would have been introduced to the couple prior to a Hearing being convened. At the present time he is not aware of their interest and this cannot be discussed with Donald until after the meetings on the 21st July and 6th August respectively.

Given the above the writer would recommend that Donald remain the subject of compulsory measures of care, residing at Beech Avenue Children's Home.

PAT/EF/LM
24/6/92

E. Finlayson
.....
Ellen Finlayson - Social Worker

LINKING MEETING

MR & MRS L & DONALD S

HELD AT 115 WELLINGTON STREET ON 27 JULY 1992

Present:

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| Vera King | Beech Avenue Children's Home |
| Ann Docherty | Senior Social Worker - Child |
| Ellen Finlayson | Social Worker - Child |
| Jackie Kerr | Social Worker - Family |
| Pat Howell | Regional Resource Exchange - Chair |
| Alex Neil | Social Worker - Link Worker - Child |
| Tricia Corish | Social Worker |

Apologies:

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| Lynn Townsend | Educational Psychologist |
| Dennis Keogh | Balrossie School |
| Lesley Watson | A.D.O. Child Care - (Renfrew) |

PERSONAL HISTORY

Donald has been received into care on three previous occasions. His mother had apparently attempted to attack him with a kitchen knife. He has a very low self esteem, blames himself for the incident.

His relationship with his mother has always been poor and the early years unstable. His father and mother separated after his birth. His mother harbours resentment for his birth father due to his lack of support.

Donald was received into care initially for 4 months to a foster home as mum had accommodation problems. This was resolved and she resides in London. On return to Scotland 2 years later. She formed a relationship and had Charles, his younger brother. This seemed a more stable time. Eventually the relationship deteriorated; however, they parted on good terms.

Donald was again received into care due to his mother's illness. His stay in the foster home lasted 7 days. Latterly he was received into care again and during this period it was confirmed that Donald and his mother did have a poor relationship, exacerbated by alcohol consumption on her part. It was evident that she had no commitment to him and viewed each situation as per her own needs. Her relationship with Charles proved less difficult and she found him more manageable. She had a closer bond to him.

The final reception into care occurred in March 1990. Their relationship had not improved and the result was a complete breakdown of the relationship.

Donald previously had blamed himself for the problems. Latterly he seems more able to accept that it was not always his fault and that he will not be returning home.

PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES

Donald's mother remarried in January of this year. Since then his access to the family has increased and it has been noticed that Mr W has had a calming effect on the family. Work has been undertaken to consider the rehabilitative opportunities affected by the new circumstances. Donald's mother maintains that she does not wish for him to return home, she expressed this at a child in care review and indeed at the last review Donald intimated his desire to be considered for a community parent placement.

Over the last few months contact has again cooled and he sees the family once perhaps twice per week.

The social work office continue to support and advise Donald's mother and her husband. Situation remains stable. As Mr W is approximately 24 years old Donald sees him as an older brother or friend and not as a father figure.

Donald has a Befriender. Contact began 8 - 10 weeks ago and he has travelled to see him in Cumnock on two occasions.

Mr L knew Donald previous to the application and used to work in Beech Avenue. he was employed as a gamekeeper on an estate outside Cumnock. so far Donald has enjoyed the contact and anticipates seeing the Befriender every four to six weeks. Mr L keeps in touch with Donald by phone and also remains in contact with staff at the children's Home when Donald is with him. It is expected that Donald and staff will need to discuss travel arrangements to and from Cumnock in the future.

BEECH AVENUE

Within Beech Avenue, Vera King noted an increased maturity in terms of his dealings with the issues on the go e.g. the purpose of the community parent placement; his mothers relationship; contact with the Befriender and his relationship with the older children in Beech Avenue.

He has accepted the marriage very well and sees the benefits to his mother. Vera King noted that he is good at talking things through and rationalising problems. He is now more tolerant with younger children. He will now approach staff to deal with them when they annoy him. Vera King stated that he will not entertain a group of children but has the capacity to look after and take responsibility for one child. It was noted that he relates well to his younger brother.

Vera King commented how Donald's sense of self esteem seems to have improved over the last few months. He is now more conscious of his appearance and has tolerable standards of hygiene. He was described as a personable and attractive lad. He has been out with girl-friends. He is not very tidy and while keen on D.I.Y. can be a little over-enthusiastic.

Donald has discussed the idea of a placement with Vera King. He knows two boys who are currently in successful placements. He is keen to make a placement.

BALROSSIE & EDUCATION NEEDS

In general terms, Donald copes well with his education at Balrossie. He rarely truants but can at times be defiant with teachers. There are on-going negotiations between Social Work Staff, Balrossie and the Educational Psychologist in terms of his educational needs.

Ellen Finlayson gave a verbal report from the Educational Psychologists. Lynn Townsend believes that while one school in the area i.e. St Lukes has the capacity to support Donald in the transition to mainstream. However, she believes that his medium term future remains at Balrossie until he is scheduled to leave next summer. If he wishes to continue studying then he would be advised to attend college.

HEALTH

Donald suffers from asthma. He smokes.





LEGAL SITUATION

Donald is currently subject of a residential requirement which will be varied to enable transfer.

DISCUSSION – Re: MATCHING

It was agreed that Mr & Mrs L have several things to offer Donald in placement. They are quite an active family and their social networks and supports can offer him a context through which to become part of the community as well as role models. They can offer him a degree of independence in terms of having his own room and personal space as well as the capacity to engage in more nurturing situation as required. Mr & Mrs L are able to work with the Department and other carers, the boy sees e.g. access to him family and his befriender. Donald's provisional stay in Balrossie School has been explored as a possibility leading to the link. Mr & Mrs L have no fixed agenda for placements in relation to educational expectations.

As Mr & Mrs L have an emergency placement at present, his age and attitude were taken into account and Donald in many respects in representative of the best type of match.

Mr & Mrs L have the capacity to cope with access arrangements as per the need of the child and the geographical location while not all-important will help Donald maintain links with his family and community.

Donald requires firmness in terms of limits and boundaries. Mr & Mrs L can provide these.

Strathclyde Regional Council

Social Work Department

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CHILDREN'S HEARING

Name: DONALD STEWART

Address: BEECH AVE. CH. HOME

Date of birth: 12.9.77

School attended: BALROSSIE SCHOOL

Home address if different:
8D BLACKHALL COURT, PAISLEY.

Please refer to previous report compiled on the 24.6.92.

LINK MEETING

The above link meeting to discuss Community Parents for Donald is now due to take place on the 27.7.92 at 11 a.m. It was the writer's intention to give some written information on the outcome of this meeting but, this will not be possible at this time.

GROUNDS OF REFERRAL Discharged.

Donald accepts the grounds of referral. He states that he was in the vicinity of the housebreaking and was 'looking out' for the Police. Donald appears to experience some difficulty in accepting full responsibility for his behaviour but, does agree that he should not have been involved in offending behaviour. Case records indicate that at the time of this offence, Donald was experiencing relationship difficulties with his mother and, as stated in the previous report, this often has an effect on his behaviour. Overall Donald does not appear to display any deviant tendancies and generally remains within the law whilst in the community.

The writer's recommendation remains the same as stated in the previous report. Donald should remain the subject of compulsory measures of care, residing at Beech Avenue. Future plans include Donald being introduced to Community Parents and possibly moving into independent living.

E. Finlayson

Mrs. E. Finlayson - Social Worker.

22nd July, 1992

PAT/EF/MC

**CONFIDENTIAL:**

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.

20th July, 1992.

Headmaster: David S.D. McCallum.
TELEPHONE NUMBER: Kilmacolm 2201.

Report for Children's Hearing:

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| Boy's Name: | DONALD STEWART. |
| Date of Birth: | 12. 9. 77. |
| Date of admission: | 15. 4. 91. |
| Home address: | Beech Avenue Children's Home, Paisley. |
| Field Social Worker: | Ellen Finlayston. |
| School Keyworker: | Gerald Keogh. |

Introduction:

Since Donald's last Review on the 13th May, 1992 when quite a lot of positive information was aired about him, he has made little progress. This is attributable mainly to a group of new found friends whose approval and acceptance he is seeking.

Donald has regularly failed to attend school either refusing to come or meeting some friend to roam about town. There have also been times when he was unwell or needed hospital treatment for torn knee ligaments. These were acceptable reasons for non attendance at Balrossie School.

Although visits to his mother are continuing, Donald seems to be showing less interest and commitment in this area, again because of the attraction of his new friends.

Education:

Donald's behaviour in school can sometimes cause concern. He has been cheeky to several teachers on separate occasions. One of these resulted in a three day suspension.

Donald is a capable boy in most of his subjects, with art, maths, technical and home economics being particularly impressive.

Donald can show a fairly positive attitude when he tries.

Unit:

Donald's behaviour is variable, generally he is quite boisterous and likes to be involved in rowdy games. He can annoy other boys on occasions and has been known to bully from time to time.

Report for Children's Hearing - Donald Stewart.

In most situations when he is in the wrong he is easily managed. He can listen to reason and accept his error on most occasions.

Conclusion:

Significant progress is being made with the Family Finding Centre in Glasgow and with this in mind, we respectfully request that Donald continues with his day boy status at Balrossie School in the meantime.
This can be reviewed once placement with Community Foster Parents is finalised and more appropriate educational arrangements have been made.

Written by: GERALD KEOGH.
RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE OFFICER.

Countersigned by: DAVID S.D. McCALLUM.
HEADMASTER.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.
GK/JBW.
20th July, 1992.

Balrossie School,

Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.

20th July, 1992.

CARE PLAN:

Boy's Name: DONALD STEWART.

1. Mr. Pettigrew to continue to encourage Donald to improve his behaviour and application to his classwork.

2. Beech Avenue and Balrossie School keyworkers to help Donald to manage within worthwhile groups, i.e. the local Community.

3. Donald to be given every assistance from all agencies concerned to prepare for community parents.

4. Donald to continue to see his mother, and all agencies to give support in keeping their relationship stable.

5. Balrossie keyworker to continue extraction periods from class and emphasise that all bullying habits and any unreasonable behaviour must stop.

6. Regular contact to be made between Social Work Department, Beech Avenue and Balrossie School.

Written by: GERALD KEOGH.
RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE OFFICER.

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Countersigned by: DAVID S.D. McCALLUM.
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**Strathclyde Regional Council**
**Social Work Department**

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**Renfrew Division**
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Tel: 041-842 5151 Fax: 041-842 5144

Our Ref: PAT/EF/JM
Your Ref:
Date: 26 June 1992
If phoning or calling ask for:

Strathclyde
SCOTLAND

A nuclear-free zone authority

An equal opportunities authority

Regional Family Finding Centre
115 Wellington Street
GLASGOW
G2 2XT

Dear Mr Neil

Re: Donald Stewart - 12/9/77 Beach Avenue Childrens' Home, Hunterhill.

Further to our telephone conversation on the 11 June 1992.

I am enclosing a copy of the Annual Review Report on the above named child. Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

E Finlayson
Social Worker

VIEW PROCEDURE PAT/EF/LM 22/5/92

# Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM F

Date of Review: 13.5.92

Name of Home: Beech Avenue Children's Home

Name of Child: Donald Stewart Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 8.3.90

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

1. Donald's school attendance.
2. Donald's recent involvement in offending ie. Breach of the Peace.

School

1. Donald's behaviour in relation to the above offence.
   Donald's attendance.

Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:

As above.

Summary of Discussion:

Introduction

Mr McEwan (Deputy Head Teacher) began the review by summarising the decision of the last review and requesting an update on the current situation with regards to the Befriender and Community Parents.

Report from Beech Avenue

Helen Trousdale (Keyworker) informed the review that Donald has continued to maintain contact with his mother and the family home. Donald and his mother had an argument on the 5/5/92. He was subsequently involved in an incident at the Lagoon Leisure Centre which resulted in him being charged with a Breach of the Peace. Mrs Trousdale felt that Donald's behaviour tends to deteriorate whenever he has an argument with his mother, and this often results in Donald getting himself into trouble. Donald and his mother have become friends and this relationship is viewed as being very positive. D Rankin (OIC) feels that Donald is becoming more mature in his outlook and has been realistic about attempting to modify his behaviour. Donald has also shown a level of maturity in expressing his wish to pursue Community Parenting and not to return home on a permanent basis. Although family contact will always be important to Donald. Mr Rankine also commented on Donald's ability to demonstrate a level of understanding and compassion for the new younger children arriving at Beech Avenue.

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FORM F CONT

DONALD STEWART

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION CONT

Report from Social Worker

Ellen Finlayson indicated that the home situation had remained stable for some time and that Mrs Irvine appears more settled since her marriage in January. Mr Irvine appears to have a good relationship with Donald and the level of contact between Donald and his mother has increased considerably since Mr Irvine became a member of the family.

Befriending

Donald is due to spend an overnight with his befriender on the 15.5.92. It is likely that this contact will be on a monthly basis but this can alternate, due to Mr Laing's work commitments. Beech Avenue have agreed to organise transport to Cumnock..

Community Parents

Alex Niel (Family Finding) indicated that Community Parents were being pursued, and it was hoped that an appropriate couple would be identified in the near future. Mr Niel would liaise with Ellen Finlayson and any movement forward would be passed onto Donald, his family and other agencies.

Report from Psychologist

Ms Towsend interviewed Donald and felt that he had matured since her last contact with him. Ms Townsend feels that Donald is an intelligent boy and could cope with mainstream schooling, on an educational basis. Concern was expressed over Donald's ability to cope with any change of school, especially if it should co-incide with a change of residence. Ms Townsend stated that if Donald had experience of mainstream schooling he may be more attractive to a new school. However, she felt that Donald should remain at Balrossie in the meantime. Donald may cope better with mainstream schooling, once he was settled within a new home. Ms Townsend also felt that Donald may benefit from being placed within a family with older children.

Report from Balrossie

Cathy Reagan reported that Donald has been no great problem within the Unit. There was a spate of bullying but this appears to have subsided.

Education

Mr Pettigrew referred to Donald's educational report and stated that he had the potential to achieve his standard grades. Mr McEwan expressed his concern that Donald's educational achievements maybe affected by him not attending mainstream school and benefitting from all the scope that a comprehensive school may be able to offer Donald. Mr McEwan also expressed his concern over Donald's involvement in bullying within the school, which could not be tolerated. In the main however, this appears to have decreased.

In conclusion, it was felt that Donald's overall behaviour had improved, despite his recent involvement in offending behaviour. Donald's relationship with his mother remains positive and contact will be maintained. Donald continues to express a wish to have Community Parents, this is being pursued by Alex Niel from Family Finding. In the meantime Donald will remain in Beech Avenue and continue to attend Balrossie. Mainstream schooling may be pursued once Donald is settled with Community Parents.

CONFIDENTIAL:

HEADMASTER: David S.D. McCallum.
TELEPHONE NUMBER: Kilmacolm 2201.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.

12th May, 1992.

REPORT FOR INTERNAL REVIEW:

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| Boy's Name: | DONALD STEWART. |
| Date of Birth: | 12. 9. 77. |
| Date of Admission: | 15. 4. 91. |
| Home address: | Beech Avenue Children's Home, Paisley. |
| Field Social Worker: | Ellen Finlayston. |
| School Keyworker: | Gerald Keogh. |
| Date of Review: | 13. 5. 92. |

Current Care Plan:

1. Mrs. Lamont to continue to encourage Donald to improve his behaviour and application to his classwork.

2. Mrs. Hill and Mr. Keogh to help Donald to manage within groups, i.e. the Local Community.

3. Donald to be given every assistance from all agencies concerned to prepare for community parents.

4. Mrs. Stewart and Donald to be given support from all agencies concerned to develop and strengthen their relationship. This is to be done in a flexible way and to be taken at their pace.

5. Gerry Keogh to continue counselling sessions with Donald and communicating with other concerned agencies.

Progress of Care Plan:

1. Mr. Pettigrew has continued Mrs. Lamont's previous efforts with regard to behaviour and application to Donald's classwork since Donald moved to another class.
   Donald has the aptitude to do well in his class work.

2. Helen Trusdale who took over from Mrs. Hill at Beech Avenue as keyworker has kept regular contact with Balrossie. This has included visits for worthwhile discussions. All staff at Beech Avenue show a willingness to communicate information when occasion warrants it.

3. Community Parents have not yet been identified for Donald but he is still very interested in this possibility.

Report for Internal Review - Donald Stewart.

4. Since mid January, Donald has been seeing his mother on a regular basis. On the 24th April, 1992 Donald had a planned overnight stay with his mother and this was a success, other such nights may be on offer for Donald.

A better relationship between Donald and his mother seems to be getting established.

5. Regular one to one discussions by extraction from class has been made with Donald since his last Review.
Daily meetings and short talks between extraction periods have been quite helpful.

There has been no difficulty communicating with other concerned agencies on a regular basis.

Unit:

Donald's behaviour is variable, generally he is quite boisterous and likes to be involved in rowdy games. He can annoy other boys on occasion.

Boy's View:

Donald would like to have Community Parents and be accepted into a school in their area rather than move to a school in Paisley and then have another change at a later date, as soon as possible.

Areas for Discussion:

1. Current situation regarding Community Parents.
2. Donald's behaviour at the Paisley Lagoon resulting in a breach of the peace charge on Wednesday the 6th May, 1992.

Written by: GERALD KEOGH.
RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE OFFICER.

Countersigned by: DAVID S.D. McCALLUM.
HEADMASTER.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.
GK/JBW.
12th May, 1992.

# EDUCATION REPORT FOR REVIEW

Balrossie School
Kilmacolm

NAME DONALD STEWART_ DATE 12th May 1992

D.O.B. 12.9.77

D.O.A. 8.3.90 PREVIOUS SCHOOL: Merksworth School

AGE 14 years 8 months CLASS: 8

CLASS TEACHER: D.Pettigrew

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| EDUCATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PREVIOUS REVIEW OR ASSESSMENT | a) Remain in Balrossie School for the present.<br>b) Review situation at next Review. |
| LANGUAGE SKILLS | Donald will be following a Scotvec Communications Module, this term. He has been working steadily so far this term and is capable of completing this course and gaining other Scotvecs. |
| Modern Studies | Covering living in a Democracy Unit. Donald shows reasonable aptitude and motivation. Capable pupil, will do well given reasonable circumstances. |
| NUMBER SKILLS | Donald continues to display quite a positive attitude to this subject. At present he is working on S.M.P. Foundation Level Green Book 6. Copies quite well on his own. Excellent when working on Nets of solids and model making. |
| SCIENCE | Donald is difficult to motivate. His diagrams and drawings are excellent, written work is variable. Usually pleasant but rather lazy. Still unable to accept any criticism. |
| ART | Donald continues to show a keen interest in art, he is generally well motivated and produces creative individualistic work. He has considerable practical skills and his work always shows good understanding - Rather unsettled recently. |
| P.E./GAMES | Lacks co-ordination in some areas. Does not display a positive attitude to this subject. |
| HOME ECONOMICS: | Before the Easter Holidays Donald went through a really bad period when his attitude and behaviour was appalling. However, since his return he is much more settled. He is a very capable boy in both theory and written work. |
| TECHNICAL SUBJECTS: | Donald has some good ideas and is willing to try new work. He is a positive influence on the other boys with the standard of his work. His behaviour is good but he needs to curb his language. |
| BEHAVIOUR ATTITUDE | Generally quite well behaved in most areas. Attitude fairly positive. |
| RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVIEW | (a) Discuss current situation and future plans. |

D Pettigrew

David Pettigrew. Class Teacher.

DONALD STEWART d.o.b. 12.9.77

BEECH AVENUE CHILDRENS' HOME PAISLEY.

MOTHER: MRS LORRAINE IRVINE 8d BLACKHALL COURT PAISLEY

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PROTESTANT

3. [illegible]

Were you Present? D.M. Rankin OIC Present.

Date of Last Review:
5th March 1992

Date Minutes Received:
not received

Decisions of Last Review (Please note them below, indicating whether decisions have been carried out

Donald has to remain in Beech Avenue
Access arrangements with Kenny Lang ongoing
Lynn Townsend to attend next review
Referral for community parents ongoing

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4. PARENTAL ACCESS

Is there a formal written access arrangement (P.A.1)? Please "✓" below

Open access to mother

| YES | NO ✓ |
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If yes, does access take place as agreed? — What access takes place and where? —

If no, what is the pattern of contact/access? Daily

Please note any difficulties for you an/or help required for access. only if it breaks down

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5. ACCESS AND CONTACT BETWEEN CHILD AND MEMBERS OF NATURAL FAMILY, FRIENDS, PREVIOUS CARERS ETC.

| | Who? | Details of contact (inc. letters, phone calls, etc.) |
|---|---|---|
| BROTHERS/SISTERS<br>brother | Charles | when Donald visits mother |
| OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS<br>stepfather | | Donald sees Steven Irvine at mothers |
| ADULT FRIENDS | | |
| SAME AGE FRIENDS | | |
| OTHERS | | |

COMMENTS: (e.g. how much does child enjoy contact: any problems for child or you? etc.)

Contact with mother is necessary for Donald as he tends to get into trouble when this access is not maintained daily.

CONTACT BETWEEN CHILD AND FAMILY (how often? who arranges this? what happens, etc.)

Ellen Finlayson is relatively new to the case. During the time that she has been Donalds' social worker, she has maintained regular contact both by visiting and telephoning Beech Avenue. Donald seems satisfied with social work input at present.

Comments

CONTACT BETWEEN CHILD'S SOCIAL WORKER AND CARERS (how often? who arranges this? what happens, etc.)

Ms Finlayson contacts us on a weekly basis and is available to care staff at any time.

Comments

FOSTER PARENTS ONLY

Contact with Support/Link Social Worker (how often, who arranges this?, what happens, etc.)

Comments

SCHOOL PROVISION

| (PRE) SCHOOL & ADDRESS | CONTACT PERSON | CLASS | EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST (if appropriate) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balrossie Kilmacolm. | Gerry Keoch | | Lynn Townsend |

| FREQUENCY & TYPE OF CONTACT WITH CARER | COMMENTS (i.e. Special Features or Difficulties) |
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| At least weekly contact from Gerry Keoch, keyworker Balrossie and his keyworker at Beech Avenue. | ATTENDANCE PROBLEM |

Health

Present Doctor: Dr Hamilton St James St Tel: 889-5505

Health visitor: Tel:

Former Medical Staff: Tel:

Tel:

Tel:

Child's General Health:

1.5.92. RAH A+E

22.4.92 - Household Asthma

Formal Medical Examinations

| Type of Medical | Date | Comments |
|---|---|---|
| Reception into care | | |
| Comp. Developmental | | |
| Annual Medical | | |

11. OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED WITH CHILD (not mentioned elsewhere)

| AGENCY TITLE & ADDRESS | CONTACT PERSON | FREQUENCY, TYPE & PURPOSE OF CONTACT |
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12. A. INFORMATION — Please "✓" below if you have the following:

| RIC 1 | RIC2 | RIC3 | PARENTAL ACCESS FORM | INFORMATION FROM SWD ON CHILD | LEGAL AUTHORITY TO KEEP CHILD | WRITTEN PLACEMENT AGREEMENT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |

| BIRTH CERTIFICATE | BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE | FOSTER PARENTS HANDBOOK |
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Comments - Please indicate if you have had difficulty in getting information, if information is inaccurate or if you require further information.

B. RESOURCES - Please indicate below what additional resource you may need to care for the child, e.g. extra money, clothing, etc.

13. ANY OTHER COMMENTS (but please use the narrative report for detailed information & resources)

14. ISSUES FOR REVIEW (Please indicate below the main points you would like discussed at the review)

Donald has an attitude problem with all adults and behaves extremely unsociably to any adult who says "NO" to him.

15. CARERS

Foster Parents

Signed:

Date:

Signed:

Date:

Residential Social Work Staff

Key Res. S.W.

Signed:

Date: 11 May 92

SNR Res. S.W.

Signed:

Date:

Who will attend review?:

# CARERS' REPORT FORM

## Part 2

### (1) Profile of Child

(Include how (s)he feels about the past, present and future, who (s)he gets on with, who not how (s)he comes across to you, how (s)he gets on at school, outside the home and how (s)he gets on with his/her social worker. Indicate areas of progress and concern)

When Donald feels rejected by his mother he purposefully acts out of order and gets himself into trouble as he did recently. The day following an arguement with his mother he had a run in with an attendant at the swimming pool and was charged at Mill Street Police Station of Breach of the Peace.
Donald has a reasonable relationship with all staff until things fail to go as he wishes then he has outbursts.
Donald hes a low tolerance level and is quick to react angrily.
His current hobbies are fishing and swimming.
Now Donald is more mature he realises he will not return to the family home and would like community parents in conjunction with visits to his befriender and overnights with mother. Plans for his future are currently looking positive.

### (2) Circumstances of Natural Family

(Include whatever information you have on how the family lives, works and plays, who gets on with who, who seems closest to the child, how well access is used and how able/willing they are to look after the child. Indicate particular progress and concern)

Donalds' mother recently married Mr Steven Irvine and moved to a new house.
Donald has been accepted as a daily visitor.

### (3) Child's Relationship with Members of Natural Family, Friends and Previous Carers

(Include: who he gets on with best and why, whether he wants to go back home and how, how well access works for the child, who else he sees and who he misses, what changes might be necessary for access. Indicate issues of particular concern and progress)

Donald was always very fond of his mother and Charles, and with Mum allowing him freedom of access this has promoted a measure of family stability with Mr Irvine in his role of stepfather.

## (4) Summary and Conclusions

(Include, what are the most important things that happen (and don't), the links between events development and where you think you are now)

The befriending programme with Mr Lang begins next weekend when a member of Beech Avenue staff will take him to Muirkirk.
At present, his community parents have not been identified, however Ms Finlayson has this matter well in hand and has discussed this with Donald.
Access with mother is helpful at this time and Donald realises it is unlikely that he will reside permanently in the family home.
We feel it would be helpful for Donald to see Lynn Townsend again regarding school and behavioural problems.

## (5) Proposals for Child's Future

(Include: What's best for the child, how does he react to this and how do other members of his family, what effects this will have and what kinds of action and support you and your child will need in the future; how well does current placement suit your thoughts for the future)

Donalds' school attendance is erratic and he doesn't appreciate the importance of regular attendance. We have noted that if Donald disagrees with one of his teachershe will find some excuse not to go to school or just abscond prior to transport arriving.
Kenny Lang is now officially his befriender.
The community parent programme is being investigated by his social worker.

Signed: [signature]

Date: 13 - 8 - 92

Signed:

Date:

N.B. Please attach to the part 1 report and return to the district office in the S.A.E. provided. If you need help with the form, please ask child's or link/support social worker.

CONFIDENTIAL:

HEADMASTER: David S.D. McCallum.
TELEPHONE NUMBER: Kilmacolm 2201.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.
14th May, 1992.

Minute of Review held on Wednesday the 13th May, 1992 in Balrossie School.

Boy's Name: DONALD STEWART.

Present:

Mr. T. McKeown - Deputy Head Education, Balrossie School - Chairperson.
Mrs. A. Bonar - A.D.O. Child Care Team.
Mrs. A. Docherty - Senior Social Worker.
Mrs. C. Regan - Senior R.C.C.O., Bute unit.
Mr. G. Keogh - Keyworker, Bute Unit, Balrossie School.
Donald Stewart - Subject of Review.
Mrs. E. Finlayson - Social Worker.
Mr. D. Rankin - O.I.C. Beech Avenue Children's Home.
Ms. H. Trusdale - Keyworker - Beech Avenue Children's Home.
Mr. A. Neil - Family Finding team.
Ms. L. Townsend - Educational Psychologist.
Mr. D. Pettigrew - Class teacher - Balrossie School.

1. Minute of the previous meeting.

Mr. McKeown requested that the name "Mrs. Barnett" be deleted from the minute - no such individual known to the group.

2. Situation in Beech Avenue:

Staff reported that Donald would meet with Mr. Kenneth Lang - befriender - this week-end. Mr. Lang is a gamekeeper, has no family and lives in Muirkirk area.

Access to mother is going well, however, Donald and mum recognise that it is unlikely Donald would return to the family home.

Donald was charged with breach of the peace quite recently following an incident at home.
Staff at the Children's Home, however, report a general improvement in Donald's behaviour.

3. Social Worker:

Reported that Donald had regular visits home, however, community parenting is recognised as the way forward.

Minutes of Review - Donald Stewart.

4. Lynn Townsend, Educational Psychologist felt that in the search for community parents her hope would be for a family with older children.

5. Bute Unit:

Mr. Keogh, keyworker, outlined the fact that Donald had been involved in bullying younger children in the unit, however, this appears to have stopped - at least in the unit setting.

6. Psychologist:

Lynn Townsend had completed an assessment of Donald and felt that he had matured and his wish was not to return to mainstream school - Merksworth. However, Donald was looking for more of a "package" i.e. new home, new school.

The chairman underlined the importance of good liaison between the Family Finding Team, Educational Psychologist and Balrossie School when the time comes to placing Donald in a mainstream school. Negotation with the new school would be of great importance.

7. Education Report:

Mr. Pettigrew outlined the positive points in the education report especially in the areas of Art, Maths, Technical, Home Economics. He is a capable pupil who should do well in certificate courses.

Mr. McKeown pointed out that Balrossie is a small school and cannot offer the wide range of subjects offered in a mainstream school. However, we must try to maximise the educational possibilities available.

The Chairman highlighted Donald's most recent involvement in bullying one of the new boys and giving this lad a "terrible time". The Headmaster will, under no circumstances, tolerate this sort of behaviour.

Recommendations:

1. Remain at Balrossie for the present.
2. Remain at Beech Avenue for the present.
3. Psychologist to be notified as soon as Family Finding Team make significate progress.

Liaise with all agencies concerned.

Minutes of Review - Donald Stewart.

4. Access - continue as outlined in previous Review - no change.

5. Monitor - Befriender and liaise with Balrossie / Beech Avenue as to progress.

Date of next meeting: Friday the 21st August, 1992 at 2.30 p.m.

Written by: DAVID PETTIGREW.
CLASS TEACHER.

Copies to all present - as detailed on page 1.
also Mr.McCallum, Headmaster, Balrossie School, Kilmacolm.
Mr.Darroch, Depute Head - Social Work, Balrossie School, Kilmacolm.
Mr. J. Crawford, Assistant Headmaster, - do -

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.
DP/JBW.
14th May, 1992.

REVIEW PROCEDURE PAT/AD/LM 8/5/92

# Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM F

Date of Review: 5.3.92

Name of Home: Beech Avenue Children's Home

Name of Child: Donald Stewart Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 8.3.90

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

1. Donald's continued abuse of solvents.
2. Determination in his general behaviour.
3. School problems.

School

1. Need for a language programme for Donald.
2. Suggestion of an alternative education placement for him.

Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:

As above.

Summary of Discussion:

Introduction

As this was the first review involving Donald's new Social Work staff, the decisions from the last few reviews were gone over. Donnie Rankine was then asked to briefly fill the meeting in on the background to the case.

Report from Beech Avenue

Donnie Rankine indicated that Donald had been in Beech Avenue for just over two years. Initially both he and his brother had been in care. They had then returned home, but Donald ended up back up in Beech Avenue. Donald did attend ordinary school but, due to difficulties, moved to Balrossie in June 1991. Donald has generally done ok at Balrossie, although was suspended for two days, for being insolent to teachers. A proposed return to mainstream schooling for Donald has been mentioned but Donnie Rankine questioned whether Donald would be able to cope with the openness of this regime. Within Beech Avenue Donald's fortunes have been mixed. His behaviour can be very problematic and, has recently deteriorated quite a bit. It is believed that Donald abuses solvents (though evidence of this is hard to find) and that this has increased since his mother's recent marriage. When confronted about his behaviour by a member of staff, Donald can be both abusive and insulting. Donald has sporadic contant with his mother and brother.

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FORM F CONT

DONALD STEWART

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION CONT

Befriending Situation

This came around for Donald when an ex-temporary member of staff at Balrossie indicated that he would be interested in befriending a child there after his departure. Case is soon been to go back to the Adoption Panel in order that the Befriender can be approved. Beech Avenue feel that, although Donald has some uncertainties about a befriending situation, that this may give him some regular structure in his life and something to look forward to.

The only other issue Beech Avenue are concerned about is the possible abuse of solvents by Donald, which he denies. At a recent medical, the doctor commented on Donald's shaking hands. A can of lighter gas was also found under Donald's bed recently. Staff are trying to keep an eye on this situation.

Report from Social Worker

Ellen Finlayson indicated that she has recently taken over the case. She has now met most of the family, including Mrs Irvine's new husband. She intends visiting Donald on a fortnightly basis and Mrs Irvine every two to three weeks. Ellen has not yet visited the proposed befriender for Donald but, intends doing so in the near future. She added that, as yet, there was no date for the Adoption Panel.

Regarding Community Parents, Donald is very keen on this motion of going to live with a family. Ellen indicated that she has been in touch with the Family Finding Team, who are progressing the issues involved. As yet no potential families have been identified.

Access

Donald continues to have sporadic contact with his family. Since his mum's marriage Donald has raised the possibility of spending overnights. However, whilst Mrs Irvine is keen to see Donald on a daily basis, she made it quite clear that vernight stays are out.

It was generally agreed that access could continue to be flexible and, would be left to the discretion of Beech Avenue staff. Donnie Rankine indicated that he would arrange for a staff member to take Donald home, and then collect him later on. This would ensure his safety and help him avoid potential trouble spots around Beech Avenue.

Report from Balrossie

Cathy Regan reported that Donald has a good relationship with his keyworker at Balrossie and, when in his best frame of mind, behaves well. Otherwise his behaviour is variable in the unit. Donald enjoys rough and tumble play, dummy fighting etc. He also shows nervousness when having to attend Reviews, the GP etc.

Education

Donald is a capable boy when he applies himself and when he behaves in Balrossie. He has previously been suspended for being cheeky and insolent.

In terms of his academic ability, it is felt that Donald has standard grade potential. Education staff are particularly concerned about him missing out on parts of the curriculum, especially modern languages, which Balrossie cannot provide the teaching staff for. It is felt Donald needs extra input for french, which could be provided if Donald returned to mainstream schooling.

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This is an issue which has been on the agenda for the last couple of Child in Care Reviews. After some discussion however it was felt that it would be inappropriate to move Donald anywhere else until a psychological assessment had been carried out. Lynn Townsend has been involved with Donald, but has not seen him recently. It was agreed that the Social Worker would attempt to contact Lynn before the next meeting and ask her to see Donald (also to attend the next Review). Donald stated that, whilst he would like to move on he also thinks that maybe he should wait until community parents are identified for him, and he can then begin attendance at a school in their area. It was therefore agreed to leave this issue meantime and, to follow it up at the next review.

A date was set a couple of months ahead for a further meeting, in order to allow Ellen Finlayson to follow through the agreed issues from this discussion.

CONFIDENTIAL:

HEADMASTER: David S.D. McCallum. Balrossie School,
TELEPHONE NUMBER: Kilmacolm 2201. Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.
17th February, 1992.

REPORT FOR INTERNAL REVIEW:

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| Boy's Name: | DONALD STEWART. |
| Date of Birth: | 12. 9. 77. |
| Date of admission: | 15. 4. 91. |
| Home address: | Beech Avenue Children's Home, Paisley. |
| Field Social Worker: | Sheena McDonald. |
| School Keyworker: | Gerald Keogh. |
| Date of Review: | 5th March, 1992. |

Current Care Plan:

1. Mrs. Lamont to continue to encourage Donald to improve his behaviour and application to his classwork.

2. Mrs. Hill and Mr. Keogh to help Donald to manage within groups, i.e. the local community.

3. Donald to be given every assistance from all agencies concerned to prepare for community parents.

4. Mrs. Stewart and Donald to be given support from all agencies concerned to develop and strengthen their relationship. To be in a flexible way and to be taken at their pace.

5. Gerry Keogh to continue counselling sessions with Donald and communicating with other concerned agencies.

Progress of Care Plan:

1. Donald's behaviour in class has improved considerably and his classwork is very good, particularly with any subject he likes.
   This is continuing in his new class with David Pettigrew as class teacher since 6th January, 1992. Donald settled in very well from the start of the new term.
   There was one incident on Wednesday the 22nd January, 1992 when Donald was unco-operative and offensive during an English class, this behaviour continued when the Headmaster tried to reason with him.
   Because of this unacceptable conduct, Donald was put on suspension from Balrossie School until Monday the 27th January, 1992.

2. Mrs. Hill and Gerry Keogh have had regular discussions about worthwhile group involvement and other matters for Donald until she left Beech Avenue on the 18th November, 1991.

REPORT FOR INTERNAL REVIEW - DONALD STEWART:

Helen Trusdale, Donald's new keyworker at Beech Avenue is continuing this contact with Gerry together with several informal visits and meetings to Balrossie School with Donald and Sheena attending also.

3. Although no community parents have yet been identified as suitable for Donald, he continues to show some interest in this possibility.

4. Donald states that since his mother moved in to her new house about the middle of Janaury he sees her every alternate day. The new development which has still to be confirmed may be a start to a better relationship between Donald and his mother.

   Since Donald's last Review, Mrs. Stewart made a short visit to see Donald at the Christmas holidays. Donald was unsettled and quite unhappy for a time after this visit.

5. Fortnightly counselling by extraction from class has been irregular, due mainly to holiday periods. However, short daily meetings and talks seem to have established a friendly bond. Donald has no hesitation in seeking advice or information on occasions. Communicating with other concerned agencies is regularly attended to by Gerry.

Unit:

Donald's behaviour within the unit is variable, but generally he is quite boisterous, and keen to be involved in rowdy games. There are times when he is an annoyance to other boys.

Boy's View:

Donald would like to "get out" of Balrossie. He feels comfortable but knows that we are limited on what can be offered educationally.
Merksworth High School although suitable for his needs would not be his own choice. Donald's thoughts lie with community parents, and a school in their area.

Areas for discussion:

1. Some education resource to meet Donald's needs for a language programme for some periods during the week.

2. If no language course is possible for Donald immediately, mainstream schooling at Merksworth High School may be another alternative.

GK/JBW.
17.2.92.

Written by: GERALD KEOGH.
RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE OFFICER.

Countersigned by: DAVID S.D. McCALLUM
HEADMASTER.

PART 11

## THE FAMILY

### 1. Description of Birth Family:

Donald's mother, Miss Lorraine Stewart, is of medium height, short light brown hair, pale complexion, brown eyes, and a round face. Donald physically is very like her to look at. Miss Stewart's personality can be changeable. She has not proved to be co-operative during the period of time Donald has been in care. Miss Stewart seems to find it difficult to offer Donald and her younger son, Charles, any emotional support, although her physical care has been resonable. When Miss Stewart is worried or upset she tends to shout both at workers and at her own children. As a result, the noise level within the house is very high.

Miss Stewart needs constant reassurance that the Department is not going to insist the Donald returns home. She seems to find it difficult to believe that Donald is capable of changing, and that he is not the same boy she cared for when he was at home. Miss Steart continues to state that she does not want her son back in the house, either for access visits or for a full-time return home. Miss Stewart was until recently determined that her younger son Charles would not have access with Donald, however, ;recenbtly she has been persuaded to let Charles visit Donald at the Children's Home. She impresses as a young lady who is very obstinate in her views, however, can be talked round on several points.

Lorraine Stewart does not seem to have a high intelligence level, although she seems to manage household accounts for both herself and her mother, who lives separately.

Miss Stewart's health appears to be good, she eats well as does her son Charles, however, the conditions in the home are not good. Miss Stewart's house seems to be in a state of constant disruption, constantly promising to redecorate but never seems to get round to this.

Lorraine Stewart can become easily depressed, although this seems to be linked to the amount of alcohol she has consumed. Miss Stewart admits to drinking two or three pints of lager per day, but does not see this as a problem to her. It has often been reported to the Department that Miss Stewart is drunk, although when this is checked out it is discovered not to be the case. She has been encouraged on several occasions to seek help for this pattern of drinking but has constantly refused.

Miss Stewart has no physical or mental disabilities.

Lorraine Stewart is presently unemployed and states that she has no intention of seeking work. She enjoys live music, and seeks most of her social outlet in the local pub.

Miss/...

Miss Stewart also enjoys watching television along with her young son, Charles.

Donalds father, Mr William Burgess, has not cared for Donald since birth. He is tall, slim, has dark hair, and impresses as a quiet young man. Since Donald was received into care, Mr Burgess has only expressed a brief interest in Donald. Police checks and inter-departmental checks proved positive, however, while these were being carried out, Mr Burgess moved within the Ferguslie Park area without giving his new address. Mr Burgess now lives with his new cohabitee and three young children. He stated that he could not care for Donald on a full-time basis because of this family. Mr Burgess also has another child slightly younger than Donald, who attends Balrossie School along with Donald. Although Donald is aware of this, he has no particular friendship with young William.

Donald's young half brother, Charles, is now 7-years old, lives at home with his mother, and attends the local Primary School. Charles is tall for his age, has blonde hair, and a charming happy personality. He states that he misses his elder brother Donald, and is now happy that he is allowed to see Donald on a weekly basis. Charles seems to be quieter than Donald but his mother finds him easier to cope with. Charles' father lives in a nearby town to Paisley, and until recently both boys had access to him. Charles' father has not contacted Donald whilst he has been in care and does not seem to have contact with Charles anymore.

Donald has had brief contact with other members of his family, aunt, grandmother, and cousins. None of these family members, however, have shown more than a brief interest in Donald, and at no time have offered to care for Donald on a full-time basis. Donald enjoyed this contact and found it difficult to cope with rejection by them.

2. Family History

Miss Stewart states that she received little support from Donald's father around the time of his birth. She states that he and his family "snatched" Donald from her but that he was returned to her care fairly quickly. Miss Stewart states that at no time did she receive financial help or other support from him. There seems to be much ill-feeling on her part towards Mr Burgess and his family. Miss Stewart found it difficult to understand Donald's desire to see his father recently.

Donald was placed in foster care for several months shortly after his birth due to Miss Stewart's accommodation difficulties. Shortly after this, it appears that Miss Stewart and Donald moved to stay with relatives in London. Little is known of this time although it seems the family lived here for 1½ to 2 years. On her return to Scotland, Miss Stewart lived with the father of Charles for approximately 7 or 8 years. She describes this relationship as fairly stable and the couple seem to have parted on good terms. As was noted before, Charles and Donald both had contact with this man until fairly recently.

Miss Stewart now has a new boyfriend, a Mr Thomas McDonald. The couple live separately/...

separately, and Mr McDonald has a grown up family of his own. Donald is not entirely happy at this relationship, but accepts it reasonably well. Miss Stewart has spoken for a number of years about marriage, but the couple seem to have no immediate plans. Mr McDonald does not view himself as a father figure toward Donald, and has no intention of caring for Donald on a full-time basis.

3. Birth Family's Wishes for the Child

When Donald was first receive into care in March 1990, Miss Stewart attended all Child Care reviews. Although she consented to the plans that Donald return home, she proved unco-operative when these plans were being carried out. She now no longer comes to Child Care reviews, and seems to have little interest in Donald's future. Miss Stewart continues to state that she does not want Donald to return home on a full-time basis, although as has been noted before, is allowing Donald access to Charles. Before Donald started attending Balrossie School, he saw his mother on an informal basis every Monday morning. It is also suspected that Donald sees his mother more often than is admitted. It is felt that this informal access is important to Donald, although it seems to becoming less so. Donald now seems able to cope with the idea of moving on.

Donald's future has been subject of on going work with Miss Stewart for a number of months but she continues to show little interest in the future plans. She also finds it difficult to understand the legal position that Donald is in, and her own continuing responsibility for him. It is not expected that Miss Stewart will take any legal action to oppose future plans.

THE CHILD

1. Child's Profile

Donald Stewart is of medium height, slim, has short blonde hair, brown eyes, and a pale complexion. He is an active boy, full of fun, can be cheeky, and is becoming more mature in his outlook in life.

When Donald has a structured daily routine his behaviour is usually controlable. For August 1990 until Easter 1991, Donald's behaviour was deplorable. He started mainstream eduction in August 1990 and found it difficult to cope with this pressure. His behaviour in the Children's Home grew steadily worse. Donald became involved in anything that was going on around him. He was cheeky to staff, bullied younger children, came and went as he pleased, and often was involved in acts of vandalism, theft, glue sniffing, and alcohol abuse. Despite punishment, restrictions within the home, and the threat of the possible move from Beech Avenue, Donald's behaviour did not improve until he began to attend Balrossie School as a day pupil. Donald was not an obvious leader; he tended to become involved in any trouble that was brewing, usually the one to be first caught. Although Donald's behaviour deteriorated, staff continued to describe him as a likeable boy. Donald responded very well on a one-to-one situation, but found it very difficult to cope with a group setting. Since starting at Balrossie School, which is providing a structure to his day, Donald's behaviour is improving 100 percent. He is now concentrating on remaining out of trouble, proving/...

proving himself more helpful within the home. Donald is also talking about his future in a mature and sensible manner. Much of Donald's behaviour can be linked to the rejection by his mother. Donald also feels rejection by the other members of his extended family.

Donald enjoys individual attention. He is at his best when on his own with his Keyworker or his Social Worker. He is also responding well to the small classes within Balrossie School. Donald seems to be afraid of little other than attending the doctor or attending the hospital.

Donald presents as a distrubed little boy, reflecting his emotional instability and lack of consistent care in the past. Within the home he finds it difficult to accept disipline, preferring to argue that he is right; again in this area, Donald is showing a marked improvement. Within Beech Avenue, a structured routine is difficult to achieve because of changes and pressures in staff. Donald responds well, however, to the routine at school. He responds better to a structured day, than being allowed freedom to do as he will. Donald eats well, sleeps well, and is able to look after himself physically. When first starting Balrossie, it was noted that Donald did not eat well, however this soon passed. Donald enjoys swimming outings, and getting involved in electronic work. He has recently become involved in local youth newspaper, and is at present preparing a short article for them. Donald can at times be obstinate, taking this from his mother, but can be talked round. When given new ideas, Donald needs time to think about these, but is able to come back at a later date with his thoughts and reactions.

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Donald keeps good physical health. He has suffered from Asthma for a number of years, and presently uses an inhaler. A full medical was requested at the time of Donald's admission to Balrossie, however, Donald did not co-operate with this and there is no recent medical report. Donald suffers the usual physical injuries sustained by a boy of his age and is guilty of nursing these for a numbe of days before infoming residential staff. This seems due to his fear of

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Teachers/...

Strathclyde Regional Council

# Report for Review Case Conference

**Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures**

1. Children's Names: DONALD STEWART
CHARLES STEWART

2. D.O.B.: 12.9.77
17.1.83

3. Children's Addresses
Donald at- Beech Avenue
Childrens' Home
Paisley

4. Home addresses if different
5 Marjory Drive
Gallowhill
Paisley

5. Parents/Caretakers name and address
Lorraine Stewart
5 Marjory Drive
Paisley

6. Date of Initial Case Conference
31.10.89

7. Category of Registration
Donald - Physical Abuse
Charles - At Risk Physical Abus

8. Date of current and previous Review Case Conferences
1st review - 11.5.90

9. Recommendations of Last Review

Both boys to be placed on Register.
Recommendation to Childrens' Panel that children would return home.
Donald to continue to attend Sacred Heart and any other groupwork that was felt appropriate.

10. Legal position of child: Section 44(1)(a) - Donald Section 15

11. Significant changes since last Case Conference

(a) Child

Donald again in care (DOA: 8.3.90) due to breakdown in relationship between him and his mother.

(b) Family

Miss Stewart now more willing to work to Donald returning home. Has recently stated that she is willing to reduce her drinking in order to have increased access to Donald. Donald has not been abused again.

(c) Social Work Department Involvement

Weekly visits to Donald, Charles and Miss Stewart.

(d) Involvement of Other Agencies

Gallowhill Primary
Hunterhill Tutorial
Sacred Heart Youth Club

12. Areas of concern

Donald's second RIC is a major concern and his reluctance to return home. This was discussed at a Child Care Review and commitment to rehabilitation sought from Donald and his mother.

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# Review Case Conference Minute

**Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures**

| Name of child(ren) | D.O.B. | Registration Category | Remain on Register | De-Register |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Donald Stewart | 12/9/77 | Physical Abuse | ✓ | |
| Charles Stewart | 17/1/83 | At Risk Physical Abuse | | ✓ |
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| HOME ADDRESS | PRESENT ADDRESS |
|---|---|
| Donald : Beech Avenue Children's Home,<br>Beech Avenue,<br>Paisley. | Charles : 5, Marjory Drive,<br>Gallowhill,<br>Paisley. |

CHANGES TO REGISTER (i.e. Address, A. Team, Key Worker, etc.)

Date of Initial Case Conference: 30/10/89

Date of This Review: 11/5/90

Date(s) of Previous Review(s):

(a) Chairperson: William Eadie

| (b) Present (names) | Designation | Agency |
|---|---|---|
| William Eadie | Area Manager | Social Work |
| Sheena McDonald | Social Worker | " " |
| Vera King | Depute O.I.C. | Beech Avenue |
| Mrs. Stewart | Mother. | |

| (c) Invited but unable to attend | | |
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13. Plans for Child including recommendations to Review Case Conference

It was decided at the review that Donald should be referred to Community Support Programme at West Yonderton to offer him and Miss Stewart support in returning home and once he is home.

Donald is due to begin mainstream school (Merksworth Hight) in August and it is felt that he may find this difficult.

Little support is presently given to Charles other than Social Work contact. Groupwork is not available for his age group. The relationship between Charles and his mother seems to be good.

Donald to remain on Register.

Charles' name remaining on Register to be discussed at Case Conference.

14. Persons who should attend the Review including Staff from Area Team and Other Agencies, and Parents

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| W Eadie | Area Manager |
| S McDonald | Social Worker |
| V King | Beech Avenue |
| Mrs McCusker | Hunterhill Tutorial Centre |
| Mrs Millburn | Gallowhill Primary |
| Miss Stewart | Mother |

Signature Sheena McDonald

Social Worker

Date 11/5/90

Countersigned F. Clarke

Senior Social Worker

Date 11.5.90

# REPORT

## Introduction - Chairman

To-day's meeting has been convened to discuss two issues :

1) The need for registration.

2) Charles' position.

## Social Work Report

Sheena McDonald described the home situation, about how the relationship between Mrs. Stewart and Charles was a good one compared with the fraught situation between Mum and Donald. Donald still does not want to come home and there is still a lot of tension between them. So there seems to be very little change.

As far as Donald's education is concerned, there are plans for a move to Merksworth School, since there are school supports there, although Mum was a bit unhappy about this.

Charles appears to take a back seat, he is a loving child if a bit cheeky but Donald misses him.

## Mother

Lorraine feels Donald was spoiled before Charles was born and so has a chip on his shoulder, but says both will be treated equally now. She said when Charles needed discipline, he was kept in and sent to his own bed when in fact he usually slept with her. She is a bit apprehensive and feels it will not be easy when Donald comes back. However she will give commitment and expects him also to do so. She feels the difference between Donald and Charles is that Charles acceptscorrection, but it was pointed out to her that, of course, he is younger. She also feels that Donald gets luxuries in care which he does not get at home but she wants him home although she will need support.

## Beech Avenue

Donald is difficult and Charles has a different nature but he has an interest in swimming which could be fostered : It was felt that Donald would continue to be difficult to manage with potential for conflict between Donald and his mother.

## Conclusion - W. Eadie

In anticipation of the longer term, i.e. 6 months, it is necessary to work with Lorraine and Donald so that the relationship is not a battle. Donald needs limits, in terms of both cash and behaviour, but a risk still exists. So the chairman suggested Charles be taken off the Register as it was now clear that Mrs. Stewart could cope with him without resorting to corporal punishment.

There was no dissent.

He further suggested Donald be kept on the Register under the category of Physical Abuse and Mrs. Stewart agreed, because of past difficulties of the potential for problems on Donald's return home in the near future.

The chairman also suggested there were more options now to help Donald, via Community Support Programme and use of a Swimming Club, which could help to build self discipline as well as interest.

**Decisions**

1) Donald to remain on the Register.

2) Commence Community Support Programme to help to work towards Donald going home.

3) Charles to be de registered.

**Next Meeting** - ¼ Assessment 13/8/90.
Review 12/11/90 at 10.30 a.m.

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PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ON THIS TEAR-OFF SLIP

Minute prepared by Signature Mr Stewart

Area Officer/Chairman Wm Fadie

Date 17/5/90

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**NOTE TO ADDRESSEES**

IF YOU DISAGREE WITH ANY ASPECT OF THIS REPORT YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE AREA OFFICER IMMEDIATELY IN WRITING. IF YOU AGREE WITH THE CONTENT PLEASE RETURN THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BELOW.

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To Area Officer
Abbey House,
8, Seedhill Road,
Paisley PA1 1JS.

I have received a copy of the report of the Case Conference/Review

held on 11th May 1990 regarding Donald & Charles Stewart

and agree with the content and recommendations

Signature

Date

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SWD/7

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

*Reporter:*
F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

**SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1971—RULE 5**

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on Monday 18 December 1989

at 2.00pm within 10 Glen Lane, Paisley

A full list of those cited is undernoted, along with timing of each case.

| | *Name* | *Time of Case* | *Reason for Appearance* |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | | | |
| 55/86 | Charles Stewart SMD | 2.45pm | remit after proof |
| 699/85 | Donald Stewart<br>5 Marjory Drive<br>Paisley | 2.45pm | continued case |
| [redacted] | | | |

Copy to:- Paisley Central, Craigielea

*Date* 5 December 1989

Douglas Hope
*for Reporter*

COUNCIL
RENFREW DISTRICT ABBEY HOUSE
8 SEEDHILL ROAD PAISLEY
- 7 DEC 1989
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# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

*Reporter:*
F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

MEMORANDUM

*From:* Reporters Department *To:* Social Work Department

Paisley Central, Craigielea

**Subject: Reporters' Duties and Transmission of Information, etc (Scotland) Rules 1971–Rule 6 (1) (2) (3)**

In accordance with instruction contained in Rule 6 of the above Statutory Instrument the decision(s) made by a Children's Hearing is/are* undernoted.

Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate.

| *Date of Hearing:* | *Name:* | *Decision:* |
|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | |
| 18.12.89 | [redacted] | |
| 55/[illegible] 699/[illegible] | Charles Stewart SMD<br>Donald Stewart<br>5 Marjory Drive<br>Paisley | Supervision requirement 44(1)(a) continued with parent |
| [redacted] | | |

*Date* 21 December 1989

Douglas [illegible]
*for Reporter*

**Delete as appropriate*

Strathclyde Regional Council

Social Work Department

Eastwood/Renfrew District

| Date of Hearing: |
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| Outcome: |

REPORT TO CHILDREN'S HEARING

Name: DONALD & CHARLES STEWART, Address: 8, MARJORY DRIVE, PAISLEY.

Date of birth: 12/9/77 & 17/1/83.

School attended: DONALD - HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE / CHARLES - GALLOWHILL PRIMARY.

Religion:

Grounds of referral: CHILD ABUSE.

Basis of report:

Knowledge of family.

Family details:

| Name | Age | Relationship | Employment/School/ Income and source |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Lorraine Stewart | 28 | Mother | Income Support. |
| Donald " | 12 | Subject | |
| Charles " | 6 | Subject | |

Contact with other agencies:

Groupwork.

Report compiled by:

Sheena McDonald, Social Worker, 8, Seedhill Road, Paisley PA1 1JS.

Date completed:

13/12/89.

**HOME BACKGROUND:**

Donald and Charles Stewart have been known to the Department for a number of years and under Supervision since early 1986. Since that time Donald has been involved in several Groupwork Projects run by this Department, namely Sacred Heart Youth Club which he still attends and a Primary Group which no longer runs. Donald also had contact with a befriender and a Youth Club in Hunterhill but those contacts have now ceased. This was a decision by Miss Stewart to reduce Social Work contact in order to 'punish' Donald and take more control of his behaviour. Although this was a negative step, it was seen in a very positive light as Miss Stewart was constantly being encouraged to take more interest and responsibility for Donald.

Donald was also pleased at this step as it gave him more time to pursue his own interests re Karate.

Donald attends Hunterhill Tutorial Centre and reports recently state that he is doing very well. Mrs. McCusker (Head Teacher) encourages Miss Stewart to take an interest in school meetings and reviews and Miss Stewart responds well to this.

Charles has had little contact with the Social Work Department other than Social Worker's visits. It was noted at the last Review Hearing that Miss Stewart believed that the relationship between the two boys was improving.

**PRESENT SITUATION:**

Donald and Charles were taken into care on 27/10/89 where Miss Stewart hit out at Donald with a knife resulting in several superficial scratches. It was discovered on the evening that the Child Abuse investigation was carried out that Donald and Charles were left in the care of a 15 year old cousin and this, along with the attack, was found to be unacceptable.

Following a Child Abuse Case Conference when the names of Donald and Charles were placed on the At Risk Register and the subsequent Panel, the boys were allowed home to await the case being remitted fot Proof.

During this time the family situation seems to have settled slightly. Both boys state that they want to be at home and Donald especially has been very supportive and protective towards his mother.

Miss Stewart states that she finds it difficult to cope with the boys' behaviour at times and the Department is at present looking at the best way to give support to the family. In the past this has taken the form of groupwork and this is now being reconsidered in the light of the recent events.

Since the children were placed on the Child Abuse Register work has been restarted with Miss Stewart on her own circumstances. Miss Stewart herself had a very unsettled background and is emotionally insecure, this insecurity communicates itself to her children thus among many of the problems within the family.

Involvement in a Women's Group has been suggested to Miss Stewart and although she is unsure of this at present, this is an avenue that will be pursued.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the recommendation of the Social Work Department following a Child Abuse Case Conference that Donald and Charles remain with their mother under the Supervision of the Department with the condition of groupwork built into the Orders.

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SMcD/ML. Sheena McDonald - Social Worker.

DASU Meeting of 7th November 1989

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Donald Stewart d.o.b. 12.09.77
Charles Stewart d.o.b. 17.01.83

PRESENT: Patrick Gray (Chairman)
Noreen Gethin
Grace Scott
D.J. Bibby
S. McDonald (social worker)
B. Eadie (Area Manager)

SMcDonald

APOLOGIES: J. Brown (Depute Principal Psychologist)
J. Hunter (Area Manager)

Donald and Charles have been on supervision for several years mostly because of Mum's handling of the children. Focus of the work has mainly been Donald's behaviour and his mother's attitude to this. Since June 1989 reports from the schools and groupworker were that the home situation was stable. Within Hunterhill, Donald had been coping well and Charles had also been settled at Gallowhill Primary. However on 27th October during a home visit, Miss Stewart informed social worker that she had attacked Donald with a knife resulting in several cuts to his legs. Miss Stewart has subsequently been charged with assault.

After the incident, on visiting Miss Stewart's home, social worker found that she had arranged for the boys go to an Aunt's house on their own and the only person at this house was a 15 year old cousin. The children were consequently received into care. The Panel discharged them on 1.11.89 and they were returned home. A Hearing has been continued for 3 weeks. Since then Donald has been unsettled, the reason for this appearing to be that he misses the stability offered by the Children's Home.

Mr. Gray noted that at a previous DASU meeting there were issues surrounding the children's natural father, and Social worker reported there had been contact every 2nd weekend but visits had stopped because Donald had felt unwanted since the arrival of a baby in the house. Mr. Gray asked if Miss Stewart had formed a relationship with anyone and social worker reported that Miss Stewart has a boyfriend but it was difficult to ascertain how serious or permanent a relationship this was. Mr. Gray felt that this should be investigated.
It was noted that Donald was involved in groupwork sessions and had a befriender. Social worker reported that contact with the befriender had stopped because Miss Stewart saw this involvement as a reward for bad behaviour. Donald does however attend an I.T. group at Sacred Heart.

CONCLUSION: After further discussion it was agreed that the social worker meet with J. Docherty, I.T. Officer to review groupwork and befriender situation.

Social worker also to explore issue of Miss Stewart's boyfriend.

Action Taken:

1. Home Visit by S McDonald and J Belshaw.
2. Donald (12) interviewed at school.
3. Donald examined by Dr Haron - marks on leg consistent with mother's and child's story of incident with knife.
4. Further home visit by S McDonald and J Belshaw - mother not at home. Charles (6) in on his own with gas fire on.
5. Social Workers visited Aunt's house in effort to trace mother. No responsible adult present.
6. Children received into care under Place of Safety Order after discussion with Senior Social Worker and Area Manager. Both placed in Beech Avenue.
7. Matter reported to Police.

Social Worker ..... Date .....

Senior Social Worker: ..... Date .....

To be completed by the Area Manager if not progressing to a Case Conference.

Reasons:

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3.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

THIS FORM TO BE DESPATCHED IMMEDIATELY TO THE REGISTER, attention APOCC(CA)

INTERVIEW WITH DONALD AT SCHOOL

Workers spoke to Mrs. McCusker (Head Teacher) who stated that Donald's behaviour had improved and that he had settled down in school. She was of the opinion that relationships were good at home.

Donald stated that on Monday his mum came home around 5 p.m. She was very upset because she had argued with Tam (her boyfriend). She asked Donald to bring her a knife; he could not find the sharp knife so brought her a blunt one. She became angry, so he went back to the kitchen and found the bread knife. When he brought this back, she went "berserk" and started to hit him with this knife. When she stopped, he ran from the room but heard her crying so returned. He helped her tend her foot which she had cut on a piece of broken plate, then made her a cup of tea, before tending his own cuts. He claimed that things had gone very well at home since that time.

Workers examined Donald's lower legs - he had 2 cuts on each leg. Donald claimed that they did not hurt and did not bleed much at the time. Workers discussed situation with C. Bell, S.S.W. and W. Eadie - Area Manager. It was felt the child should be medicalled and the matter reported to the Police as an assault had been committed.

Workers took Donald for a medical to Dr. Haran at the Russell Institute. As well as the two cuts on each leg below the knee, Donald had a longer cut on both thighs. Dr. Haran mentioned that one of the cuts on his lower leg may have benefitted from a stitch at the time, however they are healing well.

On returning to the house at 3.45 workers found the door on the latch and Charles in the house on his own. The television and gas fire were both on. There was a note from Miss Stewart to Donald telling him to take himself and Charles to Aunt Aggie's in Netherhill Road.

When the workers visited this address, it was found that the only person in the house was the 15 year old daughter of Aunt Aggie.

Workers returned with the boys to the office, spoke to C. Bell (S.S.W.) and W. Eadie (Area Manager) who decided that the children be admitted to care under a Place of Safety Order. Miss Stewart's whereabouts were unknown; although Donald stated she would be out drinking. Her attitude during the interview earlier in the day was most concerning, she had shown no remorse for her actions. In addition Donald had been assaulted by his mother with a knife. It was therefore felt that both children had to be taken into care. Accordingly a Place of Safety Order was implemented and the children placed in Beech Avenue Children's Home. Donald came across to the Social Workers as feeling very responsible for events and loyal to his mother, he stated it was his fault because he had given his mother the wrong knife.

C. Bell S.S.W. reported the matter to the Female and Child Unit and Duty Inspector Lindsay. Police are investigating and wish to interview Miss Stewart.

REPORT Should normally include sections on (a) Parents/Caretakers, (b) Marital/Other Relationships, (c) Social Circumstances, (d) Alleged Incident, (e) Vulnerability of Child, (f) Vulnerability of Other Children, (g) Resources Available and (h) Action Taken.

S. McDonald reported the matter to C. Bell S.S.W.
S. McDonald (S.W.) and J. Belshaw (S.W.) were designated investigating social workers by C. Bell (S.S.W.)

Miss Stewart is a single parent with the sole care of Donald and Charles. They have had some access with father in Linwood but this has ceased because Donald did not like Mr. Stewart's new girlfriend.

Miss Stewart states that she has a boyfriend but that he does not live with her. Donald states that this relationship is a stormy one and that his mother is very unsettled because of this. Miss Stewart claims that she is happy with her relationship. The family stay in a 3 apt., local authority house which is normally clean and well maintained. Miss Stewart showed us Donald's bedroom which was very untidy, the bed was broken and no sign of bed covers. Miss Stewart told us that she is fed up clearing up after Donald and has now left him to tidy his room himself.

Charles normally shares a bed with his mother. He attends Gallowhill Primary. Donald attends Hunterhill Tutorial.

S.W. has encouraged Miss Stewart to stop shouting so much at Donald and to give him more warmth, encouragement and understanding. She stated that she had tried to do this but because Donald had not responded immediately she did not feel that this was working.

Miss Stewart has consistantly failed to show any understanding of the emotional needs of her children. She herself, presents as being emotionally deprived.

Physical care of the children has usually been good, although she has to be reminded from time to time of the needs of her children.

Donald has been attending Sacred Heart Youth Club for over a year and this has been used by Social Workers as a point of contact. Over the last 2 months, Donald's behaviour has improved at this group and at school and he has claimed that his relationship with his mother has improved. School has also improved.

When interviewed , Miss Stewart claimed that on Monday 23rd October, she had been out as usual and returned home at around 4 p.m. She had consumed four pints of lager. Donald and Charles were in the house.

She asked Donald to bring her a knife to cut meat for the tea and he brought a blunt knife. When he finally brought a sharp knife, he shouted at his mother, she lost her temper and slashed at his legs with the knife. Donald was wearing shorts at the time as he was getting changed. He sustained several cuts on his legs. Miss Stewart did not take him to a Doctor at the time as she claimed that the cuts did not need medical attention. (See findings of medical examination). She did not know Charles' exact whereabouts at the time of the incident.

Miss Stewart stated that she was at the end of her tether with Donald. She claimed that he shouted constantly at her, came home late from school and the Sacred Heart Group and generally did as he pleased.

She claimed that she often arrived home after the boys came in from school but that she always made sure that Donald would take care of Charles. When it was pointed out to her that this was not acceptable, in view of Donald's age she stated that she was satisfied that Donald could cope with this responsibility.

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Full Details of Referral: -

Charles and Donald are both on supervision to S McDonald (Social Worker). S McDonald saw Donald at Sacred Heart Youth Club when he stated that his mum would like to see me as soon as possible. I arranged to visit the next morning.

At this visit Miss Stewart stated that she was at the end of her tether with Donald - his behaviour was getting worse, shouting at her and running away etc. She then informed SW that she had 'set about' Donald with a knife on Monday evening and had cut him.

Family Doctor
Name: Dr Hamilton

Address: St James Street

Tel. No.:

Known Medical History of Child:

Donald suffered from asthma.

Previous Contact with the Social Work Department (+ Dates):

Donald and Charles on Supervision Orders since May 1987 - this was because of offending on Donald's part and it was apparent there were problems in the home with Donald and Charles' behaviour. Focus of work has been with Donald's behaviour using a befriender and groupwork. Major problem has been with Misss Stewart's attitude towards the boys; her inconsistent handling and lack of responsibility.

Previous Registration(s) (Date and Category):

July 1989 - CA1 done by standby. Donald claimed mother hit him with belt. This was checked out and found to be an exaggeration!

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# Initial Report Form

## Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

Surname: STEWART

Forename(s): DONALD & CHARLES

D.O.B.: 12.09.77
17.01.83.

Relationship: Brothers

Other Children in household:

Other Adults:

Home Address:

8 Marjory Drive
GALLOWHILL
Paisley

Present Address:

Beech Avenue Children's Home
Beech Avenue
PAISLEY

Previous Address:

c/o 44 Love Street
PAISLEY

Mother/~~Female Caretaker~~ (Specify):

Surname: STEWART

Forename(s): LORRAINE

D.O.B. (Age): 6.03.61.

Previous Address:

c/o 44 Love Street
Paisley

Father/Male Caretaker (Specify):

Surname: Father separated from family

Forename(s): Patrick

D.O.B. (Age):

Previous Address:

3 Cowal Drive
Linwwod

Referred By: SW while on visit to client

To: Area Team: X Standby:

Date: 27.10.89.

Time/Ref. No.:

Check to Register: Not checked

Date: Time:

~~Known case~~ Positive: Negative:

Alert to Reg. Date: Time:

Case Conference: Yes/No

Date:

Time:

Referred to Police: Yes/~~No~~

Referred to Police 27.10.89.

Referred to Reporter: Yes/No

Area Team: Paisley Area Team, Abbey Hosue, 8 Seedhill Road, Paisley

Area Manager: Mr W Eadie

Tel. No.: 842 5151

Home Tel. No.:

**Social Work Department**
Director: F E Edwards RD BA DipASS FISW FBIM

Abbey House
8 Seedhill Road
PAISLEY
PA1 1JS

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Date 17 November 1989

Sheena McDonald

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: CASE CONFERENCE MINUTE DATED ON DONALD AND CHARLES STEWART**

Following the receipt of the above Minute, Dr Haran would like the enclosed amendment noted. Please attach the amendment to your copy of the Minute.

Yours faithfully

Mr W Eadie
Area Manager

ARGYLL AND CLYDE HEALTH BOARD — RENFREW GENERAL AND COMMUNITY UNIT

**The Russell Institute**

Causeyside Street
Paisley
PA1 1UR
Tel: 041-889 8701/4

10.11.89

Mr. W. Eadie,
Area Manager,
Abbey House,
8 Seedhill Road,
Paisley PA1 1JS.

W. Eadie

Dear Mr. Eadie,

Donald Stewart, d.o.b. 12.9.77,
5 Marjory Drive, Paisley.

Thank you for the copy of the minutes of the meeting concerning the Stewart children, together with a copy of Miss McDonald's initial report.

At page 4 of the conference minutes, at lines 2 and 3, I would like deleted "quite" and "wide", thus the phrase should read "on part of one of the wounds there seemed a gap". I cannot of course be 100% sure of what I had said, but it was not intended to emphasise a gaping wound. This is perhaps underlined in Miss McDonald's report on page 3, at the 4th paragraph, where she says one of the cuts may have benefited from a stitch, emphasising the word may.

Yours sincerely,

Quoting me.

W. Haran,
Senior Clinical Medical Officer.

PETITION for Removal to a **Place of Safety** of children in terms of the Children Act, 1975 Section 83(b) +.

Date 24th Oct 1989

AT Paisley

THE PETITION OF Sheena McDonald (Designation) social worker

HUMBLY SHOWETH THAT:

| Name | Address | D. of B. |
|---|---|---|
| Donald Stewart | 5 Mayory Drive Paisley | 12.9.77 |
| Charles Stewart | 5 Mayory Drive Paisley | 17.1.83 |

*(each) being a child + as defined by the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968

(a) in respect of whom any of the offences mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975 has been or is believed to have been committed; or

(b) who is a member of the same household as a child in respect of whom such an offence has been or is believed to have been committed; or

(c) who is, or is likely to become, a member of the same household as a person who has committed or is believed to have committed such an offence; or

(d) in respect of whom an offence under Section 21(1) of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937 has been or is believed to have been committed; or

(e) who is likely to be caused unnecessary suffering or serious impairment of health because there is, or is believed to be, in respect of the child a lack of parental care.

the petitioner therefore craves warrant to remove said child(ren) to a Place of Safety as defined by the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

According to Justice

Sheena McDonald

Petitioner (State Designation)

Date 24th Oct 1989

AT 33 CRAGS ROAD PAISLEY

in the presence of the Petitioner, I EILEEN K. HAUGHNEY J.P.

one of her Majesty's Sheriff's/Magistrates/Justices of the Peace, having considered the foregoing petition GRANT WARRANT to remove the said child(ren) to a Place of Safety as craved.

Eileen K Haughney J.P.

~~Sheriff~~/Magistrate/Justice of the Peace

+ See Reverse

* Delete as appropriate

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**Form 12**

*Instrument continuing supervision requirement.*
*Rule 24*

## STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**
**THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986**

At[1] The Childrens Hearing Rooms
10 Glen Lane
Paisley, 18 December, 1989

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region, considering that the supervision requirement attached and docqueted with reference hereto is due to expire on[2]

14 May, 1990

and being satisfied that it is proper so to do, hereby continue the said requirement in force.

Charles Stewart
5 Maryory Drive
Paisley

Isabel MARR
.....
*Chairman of the children's hearing*

1 Place and date

2 Insert date being one year from the making or last review of the requirement whichever last occurred

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
RENFREW DISTRICT AREA HOUSE
8 SEEDHILL ROAD PAISLEY
22 DEC 1989
REF'D TO S M Donald
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*Instrument continuing supervision requirement.*
*Rule 24*

**Form 12**

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**
**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**
**THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986**

At[1] The Children's Hearing Rooms
12 Glen, Lane
Paisley, 8 December, 1989

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region, considering that the supervision requirement attached and docqueted with reference hereto is due to expire on[2]

14 May 1990

and being satisfied that it is proper so to do, hereby continue the said requirement in force.

Donald Stewart.
5 Margery Drive
Paisley

Isabel MARR
.....
*Chairman of the children's hearing*

1 Place and date
2 Insert date being one year from the making or last review of the requirement whichever last occurred

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RENFREW DISTRICT

D.A.S.U. REFERRAL FORM

This form should be completed on all children who have been received into care or for whom reception into care may be a consideration and forwarded to D.A.S.U. by noon on Friday prior to case discussion on Tuesday a.m.

SECTION A: FACTUAL DETAILS

| Name | D.O.B | Religion |
|---|---|---|
| Donald Stewart | 12.09.77. | |
| Charles Stewart | 17.01.83. | |

Home Address

5 Marjory Drive
Paisley

Previous periods in care

1.04.68-8.04.86 due to physical illness of mother
28.11.77-7.04.78 - Donald in foster care mother's lack of accommodation

Present Address

5 Marjory Drive

Child's current Legal Status

44(1)(a)

Date of R.I.C.

27.10.89-1.11.89.

Significant Medical Details including G.P.

GP Dr Hamilton - St James Street. Donald also known Dr Marian, Russell Inst. Donald suffers from asthma.

School attended prior to R.I.C.

Donald - Hunterhill Tutorial
Charles - Gallowhill Primary

Proposed School

No change.

Details of parents/carers

Lorraine Stewart
5 Marjory Drive
Paisley

Father - Patrick ? - Boys have had some contact but do not like fathers new girlfriend.
3 Cowal Drive
Linwood

| Siblings | D.O.B. | Previous periods in care |
|---|---|---|

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Residential Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review FORM C

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12-9-77

Date of Review Meeting: 15-11-90

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

1. Physical development since admission/last review (include details of recent accidents or illness):

Donald is developing normally for a boy of his age and appears to be in good health.

2. Emotional Development:

Donald is finding it incraasingly difficult to cope with the rejection of his mother and in recent weeks his natural father has not visited him which has seemed to Donald a further rejection from family.

3. Behavioural Problems:

His behaviour over the past few months has deteriorated greatly which seems to coincide with family rejection.

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# Form C continued (2 of 3)

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4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Donalds access visits to mother have been non existant due to mothers' reluctance to make herself available to Donald.
For some months Donalds' natural father (Harry Burgess) had weekly access within Beech Avenue while awaiting a police check. Since the police check came through, we have not seen or heard from Mr Burgess.
Donalds paternal grandmother has shown an ongoing interest in Donald and he visits her every Saturday.

5. Contact with siblings:

He has not seen his brother Charles for some time.

6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

Margaret Bates guidance teacher, Merksworth.
Irene Edwards support teacher Merksworth.
Lyn Townsend child psychologist

7. School attended: Merksworth Secondary.

School report attached/not available

Educational observations:

8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home: swimming, keyboard, t.v.

(b) Outwith home: enjoys tinkering with music centres.

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# Form C continued (3 of 3)

C

9. Relationships:

(a) Within home: Donald relates fairly well with other residents.

(b) Outwith home: No known friends.

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

Donalds' inability to attend school.
The majority of Donalds' problems appear to be family based and it is imperative that contact is maintained at some level with some members of his natural family.

11. Short, medium and long term objectives for child:

To be discussed at review.

It would seem that councelling in some form would be in Donalds' best interests.

12. Remarks:

Over the months that Donald has been in Beech Avenue it has become more apparant through his explicit language that his knowledge far exceeds his years. It is generally felt by the staff group, and the department as a whole that if we do not respond to this young mans problems in a positive way he could end up in the list "D" system by default.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

Signed: .....

Designation: .....

Date: 12.11.91

Strathclyde Regional Council

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM F

Date of Review: 15.11.90

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 8.3.90

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:

a. Family - Miss Stewart seems unable to accept that Donald's behaviour comes from her treatment of him.

b. Donald's persistant truancy is now cause for concern.

Summary of Discussion:

Chairperson asked Mrs Hill, Donald's Houseparent, how he was getting on at Beech Avenue. Ms I l stated Donald's behaviour has deteriorated, he's not attending school and his language is appalling. Ms Hill feels that it is the family situation which is behind it. He is seeing his father informally, but not at the home, he has also seen his mum on a couple of occasions on the street. He is receiving mixed messages from his mum and this is confusing him. He also sees his grandmother every Saturday.

Ms King said that Donald cannot cope with the rejection from his mother but the main concern is school. He goes out in the morning and spends his dinner money on amusement machines. Ms McDonald said that Mrs Stewart said there is no possibility of Donald going home, she is not willing to make contact or able to accept her responsibilities re : Donald. Contact with his father is purely informal, he sees him at his Gran's every fortnight.

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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS cont'd...

Contact with his parents is very negative, he sees the situation as being very complicated and is finding it really difficult to cope with the pressures.

Mrs Bates said he had been making progress at school until October then truancy increased. Donald's behaviour when at school, is disruptive, he is very cheeky and has been caught smoking in the playground and in the school building.

Ms Townsend said that Donald was clearly not coping, the key is that mum won't change. On the one hand, bond is strong with his mum but there is no trust in the relationship.

Derek Bibby stated that it is unlikely that Donald is going home and he needs to accept this. If he was going to attend school he could stay at Beech Avenue and build on positives, perhaps Social Education Unit would be best.

Ms McDonald said that Donald wants to make things work but does not know how, he feels secure enough in Beech Avenue and it is vital that he stays in the area, so he can have contact with his parents.

Chairperson asked Donald how he would feel about going to the Social Education Unit.

Donald said that he was not going to the Social Education Unit but would go and have a look at it.

Ms McDonald to phone Liz Edwards at the Social Education Unit to discuss Donald's case and find out how long it would be before there is a vacancy.

Lyn Townsend asked what would happen to Donald's school work in the meantime, he cannot be allowed to do his own thing, perhaps work can be set for him to do at home.

Memorandum

From

To Mrs. [illegible]

Subject Re: Donald Stewart

Strathclyde Regional Council

A nuclear-free zone authority

An equal opportunities authority

Tel 041 [illegible] Ext

Our ref

Your ref

Date

Date of Birth 12-9-77

Please invite the following people to the above-named child's review on: MON 7-1-91

10 am at Beech Ave Tel. No.

| | Name | Address | Tel. No. | Designation |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | FC | | | |
| 2. | SMcD | | | |
| [illegible] 3. | Child care | | | |
| [illegible] 4. | Beech Ave | 8897375 | | |
| [illegible] 5. | Mother | 5 Mangary Dr. | | |
| letter 6. | ~~Marksworth Mgt Bats~~ | ~~8875141~~ | | |
| letter 7. | Liz Edwards | Soc Ed. | 8893789 | |
| letter 8. | Lynn Yousard | Psych | 8877821 | |
| 9. | | | | |
| 10. | | | | |

The child and parents must be invited to the review. If this is not possible detail reasons in writing to the Area Officer plus completed review forms by:

ML.

Sheena McDonald

**REVIEW PROCEDURE**

# Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM **F**

**Date of Review:** 7/1/91

**Name of Home:** Beech Avenue

**Name of Child:** Donald Stewart **Field Case Paper No:**

**Date of Admission:** 8/3/90

**Date of Birth:** 12/9/77.

**Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:**

**Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:**

Miss Stewart makes no effort to see Donald at Beech Avenue and Donald finds this difficult to cope with.

Donald's behaviour continues to cause concern at Beech Avenue. He continues to be involved in minor incidents, none of which seem very serious in themselves but may eventually pose a management problem.

**Summary of Discussion:**

Frank Clarke opened the Review and asked Sheena McDonald, Social Worker for her report.

**Sheena McDonald**

Sheena stated she was awaiting the outcome of the DRAM on Friday 11/1/91. Liz Edwards has not been able to see Donald but there are no places available at the Social Education Unit until February. Liz Edwards asked that the possibility of Donald attending an Intervention Group be discussed in the meantime. This group runs 3 mornings per week. Sheena said that with regards to mainstream schooling Donald was receiving work from Merksworth but the scheme was not satisfactory. On behaviour Sheena McDonald felt that Donald was good on a one to one basis but deteriorated at other levels. There has been little formal contact with mum. Donald stayed with mum over Xmas but found the visit disappointing.

**Lyn Townsend**

Lyn Townsend stated that the Intervention Group had just started to offer education in the short-term and there may be a problem gaining a place.

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**Discussion**

Sheena stated that Chris Warbrick was aware of the urgency of Donald's problems but the fact that there is a shortage of places for Donald poses the question of short-term placement. Lyn Townsend stated that Liz Edwards viewed Donald's case as a priority.

Frank Clarke questioned as to the reports on Donald's behaviour, he stated that he felt Donald's behaviour was bad and it was an issue for Donald to accept responsibility for. Frank Clarke stated he was aware of the let-down Donald had had and the present time was depressing for Donald. Pearl Hill felt that Donald could modify his behaviour. Donny Rankine said Donald feels adults have let him down and this leads to his bizarre behaviour.

Frank Clarke felt that DRAM had to make the decision first and then look for alternatives if DRAM say no. Intervention Group could be an option if Beech Avenue can no longer sustain Donald. Lyn Townsend put forward the idea that residential school place not be looked upon as negative. Day education was not seen as appropriate. Balrossie was mentioned as a residential placement. Sheena McDonald asked if alternative plans could be made at this Review. Frank Clarke felt that DRAM decision be made first. Frank Clarke felt that an alternative residential placement such as Balrossie was likely to create difficulties for Donald should alternative weekend/holiday arrangements be required. It was decided to adjourn until after the DRAM on Friday.

Lyn Townsend to make application on Donald's behalf to Intervention Group.

Memorandum

From Mrs Millars? see early SMcD.

Strathclyde Regional Council

A nuclear-free zone authority
An equal opportunities authority
Tel 041 Ext
Our ref
Your ref
Date

To Mrs.

Subject Re: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth 12.9.77

Please invite the following people to the above-named child's review on: Tues. 22-1-91 4 ~~3~~ pm at Beech Ave Tel. No.

| | Name | Address | Tel. No. | Designation |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | FC | | | |
| 2. | SMcD ✓ | | | |
| 3. | Child care | | | |
| 4. | Beech Ave | 889-7375 | | |
| 5. | Mother | 5 Marjorie Drive | | |
| 6. | ~~[illegible]~~ | ~~887-5141~~ | | |
| 7. | Liz Edwards | - Social Ed. Unit + fans | | |
| 8. | Lynn Townsend | - Psych. Services. | | |
| 9. | | | | |
| 10. | | | | |

The child and parents must be invited to the review. If this is not possible detail reasons in writing to the Area Officer plus completed review forms by:

**REVIEW PROCEDURE**

# Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM F

Date of Review: 22.01.91

Name of Home: Beech Avenue Children's Home

Name of Child: Donald Stewart Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 08.03.90

Date of Birth: 12.09.77

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:

Summary of Discussion:

Since the last review Donald has been admitted to hospital on 15.01.91. The consultant decided he did not require treatment and he was allowed home. Pearl Howe (Donald's keyworker) stated that Donald's behaviour has remained much the same.

Sheena McDonald (Social Worker) gave an up-date on the DRAM meeting she attended. It was felt that Balrossie School would be able to offer Donald the most. They were also keen for Donald to remain at Beech Avenue.

Donald will start attending an Intervention Group based at the Social Education Unit on Thursday. Miss McDonald suggested to Donald that they could visit Balrossie School to let him see it and talk to the staff there.

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ERT FORM
rial No.
4395
Date Received
3/1/89
Time 16.20
W15 AD

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**
**SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

# STAND-BY SERVICE

From
Social Worker SHEENA McDonald
Area Team Abbey House
Address Paisley
R44
Telephone
Division

Client's Surname STEWART
Forenames DONALD & CHARLES
Present Address 5 MARJORY Dr GALLOWHILL PAISLEY
Age/DOB 12 6
Previous Address
Telephone

Children
Name
Age Both boys on CAR, + 44 (1/A)
Sex

**KEY PERSONS INVOLVED,** e.g. G.P.s, Caring Relatives, Other Agencies, Etc.

| Name | Relationship/Occupation | Address | Telephone |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

**DETAILS OF PROBLEM AND ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTIES** Above boys on CAR, after mother went for Donald with a knife. Donald is a difficult and demand boy who drives his mother mad. SW got a call from mother today to say she was at the end of her tether. SW visited but no reply.
Note left with RSS number on it. advising she phone if she feels under stress. she responds well to input

**CARING ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY MADE BY AREA TEAM INCLUDING THOSE IN ANTICIPATION OF EMERGENCY**
(1) Visit made - no reply
(2) RSS number left.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
RENFREW DISTRICT: ABBEY HOUSE
8 SEEDHILL ROAD, PAISLEY
9 JAN 1990
REF'D TO S. McDonald
ACKG'D
ANSWD

**ACTION REQUESTED OF STAND-BY STAFF IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY**
If contacted by Mrs Stewart saying she cannot cope
Visit & assess. reassure Mrs Stewart. and award
R/C. children in care for 1 wk recently

ALERT FORM

Serial No. 33114

Date Received 27-10-89

Time 17-35

W15 HS

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

# STAND-BY SERVICE

From Social Worker Christine Bell

Area Team Paisley

Address

R44

Telephone

Division

Client's Surname Stewart

Forenames Donald & Charles

Present Address 5 Marjory St Paisley

Age/DOB 12/9/77 14/1/83

Previous Address

Telephone

Children
- Name
- Age
- Sex

PERSONS INVOLVED, e.g. G.P.s, Caring Relatives, Other Agencies, Etc.

| Name | Relationship/Occupation | Address | Telephone |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lorraine Stewart | Mother | A/A | |
| Sheena McDonald | SW | | |

DETAILS OF PROBLEM AND ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTIES AT have been investigating N.A.I. — On Monday Mother set about Donald with bread knife — The boy has been medicalled — no [illegible] injuries — cuts & bruises. Today A.T. visited [illegible] home & discovered Charles unattended — Gas

CARING ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY MADE BY AREA TEAM INCLUDING THOSE IN ANTICIPATION OF EMERGENCY

Fire on — a note was left telling Donald to take Charles & go to Amits house. Mother maybe out drinking — this said to be normal on Fridays. Therefore A.T. decided to R.I.C. children P.O.S.O. a place arranged in Beech Ave

ACTION REQUESTED OF STAND-BY STAFF IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY

Should Mother phone R.S.S. visit if possible to assess whether access should be arranged over weekend otherwise advise contact AT Monday

29 OCT '89 22:07 FROM SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT TO RENFREW HQ PAGE.002

2. Subsequent **INVESTIGATION** and Action by Standby Service.

Read Alert 33114.

Telephone call to Beech Avenue. Spoke with Vera King who said the boys had settled reasonably well. Donald who was initially reluctant seems to be pleased with the childrens home and the respite he gets from his mother. Charles is more agitated and Donald has suggested to Vera that he might run as his aunts stay nearby. Vera says that Donald is very good with Charles in a protective way.

Neither of the boys has asked for their mother.

The cuts on Donald's legs are quite bad, according to Vera; she read the medical report to me and the injuries are said to be consistent with an attack by a bread knife.

The police are coming to take statements from the boys today, so RSS agreed that access would be more convenient tomorrow.

Telephone call to Mrs Stewart - went over with her the reasons for the RIC and the procedure with a POSO. Explained that the Police would be taking statements from the boys today and that she should phone RSS tomorrow when it would be decided, if investigations are completed, that she have access to the boys.

Mrs Stewart was upset but not angry throughout the contact. She stated that she had a Doctor's appointment at 16.00 hrs yesterday which she could not take the boys along to (a smear test). She claims she told Donald about this in the morning and told him to take Charles to their aunt's, Mrs McMillan, 104 Maryhill Road, Gallowhill, Paisley, Tel. 887-9117. She said she phoned RSS around 18.30 hrs when her Social Worker did not arrive as arranged at 18.00 hrs and was told she would have to contact Area Team on Monday morning - no trace of call.

SUMMARY

Mrs Stewart's children RIC'd yesterday to Beech Avenue by Area Team. Telephone call from Mrs Stewart today re access. Telephone call to Beech Avenue - children settled - police have still to take statements from them today and so access would be more convenient tomorrow. Explained this to Mrs Stewart who will phone back later.

LESLEY A HOUSTON - SW

3. Areas which require further **INVESTIGATION/ASSESSMENT/FOLLOW-UP** by Area Team.

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

Signed LESLEY A HOUSTON Seen by C S McCOURT

Social Worker Senior Social Worker

PAGE.004 TO RENFREW HQ FROM SOCIAL WORK STANDBY

Serial No.
055637

# STAND-BY SERVICE

28.10.09

12.10 hrs

Telephone call from Mrs Stewart re possibility of access today. Telephoned Beech Avenue who suggested access visit today might not be appropriate as they are very short of staff and there are lots of children at home today. Boys are very settled and staff would be concerned that if visit raised any unsettled behaviour, they would not be able to contain this.

Discussed above with Mrs Stewart, who agreed access could wait until Monday. She will contact Area Team on Monday morning.

- SIGNATURE - SW

**REVIEW PROCEDURE**

# School Report

CONFIDENTIAL

E (2)

**Name of Child:** dDonald Stewart

**Date of Birth:** 12. 9.77

**School attended:** Merksworth H.S.

**Date of Commencement at School:** 20 AUGUST, 1990

**Class:** 1K1

**Education Performance:**

DONALD HAD ~~BEEN~~ MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN MOST OF HIS SUBJECTS UP UNTIL THE OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY

UNCOOPERATIVE IN P.E. REGULARLY FAILED TO BRING P.E. KIT IN AN ATTEMPT TO BE EXCUSED FROM TAKING PART. AS HIS TRUANCY BEGAN TO INCREASE IN EARLY OCTOBER, SO DID HIS EFFORT + APPLICATION IN SCHOOL DECREASE

**Relationships with Peers:**

SATISFACTORY - BUT RARELY HERE

**Relationships with Staff:**

ON THE WHOLE SATISFACTORY BUT CHEEKY WHEN REPRIMANDED.

**Areas of Difficulty, Concern or Special Treatment:**

DONALD HAS NOT ATTENDED SCHOOL SINCE 22ND OCTOBER 1991 (after school October week).

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**REVIEW PROCEDURE**

## School Report continued (Confidential)

**E** (2)

**Any recommendations which would assist staff of the Social Work Department to assist the child while in school:**

**Further comments or information to be considered by the Review Panel:**

DONALD CAME ON SUPPORT ON 20TH September 1990.
After a promising start, lasting 2 weeks, Donald's attendance and time-keeping went into a decline.
He seemed unconcerned about his truancy.
His behaviour in class became unsettled and, at times, disruptive.
He seemed to have lost interest.
Could not cope with the Secondary School routine.

**Name of Staff Member who would be interested and able to attend all or part of the Review:**

Miss Margaret Bates - P.T. Guidance on behalf of Mrs Irene Edwards. - Support Teacher.

**Signed:** MMBates

**Designation:** P.T.G.

**Date:** 19/11/90

Strathclyde Regional Council

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 8.3.90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1) Home based tuition to be sought for Donald. He will no longer attend mainstream education while we look for an alternative.
2) Refer to D.R.A.M
3) Next Review Monday 7th January

1) Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Section 44 (1) (b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: L Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care: Charles at home with mum.

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Miss Stewart continues to state that she cannot cope with Donald's behaviour at home and makes little effort to visit him at Beech Avenue. Donald has visited his mother on 4 occasions over the christmas period and this seems to have gone well.



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# Form D continued (2 of 3)

D

4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

11/12/90 - Home Visit. Discussed future plans for Donald as discussed at Review.
20/12/90 - Home Visit with Donald. This went well and Donald stayed at home for a while to see Charles.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

22/11/90 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue to talk about Social Education Unit.
29/11/90 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue.
20/12/90 - Visit with Donald to his mother.
6/12/90 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Miss Stewart makes no effort to see Donald at Beech Avenue and Donald finds this difficult to cope with.

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

Donald's behaviour continues to cause concern at Beech Avenue. He continues to be involved in minor incidents, none of which seems very serious in themselves but will eventually pose a management problem.

7. Other agencies involved:

Lynn Townsend, Educational Psychologist.

Donald goest to visit Yonderton one day per week which he is not at school.

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

Donald needs an appropriate educational placement as quickly as possible.

It has also been noted by Beech Avenue staff that Donald responds better to one to one contact.



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# Form D continued (3 of 3)

D

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

D.R.A.M meets on Friday 11th January to consider a place at the Social Education Unit. If this is found not to be suitable an alternative will have to be sought quickly.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

Given DOnald's continued difficult behaviour, the Review may wish to discuss whether this is the best placement for him.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

F Clarke -- Senior Social Worker
S McDonald -- Social Worker

Signed: Shona McDonald

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 4th January 1993

Strathclyde Regional Council

**REVIEW PROCEDURE**

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM **D**

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVE.

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

DONALD'S NAME TO BE PUT FORWARD FOR SOCIAL EDUCATION UNIT AT D.R.A.M.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

SEC 44(1)(4)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: MISS L. STEWART 5 MARTSORY DRIVE PAISLEY

Siblings not in care: CHARLES STEWART
5 MARTSORY DRIVE PAISLEY

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

MISS STEWART CONTINUES TO STATE THAT SHE WILL NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN PLANNING DONALD'S FUTURE.

SHE SAW DONALD WHEN HE WAS IN HOSPITAL LAST WEEK

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## Form D continued (2 of 3)

4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

7. Other agencies involved:

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

# Form D continued (3 of 3)

D

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

1) DONALD IS TO BEGIN AT THE INTRODUCTION GROUP AT SOCIAL EDUCATION UNIT TWO MORNINGS PER WEEK.

2) ALTHOUGH A SOCIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT WAS AGREED AT D.R.A.M. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT A DAY PLACEMENT AT BARROSSIE BE MORE APPROPRIATE. AND APPLICATION BE MADE ACCORDINGLY.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

IN ORDER THAT DONALD COME TO TERMS WITH HIS MOTHER'S REJECTION, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT HE BE REFERRED TO FOUR-TOWER ADOLESCENT UNIT IN GLASGOW.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

F. CLARKE SSW

S. McDONALD SW

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: Senior Social Worker

Date: 22/1/91

Strathclyde Regional Council

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**FROM:** Chris Warbrick
Assistant District Officer (Child Care)

Strathclyde
SCOTLAND

A nuclear-free zone authority

An equal opportunities authority

**TEL** 041 842 5143

**FAX** 041 842 5144

**TO:** Distribution as below

**OUR REF** CW/SS

**YOUR REF**

**DATE** 4 January 1991

**SUBJECT: D.R.A.M.**

There will be a District Resource Allocation Meeting on Friday 11 January 1991 in Room 32 of the District Social Work Office.

The undernoted children will be discussed and social workers are asked to attend at the time shown.

9.15 a.m. DONALD STEWART (12.9.77) S.W. Sheena McDonald

[redacted]

Chris Warbrick
Assistant District Officer (Child Care)

**Distribution List**

Liz Edwards, Senior I.T. Officer, Social Education Unit
Allison Kellett, Senior I.T. Officer, West Yonderton
Winnie McCarthy, Newfield
Joe Brown, Educational Psychologist
Social Workers

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL DEPARTMENT
SMD
RECEIVED -4 JAN 1991
PAISLEY AREA OFFICE

MINUTES OF DRAM

HELD ON 18 JANUARY 1991

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **PRESENT:** | **Chris Warbrick** | **A.D.O. (Child Care)** |
| | Liz Edwards | Unit Leader, Social Education |
| | Joe Brown, | Depute Principal Psychologist |
| | Dave Clark | Officer in Charge - Newfield Short Stay |
| | Dominic Gillen | Observer - Social Worker, Abbey House |
| | Sheena McDonald | Social Worker |
| | Frank Clark | Senior Social Worker |

APOLOGIES: Allison Kellett - sick

NAME OF CHILD: DONALD STEWART (12.9.77)

Donald has been in care in Beech Avenue Children's Home since March 1990 and the aim was stated eventually to be rehabilitation at home with his mother. The boy previously attended Hunterhill but it was felt that transfer to Merksworth would be worth trying. However he has not attended at that school since October 1990. Apparently his present behaviour at Beech Avenue is described as appalling and at a review just before Christmas it was decided that some form of action would need to be taken regarding schooling to help stabilise the situation. It was felt that a referral to Social Education Unit might be pertinent. Donald has stated he wants to stay in Beech Avenue and Sheena thought that the Social Education Unit placement would hopefully help him return to mainstream education.

Mother visits Donald infrequently and attempts so far to improve the relationship between the two of them has not worked out. At the previous review Lynn Townsend, Psychologist, had been involved and Joe Brown discovered that as far back as his placement at Gallowhill Primary, Donald had had psychological support. The DRAM meeting felt that though Social Education Unit would provide stability there would perhaps be need for total régimes such as Balrossie as a residential placement. Some discussion on the principles of this ensued and it was confirmed that Donald was to begin the Intervention Group at Queen Street during the week beginning 21 January.

Liz Edwards concluded by stating that she could offer a place at the Social Education Unit but not until March. In the meantime it was felt that perhaps a visit to Balrossie to let Donald see the set up in the classrooms there might be pertinent. This could be followed by a formal application for a day place at Balrossie. It is therefore recommended that Donald should begin the Intervention Group at the date stated before and that an application be made to Balrossie for a day placement there. However the option of Social Education Unit on a full time basis will still remain on the Agenda.

COUNCIL
SHO
24 JAN 1991

Strathclyde Regional Council

# Report for Review Case Conference

## Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

1. Children's Names: DONALD STEWART, CHARLES STEWART

2. D.O.B.: 12.9.77, 17.1.83

3. Children's Addresses: Donald at- Beech Avenue, Childrens' Home, Paisley

4. Home addresses if different: 5 Marjory Drive, Gallowhill, Paisley

5. Parents/Caretakers name and address: Lorraine Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

6. Date of Initial Case Conference: 31.10.89

7. Category of Registration: Donald - Physical Abuse; Charles - At Risk Physical Abus

8. Date of current and previous Review Case Conferences: 1st review - 11.5.90

9. Recommendations of Last Review

Both boys to be placed on Register.
Recommendation to Childrens' Panel that children would return home.
Donald to continue to attend Sacred Heart and any other groupwork that was felt appropriate.

10. Legal position of child: Section 44(1)(a) - Donald Section 15

11. Significant changes since last Case Conference

(a) Child

Donald again in care (DOA: 8.3.90) due to breakdown in relationship between him and his mother.

(b) Family

Miss Stewart now more willing to work to Donald returning home. Has recently stated that she is willing to reduce her drinking in order to have increased access to Donald. Donald has not been abused again.

(c) Social Work Department Involvement

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Gallowhill Primary
Hunterhill Tutorial
Sacred Heart Youth Club

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Donald's second RIC is a major concern and his reluctance to return home. This was discussed at a Child Care Review and commitment to rehabilitation sought from Donald and his mother.

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# Initial Report Form

## Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

Surname: STEWART

| Forename(s): | D.O.B.: | Relationship: |
|---|---|---|
| DONALD & CHARLES | 12.09.77<br>17.01.83. | Brothers |
| Other Children in household: | | |
| Other Adults: | | |

| Home Address: | Present Address: | Previous Address: |
|---|---|---|
| 5 Marjory Drive<br>GALLOWHILL<br>Paisley | Beech Avenue Children's Home<br>Beech Avenue<br>PAISLEY | c/o 44 Love Street<br>PAISLEY |

Mother/~~Female Caretaker~~ (Specify):

Surname: STEWART

| Forename(s): | D.O.B. (Age): |
|---|---|
| LORRAINE | 6.03.61. |

Previous Address:

c/o 44 Love Street
Paisley

Father/Male Caretaker (Specify):

Surname: Father separated from family

| Forename(s): | D.O.B. (Age): |
|---|---|
| Patrick | |

Previous Address:

3 Cowal Drive
Linwwod

Referred By: SW while on visit to client To: Area Team: X Date: 27.10.89.

Standby: Time/Ref. No.:

Check to Register: Date: ~~Known case~~ Positive: Alert to Reg. Date:

Not checked Time: Negative: Time:

Case Conference: Yes/~~No~~ Date: 31/10/89 Time: 9am

Referred to Police: Yes/~~No~~ Referred to Police 27.10.89.

Referred to Reporter: Yes/No

Area Team: Paisley Area Team, Abbey Hosue, 8 Seedhill Road, Paisley Area Manager: Mr W Eadie

Tel. No.: 842 5151 Home Tel. No.:

Full Details of Referral:

Charles and Donald are both on supervision to S McDonald (Social Worker). S McDonald saw Donald at Sacred Heart Youth Club when he stated that his mum would like to see me as soon as possible. I arranged to visit the next morning.

At this visit Miss Stewart stated that she was at the end of her tether with Donald - his behaviour was getting worse, shouting at her and running away etc. She then informed SW that she had 'set about' Donald with a knife on Monday evening and had cut him..

Family Doctor
Name: Dr Hamilton

Address: St James Street

Tel. No.: 889 5505

Known Medical History of Child:

Donald suffered from asthma.

Previous Contact with the Social Work Department (+ Dates):

Donald and Charles on Supervision Orders since May 1987 - this was because of offending on Donald's part and it was apparent there were problems in the home with Donald and Charles' behaviour. Focus of work has been with Donald's behaviour using a befriender and groupwork. Major problem has been with Misss Stewart's attitude towards the boys; her inconsistent handling and lack of responsibility.

Previous Registration(s) (Date and Category):

July 1989 - CA1 done by standby. Donald claimed mother hit him with belt. This was checked out and found to be an exaggeration!

REPORT Should normally include sections on (a) Parents/Caretakers, (b) Marital/Other Relationships, (c) Social Circumstances, (d) Alleged Incident, (e) Vulnerability of Child, (f) Vulnerability of Other Children, (g) Resources Available and (h) Action Taken.

S. McDonald reported the matter to C. Bell S.S.W.
S. McDonald (S.W.) and J. Belshaw (S.W.) were designated investigating social workers by C. Bell (S.S.W.)

Miss Stewart is a single parent with the sole care of Donald and Charles. They have had some access with father in Linwood but this has ceased because Donald did not like Mr. Stewart's new girlfriend.

Miss Stewart states that she has a boyfriend but that he does not live with her. Donald states that this relationship is a stormy one and that his mother is very unsettled because of this. Miss Stewart claims that she is happy with her relationship. The family stay in a 3 apt., local authority house which is normally clean and well maintained. Miss Stewart showed us Donald's bedroom which was very untidy, the bed was broken and no sign of bed covers. Miss Stewart told us that she is fed up clearing up after Donald and has now left him to tidy his room himself.

Charles normally shares a bed with his mother. He attends Gallowhill Primary. Donald attends Hunterhill Tutorial.

S.W. has encouraged Miss Stewart to stop shouting so much at Donald and to give him more warmth, encouragement and understanding. She stated that she had tried to do this but because Donald had not responded immediately she did not feel that this was working.

Miss Stewart has consistantly failed to show any understanding of the emotional needs of her children. She herself, presents as being emotionally deprived.

Physical care of the children has usually been good, although she has to be reminded from time to time of the needs of her children.

Donald has been attending Sacred Heart Youth Club for over a year and this has been used by Social Workers as a point of contact. Over the last 2 months, Donald's behaviour has improved at this group and at school and he has claimed that his relationship with his mother has improved. School has also improved.

When interviewed , Miss Stewart claimed that on Monday 23rd October, she had been out as usual and returned home at around 4 p.m. She had consumed four pints of lager. Donald and Charles were in the house.

She asked Donald to bring her a knife to cut meat for the tea and he brought a blunt knife. When he finally brought a sharp knife, he shouted at his mother, she lost her temper and slashed at his legs with the knife. Donald was wearing shorts at the time as he was getting changed. He sustained several cuts on his legs. Miss Stewart did not take him to a Doctor at the time as she claimed that the cuts did not need medical attention. (See findings of medical examination). She did not know Charles' exact whereabouts at the time of the incident.

Miss Stewart stated that she was at the end of her tether with Donald. She claimed that he shouted constantly at her, came home late from school and the Sacred Heart Group and generally did as he pleased.

She claimed that she often arrived home after the boys came in from school but that she always made sure that Donald would take care of Charles. When it was pointed out to her that this was not acceptable, in view of Donald's age she stated that she was satisfied that Donald could cope with this responsibility.

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INTERVIEW WITH DONALD AT SCHOOL

Workers spoke to Mrs. McCusker (Head Teacher) who stated that Donald's behaviour had improved and that he had settled down in school. She was of the opinion that relationships were good at home.

Donald stated that on Monday his mum came home around 5 p.m. She was very upset because she had argued with Tam (her boyfriend). She asked Donald to bring her a knife; he could not find the sharp knife so brought her a blunt one. She became angry, so he went back to the kitchen and found the bread knife. When he brought this back, she went "berserk" and started to hit him with this knife. When she stopped, he ran from the room but heard her crying so returned. He helped her tend her foot which she had cut on a piece of broken plate, then made her a cup of tea, before tending his own cuts. He claimed that things had gone very well at home since that time.

Workers examined Donald's lower legs - he had 2 cuts on each leg. Donald claimed that they did not hurt and did not bleed much at the time. Workers discussed situation with C. Bell, S.S.W. and W. Eadie - Area Manager. It was felt the child should be medicalled and the matter reported to the Police as an assault had been committed.

Workers took Donald for a medical to Dr. Haran at the Russell Institute. As well as the two cuts on each leg below the knee, Donald had a longer cut on both thighs. Dr. Haran mentioned that one of the cuts on his lower leg may have benefitted from a stitch at the time, however they are healing well.

On returning to the house at 3.45 workers found the door on the latch and Charles in the house on his own. The television and gas fire were both on. There was a note from Miss Stewart to Donald telling him to take himself and Charles to Aunt Aggie's in Netherhill Road.

When the workers visited this address, it was found that the only person in the house was the 15 year old daughter of Aunt Aggie.

Workers returned with the boys to the office, spoke to C. Bell (S.S.W.) and W. Eadie (Area Manager) who decided that the children be admitted to care under a Place of Safety Order. Miss Stewart's whereabouts were unknown; although Donald stated she would be out drinking. Her attitude during the interview earlier in the day was most concerning, she had shown no remorse for her actions. In addition Donald had been assaulted by his mother with a knife. It was therefore felt that both children had to be taken into care. Accordingly a Place of Safety Order was implemented and the children placed in Beech Avenue Children's Home. Donald came across to the Social Workers as feeling very responsible for events and loyal to his mother, he stated it was his fault because he had given his mother the wrong knife.

C. Bell S.S.W. reported the matter to the Female and Child Unit and Duty Inspector Lindsay. Police are investigating and wish to interview Miss Stewart.

Action Taken:

1. Home Visit by S McDonald and J Belshaw.
2. Donald (12) interviewed at school.
3. Donald examined by Dr Haron - marks on leg consistent with mother's and child's story of incident with knife.
4. Further home visit by S McDonald and J Belshaw - mother not at home. Charles (6) in on his own with gas fire on.
5. Social Workers visited Aunt's house in effort to trace mother. No responsible adult present.
6. Children received into care under Place of Safety Order after discussion with Senior Social Worker and Area Manager. Both placed in Beech Avenue.
7. Matter reported to Police.

Social Worker ..... Sheena McDonald ..... Date 31/10/89

Senior Social Worker: ..... Date 31/10/89

To be completed by the Area Manager if not progressing to a Case Conference.

**Reasons:**

1.

2.

3.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

THIS FORM TO BE DESPATCHED IMMEDIATELY TO THE REGISTER, attention APOCC(CA)

16 MAY 1990
John Donald

HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE

Minutes of Review Meeting held on 8th May, 1990.

DONALD STEWART (Gallowhill)
(12. 9.77)

APRESENT: Mrs. M. McCusker, H.T., Hunterhill T.C.
Mrs. M. Ruxton, Class Teacher
Mrs. C. Perry, Auxiliary, Hunterhill T.C.
Miss S. McDonald, Social Work Dept.
Mrs. King, Beech Avenue Children's Home
Ms. Stewart

Attainments/Forecast

Maths

S.P.M.G. Stage 4
Shape - revision of co-ordinates, tiling and enlarging p.58-60
Fractions - addition/subtraction p.61-62
Decimals - x $\frac{1}{100}$ ÷ $\frac{1}{100}$ x 10 x 100 ÷ 10 ÷ 100 ) p.63-66
Practice in Basic Skills
Length - km, m, cm, mm p.46-47
perimeter, area p.48-50
scale measurement p.51-52

Language

Reading - Ginn Level 20, Book 3, 2 x week
Comprehension - Adapted from Ginn Reading Dev. Pack
Reading Workshop Copper Cards 1 -5
Reading Speedcards Magenta card 10
Ywllow cards 1 - 4
Practice in Basic Skills, Book 3
Adjectives p.8
Sentence making p.9
Alphabetical order p.10
Joining sentences p.11
Gender p.12
English Workbook 3 (Ginn)
Descriptive Writing p.39-40
Nouns - classification p.41-42
Joining Sentences p.43
Letter writing - layout p.45
Superspell, Book 4
aw/au; oi/oy; ui/uy; ei/ey p.7-13

Mrs.Ruxton stated that Donald's class work was fairly good. He understands maths and is quite capable in this subject.. His jotter is neat and tidy and he shows a good deal of pride in it. He is also capable in language although slightly less interested in/

in it and this is seen in his presentation.

His recent upsets at home have shown themselves in his classroom behaviour but have not affected his actual work. He can be quite moody and silly. Lately he has teamed up with another boy and the combination of the two is not at all good.

It had been agreed that Donald should return to mainstream in August, 1990 and it was thought that Merksworth High School was the most suitable school. Ms. Stewart was asked to request a placement in Merksworth as Donald is outwith the school area. In the meantime Donald will be given the oppotunity to join a P.7 class in Gallowhill Primary for a few days.

Since moving to Beech Avenue Children's Home Donald has become cocksure of himself and can be quite arrogant. He receives more pocket money and more clothes than he normally would and comes in with various items which he tells others he has stolen. He recently had a deodorant spray in school which, it was reported, he was sniffing. Mrs. McCusker stated that Donald was a great manipulator and was very happy at being in Beech Avenue and was not keen to return to his mother.

Mrs. King said that she saw Donald much the same as Hunterhill saw him. He had had a few hiccups , on one occasion being drunk. It was hoped this escapade and the sniffing were isolated incidents. Ms. Stewart was asked to be very vigilant when Donald returned home. Donald wants to be friends with other boys and could easily be led into doing what others do.

Miss McDonald stated that Donald would be returning home soon, he is now going home two nights per week and one day at the weekend. It was hoped that he could be involved in some way in West Yonderton. At the social work review this morning Donald and his mother had clearly stated that they did not trust each other, obviously a great deal of support would have to be given to Donald and his mother if Donald were to return home successfully. Donald has recently found out who his natural father is and has been in touch with him, he is now asking that he be allowed to visit him, but this has been forbidden.

Donald will be going back home and changing schools at the same time and will need a tremendous amount of support and encouragement; it was agreed to contact the Psychologist at Merksworth for assistance.

Conclusion

Ms. Stewart will contact the Education Department for a placing request for Merksworth.

Donald will be given the opportunity to spend a few days in Gallowhill/

Gallowhill Primary before enrolling in Merksworth.

Donald can succeed at high school and must not let himself be led into situations which he knows are wrong.

Both Ms. Stewart and Donald must make a determined effort to improve their behaviour towards each other.

14th May, 1990
MMcC/icc

c/Psychological Services
Dr. Haran
Social Work Department
Beech Avenue Children's Home
Miss McMillan

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# Quarterly Assessment Report

## Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

1. Name of Child
   **Donald Stewart**

2. Home Address
   **5, Marjory Drive,**
   **Gallowhill,**
   **Paisley.**

3. Current Address (if different)
   **Beech Avenue Children's Home,**
   **Paisley.**

4. Social Worker
   Sheena McDonald.

5. D.O.B.
   **12/9/77**

6. Date of Initial Case Conference
   **31/10/89**

7. Date of Review Case Conferences
   **27/4/90**

8. Date of Next Case Conference
   **12/11/90**

9. Category of Registration
   **Physical Abuse.**

10. Visits during the previous 3 months (underline dates if child seen)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6/8/90 | Visit to Beech Avenue | 13/9/90 | Child Care Review | 31/10/90 | Visit to Beech Avenue |
| 9/8/90 | Mother to office. | 28/9/90 | Visit to Beech Avenue | | |
| 16/8/90 | Visit to Beech Avenue | 5/10/90 | Visit to Beech Avenue | | |
| 20/8/90 | Office visit by Donald | 18/10/90 | Visit to Beech Avenue | | |
| 29/8/90 | Visit to Beech Avenue | 26/10/90 | Outing with Donald | | |
| 3/9/90 | Children's Panel | 30/10/90 | Home visit | | |

11. Specify any contact with other agencies involved during the previous 3 months (i.e. G.P., Health Visitor, School, etc.)

There has been frequent telephone contact with staff at Beech Avenue about Donald's behaviour, and meetings with his Key Worker.

There has been a meeting with Donald's Guidance Teacher at Merksworth High School regarding his attendance.

Donald has now been referred to Lynn Townsend of Psychological Services.

12. Describe the current child/family situation

Despite stressing to Miss Stewart the need for her to have contact with Donald, she continually places the responsibility for visiting on her son. She has stated both to the Social Worker and to the Children8s Hearing that she does not wish Donald to return home as she cannot cope with his behaviour. Miss Stewart finds it difficult to accept that it is mostly her treatment of Donald that has caused him to behave in such an attention seeking manner. When formal access was arranged it was not kept - Donald claimed that his mother was not in, and Miss Stewart claimed that Donald did not come. When staff at Beech Avenue took Donald home, it was often found that nobody was at home.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Name of Home: BEECH AVENUE

Date of admission: 8.3.90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1st Review since R.I.C.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Section 15. - DONALD ON CHILD ABUSE REGISTER.

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss. L.Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care:

Charles Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley.

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Family situation seems to have settled down slightly. Miss Stewart continues to state that she needs time before Donald returns home. On home visits she states that Donald's behaviour has not changed and that she finds this difficult to cope with. Miss Stewart awaits Court appearance on 27.7.90 for charges surrounding Donald's last R.I.C. when Miss Stewart caused him injury and left the boys unattended.

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FORM D CONTINUED (2 of 3)

Date's and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care; last review

14.3.90 Visit to Beech Avenue - Miss Stewart also seen at this time.

23.3.90 Visit to Beech Avenue

10.3.90 Visit to Beech Avenue.

Date's and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care; last revie

15.3.90 Home visit to discuss Donald's possible return home.
23.3.90 Home Visit
28.3.90 Home visit - Donald at home on access visit
3.4.90 Home visit
12.4.90 Home visit

Areas of Concern:

Family Although Miss Stewart states that she is having problems coping with Donald's behaviour, she is unwilling to accept help for this i.e. Groupwork, befriender etc., as she sees this as a REWARD for Donald

Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care; last revie

Donald states that he does not wish to return home. he has not kept some access visits (planned for overnight Wednesday and daytime Saturday) Miss Stewart accepts this and makes little attempt to encourage Donald to return home if he does not want to.

Other agencies involved:

Hunterhill Tutorial Centre

Sacred Heart Youth Club.

Needs of child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies estimate nature of parental contact etc):

Donald needs to return home soon before he becomes more used to being in care.

He needs support in returning home - the best type of support should be discussed at the 'Review'.

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## Form D continued (3 of 3)

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

To return home.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

11. Persons who will atttend review (from area team):

WILLIAM EADIE

S. MCDONALD.

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: Social Worker

Date: .....

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# Review Case Conference Minute

**Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures**

| Name of child(ren) | D.O.B. | Registration Category | Remain on Register | De-Register |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Donald Stewart | 12/9/77 | Physical Abuse | ✓ | |
| Charles Stewart | 17/1/83 | At Risk Physical Abuse | | ✓ |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |

| HOME ADDRESS | PRESENT ADDRESS |
|---|---|
| Donald : Beech Avenue Children's Home,<br>Beech Avenue,<br>Paisley. | Charles : 5, Marjory Drive,<br>Gallowhill,<br>Paisley. |

**ANGES TO REGISTER** (i.e. Address, A. Team, Key Worker, etc.)

Date of Initial Case Conference: 30/10/89

Date of This Review: 11/5/90

Date(s) of Previous Review(s):

Chairperson: William Eadie

| (b) Present (names) | Designation | Agency |
|---|---|---|
| William Eadie | Area Manager | Social Work |
| Sheena McDonald ✓ | Social Worker | " " |
| Vera King | Depute O.I.C. | Beech Avenue |
| Mrs. Stewart | Mother. | |

| (c) Invited but unable to attend | | |
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# Report for Review Case Conference

## Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

1. Children's Names: DONALD STEWART
CHARLES STEWART

2. D.O.B. 12.9.77
17.1.83

3. Children's Addresses
Donald at- Beech Avenue
Childrens' Home
Paisley

4. Home addresses if different
5 Marjory Drive
Gallowhill
Paisley

5. Parents/Caretakers name and address
Lorraine Stewart
5 Marjory Drive
Paisley

6. Date of Initial Case Conference
31.10.89

7. Category of Registration
Donald - Physical Abuse
Charles - At Risk Physical Abus

8. Date of current and previous Review Case Conferences
1st review - 11.5.90

9. Recommendations of Last Review

Both boys to be placed on Register.
Recommendation to Childrens' Panel that children would return home.
Donald to continue to attend Sacred Heart and any other groupwork that was felt appropriate.

10. Legal position of child: Section 44(1)(a) - Donald Section 15

11. Significant changes since last Case Conference

(a) Child

Donald again in care (DOA: 8.3.90) due to breakdown in relationship between him and his mother.

(b) Family

Miss Stewart now more willing to work to Donald returning home. Has recently stated that she is willing to reduce her drinking in order to have increased access to Donald. Donald has not been abused again.

(c) Social Work Department Involvement

Weekly visits to Donald, Charles and Miss Stewart.

(d) Involvement of Other Agencies

Gallowhill Primary
Hunterhill Tutorial
Sacred Heart Youth Club

12. Areas of concern

Donald's second RIC is a major concern and his reluctance to return home. This was discussed at a Child Care Review and commitment to rehabilitation sought from Donald and his mother.

**REVIEW PROCEDURE**

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM **D**

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: [illegible]

Name of Home: BEECH AVENUE

Date of admission: [illegible]

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1) ACCESS TO BE MAINTAINED AT 2 OVERNIGHTS THROUGH THE WEEK AND 2 FULL DAYS AT THE WEEKENDS

2) REQUEST PANEL TO VARY 44(1)(a) TO 44(1)(b)

3) SHEENA TO EXPLORE WEST YONDERTON AND PLAYSCHEME PLACING FOR DONALD

4) SHEENA TO DISCUSS CHILD MANAGEMENT TEACHING WITH MS STEWART MERKSWORTH TO BE INVITED TO NEXT REVIEW

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

SEC 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: 5 MARTORY DRIVE, GALLOWMILL

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARGES LIVES AT HOME WITH MIS MOTHER

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Miss Stewart has made little attempt to keep to access arrangements ie she did not stay at her own home for a few weeks during the summer, and was not at home on several access days.

She has now made it clear that she does not wish this access to continue, nor has she made efforts to see Donald at Beech Ave.

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# Form D continued (2 of 3)

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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

30/6/90 - 7/7/90 - DONALD ON MONIDAM WITH BEECH AVE
11/7/90 - VISIT TO BEECH AVE
25/7/90 - VISIT TO BEECH AVE - DISCUSSED ACCESS WITH DAD
6/8/90 VISIT TO BEECH AVE
20/8/90 SW AND DONALD TO AMUSMENT ARCADE!
24/8/90 VISIT TO BEECH AVE - DISCUSSED DONALD'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
3/9/90 CHILDREN'S PANEL.
5/9/90 VISIT TO BEECH AVE.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

11/7/90 - CONTACTED MISS STEWART AT HER BOYFRIENDS HOUSE TO DISCUSS ACCESS

26/7/90 MISS STEWART KEPT OFFICE APPOINTMENT
9/8/90 MISS STEWART TO OFFICE
[illegible]/8/90 MISS STEWART TO OFFICE - STATED THAT SHE COULD NOT COPE WITH DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR AND SIGNED AGREEMENT TO MR BURGESS HAVING ACCESS

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family MISS STEWART DOES NOT WISH TO WORK AT GETTING DONALD HOME AND CONTINUES TO BLAME HIM FOR HIS BEHAVIOUR.

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR SEEMS TO BE A DIRECT RESPONSE TO MUM'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS HIM.

7. Other agencies involved:

MARKSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

DONALD NEEDS A SETTLED AND SECURE PLACEMENT WITH A LOT OF INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION AND LOVE.



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# Form D continued (3 of 3)

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

PLANS FOR DONALD TO GO HOME HAVE BEEN SEEN NOT TO HAVE WORKED.

ACCESS TO FATHER HAS GONE WELL AND THIS CONTACT SHOULD INCREASE.

ALTERNATIVE PERMANENT PLACEMENT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE REVIEW.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments: DONALD HAS JUST BEEN LINKED WITH THE SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROJECT AND HE SEEMS TO BE RESPONDING WELL TO THIS.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

F CLARKE - SSW

S MCDONALD - SW

Signed: [illegible]

Designation: [illegible]

Date: 13/7/90

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**REVIEW PROCEDURE**

# Residential Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM C

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Date of Review Meeting:

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

1. Physical development since admission/last review (include details of recent accidents or illness):

Donald is developing normally for a boy of his age and appears to be a healthy boy.

2. Emotional Development:

Donald, since last review, is finding it increasingly difficult to cope emotionally with the rejection his mother has displayed towards him. He maintains a poor self image and feels himself to be to blame at times for his situation.

3. Behavioural Problems:

Within Beech Avenue his behaviour at times can be disruptive and unacceptable. He is less ready to accept sanctions, whereas before he was quite able to accept that the part he played in misbehaviour led to sanctions being imposed.

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## Form C continued (2 of 3)

4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Donalds' access visits to mother have been non existant due to mothers' reluctance to make herself available to Donald. He has been visited by Mr Burgess his natural father on several occassions and Donald obviously enjoys this contact. Mrs Stewart has stated quite adamantly that she wishes nothing more to do with Donald and has made no efforts to vontact him that are known to us.

5. Contact with siblings:

Has not seen brother Charles as Charles resides with mother.

6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

Margaret Bates : Guidance Teacher Merksworth School

Irene Edwards : Support Teacher Merksworth School

7. School attended: Merksworth High School

School report attached/not available

Educational observations:

8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home: Keyboard, computor, T.V.

(b) Outwith home:
Swimming

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# Form C continued (3 of 3)

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9. Relationships:

(a) Within home: Relates fairly well with other residents.

(b) Outwith home:

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

Donalds ability to maintain school attendance. As he has recently changed schools we hope to work in conjunction with Merksworth School Guidance Dept to see how we can improve and maintain his school attendance.
His feelings of rejection.

11. Short, medium and long term objectives for child:

To remain in Beech Avenue.

12. Remarks:

Donald is a likeable boy who at present is confused by recent events. It is hoped through patience and understanding Donald will become more able to accept his situation and perhaps strengthen his links with his natural father.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

D. Rankin O/C.
P. Hill (Keyworker)

Signed: Ruth Goold

Designation: Senior Houseparent

Date: 13-9-90

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DATE

# PROGRESS NOTES

SIGNATURE

13th Sept 1990

DONALD STEWART

Since Donalds' last review his home situation has deteriorated. His contact with his mother has been virtually non-existant due to the fact that Mrs Stewart has made herself unavailable to Donald on several occassions. Donald has been upset and confused by this. He has had no contact with his youg brother Charles due to the fact that Charles resides with Mrs Stewart.

Donald has had contact with his natural father, Mr Burgess, and this contact appears to be enjoyed by both. Donalds' grandmother has also visited him.

He has recently started attending Merksworth High School and although at first was truanting frequently he has started to attend more regularly. His school offers a Support Teacher which Donald at the moment needs having come from Huntershill Tutorial Centre.

Donald is a likeable boy who is emotionally very hurt by recemt events.

Donald would like increased contact with his father with the possibility of overnight stays, but his social worker would need to look into this.

Donald remains very fond of his mother which is all the more upsetting for him.

He attends the Sacred Heart I.T. Group which offers some constructive leisure pursuits for him and an opportunity to mix with other children.

We, in Beech Avenue, hope through patience and understanding Donald may be able to come to terms with his position and look to the future with some measure of optimism.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

Sheena Mc Donald

# Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM

Date of Review: 28.06.90.

Name of Home: Beech Avenue Children's Home

Name of Child: Donald Stewart Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission:

Date of Birth:

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:

Summary of Discussion:

Frank Clarke opened the Review by identifying some specific issues to be addressed:

1. Change of school.
2. Possible change of statute.
3. Access.

SHEENA McDONALDS REPORT

At the last Review the question of Donald returning home was to be addressed. Support towards this was being offered via West Yonderton Support Group however due to staff shortages Donald's place has been terminated. Donald has to be persuaded to go to the group. Donald is being encouraged to go home through overnight access and support from social worker. However Sheena McDonald feels the trust is not there between Donald and his Mum for Donald to return home. Arrangements for school change-over have been made and Sheena concluded things are not going too badly.

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MISS STEWART

Access has been fine apart from a few hiccups this week, would like another extra day (Sunday). Relationship with Donald still volatile mostly argue over small issues. Sheena states this would be worked on with support from Beech Avenue and other supports.

D RANKINE, BEECH AVENUE

Donald is a very likeable boy, he is disapointing when he indulges in silly behaviour eg. shaving off his eyebrows. An incident arose last night ie. smell of glue around the house. Mr Rankine stated Donald was a follower and always was the one who got caught when trouble was brewing. M Rankine stated he felt Donald wanted to behave but outside influeneces were stronger. He however learned from his mistakes and Donald stated 'he took his punishment'. School behaviour can be erratic.

DISCUSSION

F Clarke questioned whether Donald's reasons for not returning home (due to his claim that his Mum was 'steaming' and shouting at him) were completely valid, Sheena stated Mum had a low fuse and could appreciate how Donald could be a problem. Mum did not accept that she was 'steaming'. Discussion then followed re an occasion when Donald returned early from access and the conflicting stories around this. It was clarified that Miss Stewart had been drinking but not to the extent that she was unable to care for Charles or Donald. F Clarke stated more effort was needed from both Donald and his mother in working towards a basis for a stable relationship. These issues would have to be reached outwith this Review. Derek Bibby felt concern that Donald was unhappy with his Mum's drinking and felt Miss Stewart should be aware of this. He also stated he would like Donald to attend West Yonderton as soon as it was feasible and also explore possibility of other supports ie. Playscheme.

Discussion then turned to Donald going home, it was felt Miss Stewart was not willing for this to happen until after her Court case in July. Donald not keen to go home at the moment. Frank Clarke felt they would have to make a start without delay at building up a trust in each other and a workable relationship ie. Miss Stewart not to have too much to drink when in charge of children and Donald not to use his Mum's drinking as a weapon against her.

Access should be continuing and increased and a contractual approach to access adopted. Talk should take place about reasonable conditions for Donald to put on his Mum's conduct and vice versa. They should be responsible and help each other.

STATUTE

The Review was reminded that Donald was in care under Section 15 though also subject of a 44(1)(a) Supervision Order. The Reporter has been advised of Donald's RIC but no Review sought to vary this order. It was felt that a Review should be requested and that, unless by the time the Panel took place, it looked likely that Donald's return home was imminent, a residential supervision be requested.

REPORT ON DISTRICT RESOURCE ALLOCATION MEETING
HELD AT ABBEY HOUSE
FRIDAY 11 MAY 1990

NAME OF CHILD: DONALD STEWART (d.o.b. 12.9.77)
5 Marjory Drive,
Paisley

Presently residing in Beech Avenue Children's Home

PRESENT:
S MacDonald, Social Worker, Paisley Area Team
L Edwards, Senior I.T. Officer, Social Education Unit
A Kellet, Senior I.T. Officer, West Yonderton
W McCarthy, Senior Assessment Officer, Newfield
J Brown, Depute Principal Psychologist
C Warbrick, Assistant District Officer (Child, Care)
D J Bibby, Assistant District Officer (Child Care) - Chair
B Clark, Student observer

Summary of Discussion
The attached report details Donald's current situation. He was admitted to Beech Avenue on 8/3/90. A subsequent Child Care Review recognised the need for plans to be made for Donald to return home. In this respect, there have been a number of visits undertaken by Miss Stewart and a number of home visits undertaken by Donald throughout March and April. Although accepting that she has problems in coping with Donald's behaviour, Ms Stewart, mother, has in the past been somewhat reluctant to accept external supports such as groupwork and befriending. Progress regarding the full time return home has been slow, and there is a recognition that there is some danger that Donald will become too comfortable in the care situation unless attempts are made to encourage both Donald and his mother to look at realistic supports within the community.

DRAM would therefore recommend that Donald be included in the Community Support Programme on a phased contact with a view to full time attending which should continue at the point of Donald returning home.

D J BIBBY
Assistant District Officer (Child Care)

DJB/SS
29.5.90

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
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PAISLEY AREA OFFICE

/ PROCEDURE

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Name of Home: BEECH AVENUE

Date of admission: 8.3.90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1st Review since R.I.C.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Section 15. - DONALD ON CHILD ABUSE REGISTER.

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss. L.Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care:

Charles Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley.

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Family situation seems to have settled down slightly. Miss Stewart continues to state that she needs time before Donald returns home. On home visits she states that Donald's behaviour has not changed and that she finds this difficult to cope with. Miss Stewart awaits Court appearance on 27.7.90 for charges surrounding Donald's last R.I.C. when Miss Stewart caused him injury and left the boys unattended.

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PROCEDURE

D CONTINUED (2 of 3)

te's and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care; last review

14.3.90 Visit to Beech Avenue - Miss Stewart also seen at this time.

23.3.90 Visit to Beech Avenue

10.3.90 Visit to Beech Avenue.

ate's and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care; last revie

15.3.90 Home visit to discuss Donald's possible return home.
23.3.90 Home Visit
28.3.90 Home visit - Donald at home on access visit
3.4.90 Home visit
12.4.90 Home visit

reas of Concern:

Although Miss Stewart states that she is having problems coping with Donald's behaviour,
mily she is unwilling to accept help for this i.e. Groupwork, befriender etc.,
as she sees this as a REWARD for Donald

rticular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care; last revie

Donald states that he does not wish to return home. he has not kept some access visits (planned for overnight Wednesday and daytime Saturday) Miss Stewart accepts this and makes little attempt to encourage Donald to return home if he does not want to.

her agencies involved:

Hunterhill Tutorial Centre

Sacred Heart Youth Club.

eds of child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies timate nature of parental contact etc):

Donald needs to return home soon before he becomes more used to being in care.

He needs support in returning home - the best type of support should be discussed at the 'Review'.

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PROCEDURE

# Form D continued (3 of 3)

D

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

To return home.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

WILLIAM EADIE

S. MCDONALD.

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: Social Worker

Date: .....

Strathclyde Regional Council

DONALD STEWART 12.7.77
5 Marjory Drive,
Paisley

currently c/o Beech Avenue Children's Home.

GROUPWORK REPORT

Donald has received a number of different forms of groupwork inputs and supports both prior to the writer's taking up post and since September 1988. In January '89, Donald was a member in Sacred Heart Drop-In, Primary group, attending B.A.T.C.O. (an after school club in Hunterhill), and had a befriending contact.

Since the summer of '89 the main group of contact has been through the Sacred Heart Drop-In group on Thursday evenings, as noted at the Case Conference of 31.10.89, that there was a marked improvement in his behaviour, seeming more controlled and responding calmly although sometimes still reacting fairly aggressively. This summary remains constant with his recent attendances.

The Sacred Heart Group continues to provide a monitor of his behaviour and a support function. He uses the group well in terms of his contact with the workers and is very able in discussing personal issues with them.

However, within the group, problems have arisen due to Donald being the youngest member and how others relate to himself. He has in general coped well in receiving negative attitudes and put downs and has shown strength of character in maintianing his place within the group.

As Donald has progressed through the various groups/contacts he has grown older and more mature, an old head on young shoulders. There have been recent signs of the need for added support in the future as he is now currently identifying with older boys at the group and displaying behaviour to become more accepted as being "one of the boys". There is a potential need for a positive male role model, possibly in the form of a befriender or in terms of groupwork in a setting with a peer group closer to his own age.

In relation to his most recent reception into care, he has talked about this in a very matter of fact manner and has stated that he was unhappy that his mother was not at home when he was there for an overnight stay, (Wed. 11th April) saying furtner, that he would prefer contact to be carried out by access visits.

Future groupwork involvement can be continued attendance at Sacred Heart group; other groups or resources i.e.befriender may not however be available at this time.

JOHN DOHERTY
I.T.WORKER

24.4.90

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RENFREW DISTRICT

D.A.S.U. REFERRAL FORM

This form should be completed on all children who have been received into care or for whom reception into care may be a consideration and forwarded to D.A.S.U. by noon on Friday prior to case discussion on Tuesday a.m.

SECTION A: FACTUAL DETAILS

| Name | D.O.B | Religion |
|---|---|---|
| Donald Stewart | 12.09.77. | Protestant |

Home Address

5 Marjory Drive
Gallowhill

Previous periods in care

1.04.86-8.04.86 - Due to physical illness of mother.
28.11.77-7.11.78 - Due to mothers lack of accomm.
27.10.89-1.11.89. - Mother physically injured Donald

Present Address

Beech Avenue Children's Home

Child's current Legal Status

Sec 15/441a

Date of R.I.C.

8.03.90.

Significant Medical Details including G.P.

Donald suffers from asthma

School attended prior to R.I.C.

Hunterhill Tutorial Centre

Proposed School

Hunterhill

Details of parents/carers

Lorraine Stewart - 5 Marjory Drive
Patrick Harkins - 3 Cowal Drive, LINWOOD

| Siblings | D.O.B. | Previous periods in care |
|---|---|---|
| Charles Stewart | 17.01.83. | 27.10.89-1.11.89. |

HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE

Minutes of Review Meeting held on 6th February, 1990.

DONALD STEWART (Gallowhill)
(12. 9.77)

PRESENT: Mrs. M. McCusker, H.T., Hunterhill T.C.
Mrs. M. Ruxton, Class Teacher
Mrs. C. Perry, Auxiliary
Miss S. McDonald, Social Work Dept.
Ms. Stewart

Attainments/Forecast

Maths
S.P.M.G., Stage 4
Division - Th, h, t, u to finish p.37-39
Decimals - 2nd dec. place, addition and subtraction, p.40-47

Practice in Basic Skills (Maths) Book 3
Decimal notation - 2nd dec. place, p.32-34

Language
Reading - Ginn Level 10 Book 6 (Magic Circle) 2 x week
Comprehension - Teacher devised questions
Reading Workshop, Yellow Cards 3-8
Reading Speedcards, Magenta Cards 5-8
Practice in Basic Skills (English) Book 2
vocabulary, p.47
verbs, - tenses, p.48
Practice in Basic Skills (English) Book 3
verbs, p.2
nouns, p.3
story writing, p.4
English Workbook 3 (Ginn)
story writing, p.22
descriptive writing p.23
using commas (in a list) p.24-25
Superspell, Book 3
long/short vowels, p.24
ou, p.25-26
ow, p.27-28

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
RENFREW DISTRICT: ABBEY HOUSE
8 SEEDHILL ROAD, PAISLEY
19 FEB 1990
REFD TO S McDonald
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ANSWD

Ms. Stewart had not been present at Donald's previous review shortly after he had moved into Mrs. Ruxton's class. Donald had settled very well and was progressing satisfactorily. He had been particularly good in the puppetry project and had excelled himself when a visitor from the Garrett Mask & Puppet Theatre came to school. Ms. Stewart stated that Donald rarely discussed anything about school at home.

Mrs./

Mrs. Ruxton noted that Donald was good at Maths and seemed to enjoy doing maths, he spends time in working out problems. He was also good at helping others at maths. He is not as keen on the language side but this too was showing improvement. Donald rarely refuses to do his work, but his work reflects his moods quite markedly. When he is feeling calm and content his work is neat and tidy, however when he is jumpy and unsettled the presentation of his work is extremely poor.

Donald's biggest problem is his behaviour outwith the classroom. Here Donald is insolent and disobedient. When he is reprimanded he reacts by shouting ignorantly at staff and refusing to stop; he enjoys the confrontation and is seen as fully in control of himself.

It is known there are financial problems at home and that recently Donald has been selling sweets round the doors for a company. Mrs. McCusker asked how he was managing. Ms. Stewart replied that Donald ate more than he sold and she often had to give donald money to make up the proper amount. In this way Donald was being given responsibility but was seen as not being able to accept it properly. A discussion followed to try and illustrate to Ms. Stewart her role in teaching Donald how to accept responsibility and how to cope with money. Donald is known to steal from class, school, home and neighbours and it was pointed out that he must be made to realise this is not acceptable behaviour. Money, etc., should be kept out of his way and not be a constant temptation to him. Donald also lies consistantly and plays home off against school.

Miss McDonald stated that Donald was still attending the club at Sacred Heart, although it had previously been suggested he was too young for the boys there. However, Miss McDonald finds he is settling better and is beginning to join in more.

Donald no longer has a befriender.

Donald has been at Hunterhill since May, 1988 and he was now 12 years old. It was seen as important that he return to mainstream as quickly as possible. Workwise he is capable of doing this but he himself must be motivated to succeed and not allow his behaviour to let him down.

On discussion Ms. Stewart stated she wished Donald to attend either Castlehead or the Grammar. It was pointed out that staff at Hunterhill felt that the regime in both these schools was not inducive to Donald's success and that Merksworth would be more suitable. Ms. Stewart does not wish Donald to go to Merksworth. After some discussion it was agreed to try Donald at a primary school after Easter with a view to him transferring into the appropriate secondary. Hunterhill will take the decision as to which primary school.

Conclusion/

Conclusion

Donald will have a trial placement at a primary school with a view to attending secondary in August, 1990.

Ms. Stewart is asked to consider carefully the most suitable secondary school for Donald.

Donald's work has shown a great improvement but he must show he can stop his aggressive outbursts and ignore others if he is to succeed at mainstream.

Donald must be helped to realise that stealing will only lead him into more trouble and so must stop.

Both Ms. Stewart and Donald could perhaps work out a system to deal more successfully with the money they handle.

15th February, 1990
MMcC/icc

c/Psychological Services
Dr. Haran
Social Work Department
Miss M. McMillan
Gallowhill Primary

Headmaster: David S.D. McCallum.
Telephone Number: Kilmacolm 2201.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.

28th March, 1991.

MINUTES OF PRE-ADMISSION VISIT - DAY BOY.

| | |
|---|---|
| Boy's Name: | DONALD STEWART. |
| Address: | Beech Avenue Childrens' Home. Paisley.<br>Telephone Number: 041-889-7375. |
| D. O. B. | 12. 9. 77. |
| Age: | 13 years 6 months. |

In attendance:

Mr. Thomas McKeown - Deputy (Education), Balrossie School, Kilmacolm.
Lynn Townsend - Psychological Services.
Sheena Davidson - Social Worker.
Donald Rankin - Officer in Charge, Beech Avenue.

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|---|---|
| Purpose of Meeting: | To discuss suitability of day boy placement at Balrossie School. |
| Referral by: | Education Department. |
| Social Worker: | Sheena Davidson, Social Work Department,<br>8 Seedhill Road, Paisley.<br>Telephone Number: 041 - 842 - 5151. |
| Psychological Services: | Lynn Townsend, Psychological Services,<br>Carbrook Street, Paisley.<br>Telephone number: 041 - 887 - 7821. |
| Nominated School: | Merksworth High School, Paisley.<br>Contact person: Irene Edwards, Support teacher.<br>Telephone number: 041-887-5141. |
| Type of Order: | 44 (1) (b) naming Beech Avenue Childrens' Home. |

Summary of main issues:

1. Home based problems. Has very little contact with mother who is a single parent. No.
2. School based problems since primary.
3. Can be disruptive in class.
4. Suspicious of adults.
5. Has been away from regular schooling for a considerable time and has become very bored.

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MINUTES OF PRE-ADMISSION VISIT - DONALD STEWART.

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| Aims/Expectations of placement: | 1. To address the issues above.<br>2. Work towards a return to mainstream school. |
| Transport: | To be arranged by Education Department. |
| Place offered and accepted: | Yes. |
| Starting date: | Monday the 15th April, 1991 at 9.00 a.m. (If possible, Donald will come on Thursday 28th March, 1991 for one day before the Easter holidays.) |
| Date of Initial Assessment: | Wednesday the 22nd May, 1991 at 2.30 p.m. |
| Unit: | Bute Unit, Balrossie School, Kilmacolm. |
| Keyworker: | Nan West. |
| Class and class Teacher: | Not yet decided. |

RESPONSIBILITIES OF VARIOUS PARTIES:

| | |
|---|---|
| Psychological Services: | 1. Ongoing interest in placement.<br>2. Attend Initial Assessment and subsequent Reviews. |
| Social Work Department: | 1. Ongoing interest in placement.<br>2. Attend Initial Assessment and subsequent Reviews. |
| Beech Avenue Childrens' Home. | 1. Ensure that Donald attends Balrossie regularly.<br>2. Ongoing interest in placement.<br>3. Liaise on a regular basis with Balrossie.<br>4. Attend Initial Assessment and subsequent Reviews. |
| Balrossie School: | 1. Provide appropriate educational programme.<br>2. Organise Initial Assessment and subsequent Reviews. |
| Donald Stewart: | 1. Attend Balrossie regularly.<br>2. Obey the rules and regulations of Balrossie School. |
| Nominated School: | 1. Ongoing interest in placement.<br>2. If possible, attend Initial Assessment and subsequent Reviews. |

MINUTES OF PRE-ADMISSION VISIT - DONALD STEWART.

Copies to:

Lynn Townsend, Psychological Services, Carbrook Street, Paisley.

✓Sheena McDonald, Social Work Department, 8 Seedhill Road, Paisley.

Donald Rankin, Officer in Charge, Beech Avenue Childrens' Home, Paisley.

Nan West, Keyworker, Bute Unit, Balrossie School, Kilmacolm.

Thomas McKeown, Deputy Head - Education, Balrossie School, Kilmacolm.

Mr. David S.D. McCallum, Headmaster, Balrossie School, Kilmacolm.

George H. Darroch, Deputy Head - Social Work, Balrossie School, Kilmacolm.

James Crawford, Assistant Head, Balrossie School, Kilmacolm.

Margaret McMillan, Education Officer, Renfrew Division, Regional Offices, Cotton Street, Paisley PA1 1 LE.

Irene Edwards, Support Teacher, Merksworth High School, Paisley.

Thomas McKeown

Written by: THOMAS McKEOWN.
DEPUTE HEAD - EDUCATION.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.
TMcK/JBW.
28th March, 1991.

# Form E Details of child needing family placement **Confidential**

Part 1 Please read notes for guidance before filling in the form

1

## Agency details

Name of agency

PAISLEY AREA TEAM

Name of child's social worker

SHEENA McDONALD

Name of senior social worker/team leader

FRANK CLARKE

Area address

Abbey House,

8, Seedhill Road,

Paisley

Tel. no: 842 5151

Tel. no:

Name of link worker for inter-agency placement

Tel. no: -

Date of completion of Part I

30.8.91

Updated

Date of completion of Part II

30.8.91

Updated

2

## Child concerned

Name

DONALD STEWART

Date of birth

12.9.77

Present address

Beech Avenue, Children's Home,

Paisley.

Tel. no: 889 7375

Name(s) of key person(s) caring for the child there, i.e. foster parent, key residential worker

Pearl Hill - Key Worker

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## Type of placement needed (see also section 11, page 6)

For how many children is placement required?

One

Age(s)

13

Gender(s)

Male

Placement for:

adoption ☐

fostering with aim of (1) adoption ☐ (2) custodianship ☐

long-term fostering ☐

fostering with aim of rehabilitation ☐

Other (specify)

Community Parents

Are there any expected legal complications which would affect the choice of family?

If so, specify

No

Special placement considerations (please indicate which are essential requirements and which are preferences. You should indicate in Part II the reasons for the importance of these requirements)

1. Ethnic

2. Religious

3. Geographical

A family within travelling distance of Paisley would be ideal

4. Medical

5. Educational

Donald presently attends Balrossie School as a day pupil. New placement would have to cope with Donald's difficulty with mainstream education.

Family structure Add anything you can about the sort of family with whom you think the child would do best

A strong, supportive loving family would suit Donald.

## 4 The child

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | First names: DONALD | Surname: STEWART |
| see note a Gender: Male | Known as (include nicknames): Donald | Date of birth: 12.9.77 |
| *Marital extra-marital non-marital adopted | Place of birth: PAISLEY | |
| AA b Nationality: British | Ethnic origin: Caucasian | Religion (what religion, if any, has been specified for the child): - |
| Give details of baptism, confirmation or equivalent ceremonies: - | | What religion, if any, does the child practise? |
| c Legal Status: Section 44(1)(b) Social Work (Scot) Act, 1968, naming Beech Avenue C/Home | Brief comments: | |
| If your agency supervises the child on behalf of another agency state which agency has legal responsibility for the child: - | | Has this agency agreed to the proposed plan for the child? *Yes ~~No~~ |
| AA d Has the child any rights claims under the Fatal Accidents Act 1976 sec 30 or any other rights to or interest in property? If yes please specify. | | ~~*Yes~~ No |

## 5 e Brief description of child

Donald is about 5' tall, slim built, with brown/blonde hair, cut very short. He has large brown eyes, and a pale complexion. When happy, Donald has expressive eyes and a large cheeky smile. When Donald is unhappy, he has large dark circles under his eyes and rarely smiles. Donald can be rude and unco-operative, but is presently acting in a calm and mature manner.

## 6 f Health

Donald generally keeps good health. he suffers from asthma and uses an inhaler. He is uncomfortable going to the G.P. or hospital and tends to nurse injuries for several days before bringing them to the attention of staff for medical treatment.

*delete as appropriate

## 7 Education

Name of present school: BALROSSIE

Address of school: KILMACOLM

Type of school: Primary ☐ Comprehensive ☐ Special needs ☑ Boarding ☐ Other (specify)

see note g — Is the child subject to a statement under the Education Act 1981 record of needs under the Education (Scotland) Act 1981? *Yes/No

List schools previously attended

| Name | Address | Type | Date | Attainments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gallowhill Primary | | Primary | 1982 | - |
| Hunterhill Tutorial Centre | | | 1988 | - |
| Merksworth High School | | Secondary | 1991 | - |
| Balrossie | | Special | 1991 | - |

## 8 Child's placements since birth

List details of *all* known moves since birth including present placement. At the end of the list give brief comments/observations about the quality of care the child has received, reasons for moves etc.

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| Age of child at placement (months/years) | Dates of placement (month/year) | Types of placement e.g. at home foster home residential | Names of principal carer(s) e.g. foster mother, key worker | Total duration |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 months | 11/77 -4/78 | Foster home due to mother's lack of accommodation | | 4 months |
| 9yrs | 4/86 | Foster home | Due to physical illness of mother | 7 days |
| 12yrs | 10/87-11/89 | Children's home | Physical attack by mother | 5 days |
| 13yrs | 3/90 | Children's Home | Breakdown in relationship with mother | presently in care |

Donald also moved with his mother to London in the early years of his life. Exact dates unknown, but Donald was about five at the time. The family lived in Brixton for about 1½/2years.

*delete as appropriate

## 9 Family: Siblings

Put an asterisk* by the name of each child for whom placement is being sought with this child.

Put an "A" by the name of any sibling to whom the child will have continued access

| First name(s) | Surname | Date of birth | Relationship e.g. full/step/ half/adoptive sibling | Where the child is/type of care/plans |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (a) Charles | Stewart | 17.1.83 | Half Brother | Charles presently lives with his mother and this plan should continue |

Comment briefly on the extent of current and planned access to each sibling and the nature of the relationship enjoyed.

Since October, 1990, Miss Stewart has not allowed access between Donald and his brother. Within the last two weeks, however, she has agreed to Charles visiting Donald at the Children's Home. Both boys enjoy this contact.

## 10 Family: Parents

Give name by which parent is officially known first, then indicate below if he/she is usually known by a different name.

Birth mother

First names: LORRAINE
Surname: STEWART
Known as: Lorraine
Maiden name: Stewart
Name at time of child's birth if different:
Date of birth: 29
Address: 5, Marjory Drive,
Place of birth:
Paisley
Name of husband: -
Name of co-habitee: -

Current level and quality of access to child
No formal access. Lorraine occasionally sees Donald in Paisley. This lack of access is Lorraine's choice.

Brief description

Miss Stewart is about 5'5" tall, slim built, with large brown eyes and short brown hair. She has a pale complexion and a round face.

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Birth father

First names WILLIAM

Surname BURGESS

Known as William Burgess

Date of birth

Address Unknown - Ferguslie, Paisley.

Place of birth

Name of wife

Name of co-habitee

Is he legal father ☐ alleged father ☐ putative father ☑

If a putative father does he intend applying for custody under the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 (E&W) Guardianship Act 1973 (Scotland)? *~~Yes~~/No

Current level and quality of access to child

None

see note i Brief description

| | Birth mother | Birth father |
|---|---|---|
| Educational attainments | | |
| Ethnic origin | Caucasian | Caucasian |
| Nationality | British | British |
| Religion | | |
| AA Does he/she practise this religion? | No | Not known |
| Occupation now | Unemployed | Taxi driver |
| Previous occupations | Shop asst. | Not known |
| Marital status when child born | single | single |
| Marital status now | single | co-hab. |
| Does either parent have legal custody of the child? | Yes | No |
| When did they last care for the child? | March 1990 | Never |

j If someone other than the birth parents is are legal parent(s), guardian(s) or custodian(s) of this child, give details here or on a separate sheet

*delete as appropriate

# 11

## Placement plan *1. General*

What is the plan for this child?
(brief summary of the overall plan, including access etc.)

Since March, 1990, Miss Stewart was encouraged to have access to Donald both at Beech Avenue and in her home. This plan broke down in October, 1990, and she has not co-operated with this plan since. Donald found this rejection difficult to cope with, but has now settled well. It was agreed at a recent Child Care review that a family placement be sought for Donald, community parents being most appropriate.

Date this plan was agreed

Where was the plan agreed? *review meeting / fostering panel / adoption panel

Other (specify) Review meeting

Did this include the key person(s) caring for the child? *Yes/~~No~~

*If adoption is planned:*
1. Give a summary of any recommendations/comments of the adoption panel and the date of the adoption panel's recommendation if different from above.

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2. Date of agency decision to pursue adoption if different from above.

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Do the people caring for the child agree with the plan? If no give details *Yes/No

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Is there a time limit by which the child must be moved? If so, specify *Yes/No

Outline any action necessary before the plan can be carried out, (e.g. tracing of relatives, assumption of parental rights, court action, further counselling, preparation of child) and specify who will undertake this.

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*2. Family Finding*

What special efforts will be made to find a suitable family for this child? (e.g. referral to a family-finding agency, publicity campaign)

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Have the necessary consents been obtained 1. to the action? *Yes/No
2. to the expenditure? *Yes/No

*delete as appropriate

*continued*

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*3. The child*

Does the child know of the proposed plan? If no, give brief reasons *Yes/~~No~~

Date the child received written information about the proposed plan

Has the child been counselled regarding his/her future? If yes, by whom *Yes/~~No~~
Social worker and Residential Worker

What are the child's views about the plans for his/her future care?
Donald has thought about the proposals and agrees with them

Has the child any views about his/her religious or cultural upbringing? If yes, please specify.

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For adoption placements

Does the child understand what *adoption/freeing/other plan will mean for him/her? *Yes/~~No~~

Does the child understand the legal implications procedures of adoption freeing? *Yes/No

If another adoption agency has been working with the child are you satisfied that the requirements in the Adoption Agencies Regulations relating to the child have been met? *Yes/No
Name of social worker agency

| Parents/Guardians | Mother | Father | Guardian |
|---|---|---|---|
| Has counselling been given? Name of social worker and agency (where appropriate) | Yes - by Sheena McDonald | | |
| Date written information sent Does the parent understand the plan for the child and its legal implications? | | | |
| Does the parent agree to the plan? Specify any wishes regarding the child's religious/cultural upbringing | Yes | | |
| Will the parent give consent to an adoption/freeing order?* | | | |
| Does the parent intend to take legal action? | No | | |
| Does the parent have access to the child? | Yes | | |
| Has the local authority terminated access? | NO | | |
| Date parent was notified of the intention to terminate access | | | |
| Has the parent taken legal action? Outcome of court hearing(s) re access | NO | | |

Has legal advice been obtained with regard to the plan for the child? *~~Yes~~/No
If yes, please give summary of advice and details of any legal action recommended.

*delete as appropriate

## 12 Checklist of additional material

The following should be provided with the completed Part 1 of Form E

| | | Date provided | Update |
|---|---|---|---|
| For all children | 1 Photograph | | |
| | 2 Report by person caring for child (may be incorporated in the profile in Part II) | | |
| | 3 BAAF medical Form C or D and annex | | |
| As appropriate | 4 Psychiatric report | | |
| | 5 Psychologist's report | | |
| | 6 Additional specialist medical reports (specify) | | |
| | 7 School report | | |
| | 8 Statement under Education Act 1981/ Record of needs, Education (Scotland) Act 1981 | | |
| | 9 The child's written statement on his/her views about the proposed placement/adoption | | |

## 13 Signatures

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| | Date |
|---|---|
| Child's signature | |
| Social worker's signature: Sheena McDonald | 6/9/91 |
| Team leader's signature: [illegible] | 6.9.91 |
| Link person's signature (if inter-agency) | |

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## THE FAMILY

1. Description of Birth Family:

Donald's mother, Miss Lorraine Stewart, is of medium height, short light brown hair, pale complexion, brown eyes, and a round face. Donald physically is very like her to look at. Miss Stewart's personality can be changeable. She has not proved to be co-operative during the period of time Donald has been in care. Miss Stewart seems to find it difficult to offer Donald and her younger son, Charles, any emotional support, although her physical care has been reasonable. When Miss Stewart is worried or upset she tends to shout both at workers and at her own children. As a result, the noise level within the house is very high.

Miss Stewart needs constant reassurance that the Department is not going to insist the Donald returns home. She seems to find it difficult to believe that Donald is capable of changing, and that he is not the same boy she cared for when he was at home. Miss Stewart continues to state that she does not want her son back in the house, either for access visits or for a full-time return home. Miss Stewart was until recently determined that her younger son Charles would not have access with Donald, however, recently she has been persuaded to let Charles visit Donald at the Children's Home. She impresses as a young lady who is very obstinate in her views, however, can be talked round on several points.

Lorraine Stewart does not seem to have a high intelligence level, although she seems to manage household accounts for both herself and her mother, who lives separately.

Miss Stewart's health appears to be good, she eats well as does her son Charles, however, the conditions in the home are not good. Miss Stewart's house seems to be in a state of constant disruption, constantly promising to redecorate but never seems to get round to this.

Lorraine Stewart can become easily depressed, although this seems to be linked to the amount of alcohol she has consumed. Miss Stewart admits to drinking two or three pints of lager per day, but does not see this as a problem to her. It has often been reported to the Department that Miss Stewart is drunk, although when this is checked out it is discovered not to be the case. She has been encouraged on several occasions to seek help for this pattern of drinking but has constantly refused.

Miss Stewart has no physical or mental disabilities.

Lorraine Stewart is presently unemployed and states that she has no intention of seeking work. She enjoys live music, and seeks most of her social outlet in the local pub.

Miss/...

Miss Stewart also enjoys watching television along with her young son, Charles.

Donald's father, Mr William Burgess, has not cared for Donald since birth. He is tall, slim, has dark hair, and impresses as a quiet young man. Since Donald was received into care, Mr Burgess has only expressed a brief interest in Donald. Police checks and inter-departmental checks proved positive, however, while these were being carried out, Mr Burgess moved within the Ferguslie Park area without giving his new address. Mr Burgess now lives with his new cohabitee and three young children. He stated that he could not care for Donald on a full-time basis because of this family. Mr Burgess also has another child slightly younger than Donald, who attends Balrossie School along with Donald. Although Donald is aware of this, he has no particular friendship with young William.

Donald's young half brother, Charles, is now 7-years old, lives at home with his mother, and attends the local Primary School. Charles is tall for his age, has blonde hair, and a charming happy personality. He states that he misses his elder brother Donald, and is now happy that he is allowed to see Donald on a weekly basis. Charles seems to be quieter than Donald but his mother finds him easier to cope with. Charles' father lives in a nearby town to Paisley, and until recently both boys had access to him. Charles' father has not contacted Donald whilst he has been in care and does not seem to have contact with Charles anymore.

Donald has had brief contact with other members of his family, aunt, grandmother, and cousins. None of these family members, however, have shown more than a brief interest in Donald, and at no time have offered to care for Donald on a full-time basis. Donald enjoyed this contact and found it difficult to cope with rejection by them.

2. Family History

Miss Stewart states that she received little support from Donald's father around the time of his birth. She states that he and his family "snatched" Donald from her but that he was returned to her care fairly quickly. Miss Stewart states that at no time did she receive financial help or other support from him. There seems to be much ill-feeling on her part towards Mr Burgess and his family. Miss Stewart found it difficult to understand Donald's desire to see his father recently.

Donald was placed in foster care for several months shortly after his birth due to Miss Stewart's accommodation difficulties. Shortly after this, it appears that Miss Stewart and Donald moved to stay with relatives in London. Little is known of this time although it seems the family lived here for 1½ to 2 years. On her return to Scotland, Miss Stewart lived with the father of Charles for approximately 7 or 8 years. She describes this relationship as fairly stable and the couple seem to have parted on good terms. As was noted before, Charles and Donald both had contact with this man until fairly recently.

Miss/...

Miss Stewart now has a new boyfriend, a Mr Thomas McDonald. The couple live separately, and Mr McDonald has a grown up family of his own. Donald is not entirely happy at this relationship, but accepts it reasonably well. Miss Stewart has spoken for a number of years about marriage, but the couple seem to have no immediate plans. Mr McDonald does not view himself as a father figure toward Donald, and has no intention of caring for Donald on a full-time basis.

3. Birth Family's Wishes for the Child

When Donald was first receive into care in March 1990, Miss Stewart attended all Child Care reviews. Although she consented to the plans that Donald return home, she proved unco-operative when these plans were being carried out. She now no longer comes to Child Care reviews, and seems to have little interest in Donald's future. Miss Stewart continues to state that she does not want Donald to return home on a full-time basis, although as has been noted before, is allowing Donald access to Charles. Before Donald started attending Balrossie School, he saw his mother on an informal basis every Monday morning. It is also suspected that Donald sees his mother more often than is admitted. It is felt that this informal access is important to Donald, although it seems to becoming less so. Donald now seems able to cope with the idea of moving on.

Donald's future has been subject of on going work with Miss Stewart for a number of months but she continues to show little interest in the future plans. She also finds it difficult to understand the legal position that Donald is in, and her own continuing responsibility for him. It is not expected that Miss Stewart will take any legal action to oppose future plans.

THE CHILD

1. Child's Profile

Donald Stewart is of medium height, slim, has short blonde hair, brown eyes, and a pale complexion. He is an active boy, full of fun, can be cheeky, and is becoming more mature in his outlook in life.

When Donald has a structured daily routine his behaviour is usually controllable. For August 1990 until Easter 1991, Donald's behaviour was deplorable. He started mainstream eduction in August 1990 and found it difficult to cope with this pressure. His behaviour in the Children's Home grew steadily worse. Donald became involved in anything that was going on around him. He was cheeky to staff, bullied younger children, came and went as he pleased, and often was involved in acts of vandalism, theft, glue sniffing, and alcohol abuse. Despite punishment, restrictions within the home, and the threat of the possible move from Beech Avenue, Donald's behaviour did not improve until he began to attend Balrossie School as a day pupil. Donald was not an obvious leader; he tended to become involved in any trouble that was brewing, usually the one to be first caught. Although Donald's behaviour deteriorated, staff continued to describe him as a likeable boy. Donald responded very well on a one-to-one situation, but found it very difficult to cope with a group setting. Since starting at Balrossie/...

Balrossie School, which is providing a structure to his day, Donald's behaviour is improving 100 percent. He is now concentrating on remaining out of trouble, proving himself more helpful within the home. Donald is also talking about his future in a mature and sensible manner. Much of Donald's behaviour can be linked to the rejection by his mother. Donald also feels rejection by the other members of his extended family.

Donald enjoys individual attention. He is at his best when on his own with his Keyworker or his Social Worker. He is also responding well to the small classes within Balrossie School. Donald seems to be afraid of little other than attending the doctor or attending the hospital.

Donald presents as a disturbed little boy, reflecting his emotional instability and lack of consistent care in the past. Within the home he finds it difficult to accept discipline, preferring to argue that he is right; again in this area, Donald is showing a marked improvement. Within Beech Avenue, a structured routine is difficult to achieve because of changes and pressures in staff. Donald responds well, however, to the routine at school. He responds better to a structured day, than being allowed freedom to do as he will. Donald eats well, sleeps well, and is able to look after himself physically. When first starting Balrossie, it was noted that Donald did not eat well, however this soon passed. Donald enjoys swimming outings, and getting involved in electronic work. He has recently become involved in local youth newspaper, and is at present preparing a short article for them. Donald can at times be obstinate, taking this from his mother, but can be talked round. When given new ideas, Donald needs time to think about these, but is able to come back at a later date with his thoughts and reactions.

Donald has been involved in a Social Work Group Project. He seems to find it difficult to relate to others of his own age, as he often tends to speak before thinking before hand. When Donald is interested in a subject, he tends to do well if he applies himself.

Donald desperately needs security in his life. He seems, understandably, to have little trust in adults. Although coping at the present with life in a Children's Home, Donald desperately needs the stability of a good family placement.

Donald is initially distrustful of adults, and would need time to become used to a change in circumstances. As he gets older, however, Donald is becoming more able to do this. He still has a tendency to run away from problems, feeling often that it is better to state that he will not attend reviews, meetings, etc, although, again this is changing.

2. Health

Donald keeps good physical health. He has suffered from Asthma for a number of years, and presently uses an inhaler. A full medical was requested at the time of Donald's admission to Balrossie, however, Donald did not co-operate with this and/...

and there is no recent medical report. Donald suffers the usual physical injuries sustained by a boy of his age and is guilty of nursing these for a number of days before informing residential staff. This seems due to his fear of medical treatment. As has been noted before however, Donald can be talked into receiving appropriate treatment. There is no known medical problem within Donald's natural family.

3. Intelligence and Level of Functioning

Donald's intelligence seems to be normal for a boy of his age. Whilst at Hunterhill Tutorial Centre, the reports showed that he coped well with his school work. It was his behaviour that seemed to be the problem. Now at Balrossie, reports again show that Donald is well within the normal level of intelligence. His school work is slightly behind, but this seems more due to the schooling he has missed than a deficiency on Donald's part. Physically, too, he seems to be developing well within the normal limits. Donald's behaviour can sometimes be that of a boy much younger, again this is improving, and can be explained in terms of Donald's upbringing.

4. School

Donald started his school career at Gallowhill Primary School. Although his school work seemed to be satisfactory, Donald's behaviour caused some concern. In August 1988, he was moved to Hunterhill Tutorial Centre in Paisley. He continued to cope well educationally, his behaviour remaining a cause for concern. Donald completed his Primary education at Hunterhill, and remained there for his first year of Secondary education. In May 1990, a meeting was held at Hunterhill Tutorial Centre, including Psychological Services, Social Work, and Donald's mother. It was decided at this meeting, with some misgivings, that Donald would be able to return to full-time mainstream education. It was agreed that Donald return to Merksworth High School in Paisley, starting with the first year. This he did in August 1990. As suspected however, Donald could not cope with the pressures that mainstream education presented. It was also around this time that it was recognised that return home for Donald was impossible. The pressure proved too much for him, and Donald did not return to Merksworth High School. In a Child Care Review in October, it was decided that Donald should not return to mainstream education but an alternative educational placement be sought. Application was made to Balrossie School and Donald started here in Easter 1991. Reports from Balrossie during Donald's first term were positive. He coped well with the work in all subjects and his behaviour improved 100 percent. It was recognised that this was a honeymoon period, but this improvement has continued this term. Donald appears to enjoy Balrossie, his attendance is good, and a recent meeting at the school was positive. Donald appears to relate well to both teachers and fellow pupils, responding well to the smaller classes in the school. It is envisaged that Donald will eventually return to mainstream education, although a time scale has not been agreed upon. This would be done on a planned basis, Donald beginning to attend the local named school possibly one half day per week.

Teachers/...

Teachers at the school are confident that Donald would be capable of completing standard grade courses in most subjects. When considering a future placement for Donald it will be important to give sole consideration to the school situation. Donald may be able to cope with mainstream education in the future, but much supports will be needed at this time. It is important that Donald is not "set-up to fail" in any new school situation. Donald has lost a lot of confidence in school and it is important to maintain the improvement he has made in the last few months. Special education may not be needed for Donald in the future but it will be important to remember Donald's failure at mainstream school in the past. As has been previously noted, it is felt that Donald is capable of gaining certificates in many subjects and this potential should be encouraged.

## 5. Religion

Donald does not take part in any form of religious activity, neither does his mother. It is not anticipated that there will be any religious difficulties in future placements. Donald himself has little interest in religion.

## 6. Social Link in the Community

At present time, Donald does not take part in any local clubs or activities. He has in the past attended a local Karate club and seemed to do very well here. As has been noted previously, Donald finds difficulty in relating to children of his own age, partly due to his own habit of speaking out of turn. Donald also has a reputation in the community of being "the bad boy". Donald is finding this reputation difficult to get rid of. Should a new placement involve a move to a different area, Donald may find it easier to make new links. He has enjoyed swimming in the past and this hobby should be encouraged.

Donald feels himself that he is part of the Gallowhill community, where his mother comes from. He has spoken with apprehension, of a move outwith the Paisley area, but expresses a wish to give it a try.

## 7. Child's History

Apart from two short periods in care, Donald remained with his mother until October 1989. He and his brother were brought into care for a period of 5 days following an incident where Miss Stewart attacked her son, Donald, with a knife. It was felt at this time if the boys remained in care it would be difficult to assure a return home. The children were both placed on the Child Abuse Register at this time and frequent contact kept with the family. Miss Stewart's relationship with Charles proved to be different than that with Donald, and Charles was soon removed from the Child Abuse Register. Donald's relationship with his mother did not improve significantly over the next few months. His reception into care in March 1990 was the result of a final and complete break down of this relationship. In October 1989, Donald was quick to defend his mother's/...

mother's actions, often stating that it was his fault that his mother hit out at him. In March 1990, however, Donald stated that he had had enough. He found it difficult then, as he does now, to defend his mother at all. Miss Stewart was able to attend to both boys' needs, however, found it difficult to cope with the emotional need. This seems to have been a pattern over a number of years, thus resulting in Donald's rather disturbed state now. Donald's mum however, remains an important figure in his life. Now Donald is in care, he is experiencing some stability although a Children's Home does not reflect a stable family life. Donald seems now aware of the affect that his mother has had on him. He seems to be able to address this problem and seems to be coming to terms with it.

Over the last six months, it was feared that Donald, because of his behaviour would have to be moved from his present placement. Due to his improvement, however, it is hoped as any move from Beech Avenue will be seen as a positive one.

8. Relationships with the family

Donald had no contact with his natural father until April 1990. This contact however, seems to have been a disappointment to Donald as it was not significant nor consistent. Donald's mother lived with his younger brother's father for approximately 7 or 8 years. Although Donald called this man dad, he does not seem to suffer now from the lack of contact. It is suspected that Charles received more attention and time than Donald. There has been no contact from this man since Donald was received into care.

There seems to be a close bond between Donald and Charles, both boys appreciate the renewed contact. It is hoped that Miss Stewart will allow that contact to continue both now and in any future placement.

**9. Relationships with People the Child is Currently Living With.**

Donald seems to respond well to a number of the staff in the Children's Home, although it is noted he does not have a close bond with anybody. He responds particularly well with his Keyworker, who is able to spend more time with him. Most staff in Beech Avenue are fond of Donald, and he appears to be relaxing in their company. When the home had a number of children around Donald's age, he tended to get involved in undesirable activities. Most of these children have now moved on, and the home cares for a number of younger children. Donald has proved himself helpful in dealing with these children, especially at the tea table. He is able to play well with a number of children slightly younger than himself. He seems to cope well with the comings and goings of many children although this cannot be easy. Donald has problems making deep relationships with anybody as he has been let down so often in the past. Beech Avenue, however, has proved that they are able to cope with Donates behaviour, and have provided a consistent handling as Donald yet has received. Donald has had a number of "girlfriends" but these relationships have not lasted.

10. Relationship With Any Other People Involved with the Child/...

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An ex-member of staff has recently applied to befriend Donald. The assessment process is now being carried out and it is hoped that links will be made fairly soon. This staff member spent some time with all children in the home on outings, and other activities. Donald speaks well of this relationship and is looking forward to spending some time with him. It is hoped that Kenny will offer Donald a taste of outdoor life as this man is now a gamekeeper. It is hoped that this relationship will offer Donald a link outside Beech Avenue Children's Home.

## THE PLAN FOR THE CHILD

1. Planning

At a Child Care Review in August 1989, it was recognised the difficulty in Donald's returning home full-time. Because of the educational difficulties, it was difficult to see where Donald's care plans lay. Now that Donald has begun to settle, realistic plans can be made for his future. It is felt that now Donald has agreed to the idea of community parents, these plans should be put into operation as soon a possible. He has been included in all Child Care Reviews, however, he has only recently started becoming involved once more. Donald is of the age that he fully understands future plans and his views are fully taken into consideration. A child at Beech Avenue recently moved to long-term foster care and it was this move that encouraged Donald to think further about the suggestion. At a Child Care Review in August 1991, the decision was made to formally request a community care placement for Donald. Donald is fully in agreement with this.

2. Access

It is important that plans for access be left as open as possible. Although Donald and his mother are both stating at present they do not wish to see each other it is important that this avenue be left open. It is also hoped that Miss Stewart allows access between Donald and his young brother to continue where ever Donald's future may lie. As Charles is still under home supervision, there will be the opportunity to work on this with Miss Stewart for some considerable time. The frequency of this access will depend on Donald's ability to settle within his new home and his family's desire to co-operate. Donald is not looking for a substitute mother, simply a good stable family to care for him until he is of an age to do so himself. It is felt important that Donald has the opportunity to have informal contact with his mother, if only to know where she is and how she is doing.

3. Preparation of the Child for Placement/...

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Due to Donald's age, it is not felt that Life Story Book, etc is acceptable is appropriate. Donald is fully aware of his family background and his own place within that. Because of Donald's lack of trust in adults, however, introductions should be carefully planned and full account of Donald's views taken. It is felt that Donald is ready to move from Beech Avenue in a positive manner. The school, too, will be important in preparing Donald for his move as education will be important in this new placement.

## 4. The Legal Situation

Donald is presently on a Residential Supervision Order from the Children's Panel. It is anticipated that this Residential Supervision Order should continue until Donald is of an age to begin independent living.

## 5. Placement Required

As has been noted previously, Donald does not need substitute parents simply substitute carers. This can be provided by a good stable family willing to provide Donald with individual attention along with very strict guidelines and limits. This placement should be within travelling distance of Paisley, to allow informal access to family. It is not envisaged that Miss Stewart will be involved in placement plans. Other children will be tolerated by Donald, although care will need to be taken to ensure these children do not compete with Donald. Sensitivity will also need to be displayed by Donald's new carers around the area of education. At present it is not clear whether Donald will need special schooling until the age of 16, or whether his return to mainstream education is possible. A further disruption in placement would be disastrous for Donald.

Sheena McDonald

SHEENA McDONALD
Social Worker

6.9.91
PAT/SMcD/JAC

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Residential Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM C

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Date of Review Meeting: 17/4/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

1. Physical development since admission/last review (include details of recent accidents or illness):

Developing normally for a boy of his age.

Donald was admitted into the R.A.H. on Saturday 7/4/90, he had been drinking and had sustained a head injury. Given an X-ray, and remained in hospital overnight.

Apart from this he appears to be a healthy boy.

2. Emotional Development:

I feel Donald copes very well emotionally considering the friction between mum d himself.

Donald appears to have a low image and needs constant reassurance.

3. Behavioural Problems:

Within the home Donald's behaviour has been fairly good, however he tends to latch onto the more disruptive residents and this has led him into trouble.

He has been "grounded" on several occassions and has had his pocket money supervised because he had been drinking to the extent of drunkenness.

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4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Donald's access visit to mother have been as follows:- overnights Wednesdays/ Day visits Saturdays.

It had also been suggested by Sheena McDonald (S.W.) that Mrs Stewart could have extended access, however, she refused this offer.

In the beginning the visits went well, however, lately there has been two overnight visits which did not take place. One when Donald refused to go and another when he couldn't gain access to mother's house.

5. Contact with siblings:

Sees his brother Charles, when visiting his mother.

6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

I.T. Group (Sacread Heart School, Thursday).
West Yonderton

7. School attended: Hunterhill Tutorial

School report attached/not available

Educational observations:

8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home: Music, Keyboard, Computor, T.V., videos, reading.

(b) Outwith home: Swimming, Disco's, Kick-boxing.

# Form C continued (3 of 3)

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9. Relationships:

(a) Within home: Relates fairly well with staff and two of the other residents.

(b) Outwith home: Friends from school, and one from Bishopton also friends from his own home area.

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

Our concern for Donald is that he appears to be easily led and responds to friendships that are perhaps not what they appear to be, e.g., some of our other residents need a scapegoat and Donald is a willing participant.

11. Short, medium and long term objectives for child:

Remain in Beech Avenue, attends school on a regular basis, continue with access visits with an aim to re-unite him with his family.

12. Remarks:

Donald is a very likeable boy, very sensitive to the needs of others. He takes his sanctions well when knowing he is in the wrong.

Since Donald's arrival in Beech Avenue, he has maintained that his date of birth is wrong and he is 13 years of age, perhaps this could be clarified for us.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

Mrs V. King
D.O.I.C.

Signed: .....
D.O.I.C.

Designation: .....

Date: .....17/4/90.....

Strathclyde Regional Council

SUMMARY REPORT DONALD STEWART

9/3/1990 UNTIL 17/4/1990

D.O.B. 12/9/1977

D.O.A. 9/3/1990

S.W. Sheena McDonald

Emotional and Behavioural Development

Donald Stewart was admitted to Beech Avenue on 9th March 1990 from Carswood Children's Home. From this period until the 3rd April, things appeared settled for Donald. He had his I.T. group, he made friends with Gary and Andrew residents from Beech Avenue. Andrew had a computer, they attend kick-boxing together, swimming, disco and other activities. Donald also had a friend from Bishopton who visited Beech Avenue on a couple of occassions and Donald returned these visits to Bishopton.

Within this period though , Donald wasn't popular with the others in the group and this worried Donald, this did not do a lot for his self esteem. Unfortunately Donald is a boy who wants to be liked by everyone. They made it obvious that they did not like him and picked on him.

On one occassion we received a phone call from the librarian of our local library, saying, Donalds was afraid and crying. Apparantly the others in the group were picking on him and giving him a hard time.

Our concern at this time was that Donald appeared to be easily led and knowing the others, it would only be a matter of time before they would use him as a scapegoat and as Donald wanted to be liked and be friends he would be a willing participent. He had been warned by staff members on several occassions to keep clear of the children who could get him into trouble, unfortunately peer group pressure prevails more than any advice given by staff.

On the 7th April, Donald succumbed to this and he, with others from Beech Avenue planned a drinking spree and according to Donald he consumed 1 bottle of cider and ½ a bottle of Thunderbirds, which in turn led Donald being admitted to hospital. Receiving treatment for a head injury. Since this incident he appears to be very good friends with those who instigated the plans.

ACCESS VISITS

Access visits for Donald and his mum have not really been very successful as there seems to be a fair amount of friction between them. Donald says he loves his mum and Mrs Stewart has always shown a fondness for her son, however according to Donald because of the clash in temperaments the overnight access ends up in a shouting match. He has asked if his day visits to mum could be extended as less seems to go wrong. During the Day/overnights seem to be presenting a problem for Donald.

ACCESS VISITS (contd)

Mrs Stewart has voiced her opinion from time to time indicating that Donald gets to many privileges in Beech Avenue, she also said she disapproved of Donald smoking. I assured her that children under age did not smoke in Beech Avenue, however, outwith our supervision we have no way tomonitor this.

Donald's privileges at this point in time are very few because of his behaviour re alcohol abuse.

1. He is housebound within the grounds of Beech Avenue and is only allowed out accompanied by staff until he can be trusted again.

2. His pocket money is supervised.

EDUCATION

Since Donald's time with us we have been asked on 2 occassions to collect Donald from school because of bad behaviour. Since then we havn't had any bad reports. There is one very positive report, when the bus failed to pick Donald up when he was on home leave he went to school on his own accord. There is talk of Donald returning to main stream education. We have not heard any word of this from the school.

Donald is a very likeable boy, very sensitive to the needs of others. I feel that given praise and encouragement, promoting his self esteem, and, talking through more his relationship with his mother, will enable Donald to cope better within Beech Avenue.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM F

Date of Review: 8 May 1990

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 8.3.90

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

**Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:**

Our concern for Donald is that he appears to be easily led and responds to friendships that are perhaps not what they appear to be, eg, some of our other residents need a scapegoat and Donald is a willing participant.

**Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:**

**Family** Although Miss Stewart states that she is having problems coping with Donald's behaviour, she is unwilling to accept help for this ie, Groupwork, befriender etc, as she sees this as a reward for Donald

**Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care, last review)**

Donald states that he does not wish to return home. He has not kept some access visits (planned for overnight Wednesday and daytime Saturday) Miss Stewart accepts this and makes little attempt to encourage Donald to return home if he does not want to.

**Summary of Discussion:**

Today's review is the first since Donald was received into care on 8 March 1990. Issues that need to be looked at and discussed are:-

1. Why Donald was received into care.
2. How he has been getting on at Beech Avenue.
3. School
4. Contact with Ms Stewart
5. Groupwork
6. Contact with Donald and other family members
7. Plans for the future

Sheena McDonald gave a summary of why Donald was received into care. He was RIC on a Section 15 Order and is on the Child Abuse Register. The relationship between Donald and his mother is strained, there is constant arguments and fights. Donald came to a point where he felt he could not cope with this anymore and asked to be taken into care. Their relationship is a little strange, as although they do not appear to get on well there appears to be a great deal of love and affection between them.

Vera King reported that Donald is doing well at Beech Avenue. His behaviour at times has not been as good as it should be, but overall is ok. Any trouble that there has been have been isolated incidents. Donald's relationsip with the other children is also ok.

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Donald seems to be best behaved when he stays with the majority of the children, but there are a few children who lead him on and he becomes involved in bad behaviour, he can be used as the scapegoat by the others but is certainly not the instigator of any trouble. During his stay at Beech Avenue Donald has thrived and has developed a greater self image of himself.

Contact between Donald and his mother is twice a week with one overnight stay. There have been problems in this area as Sheena suggested that this be built up to extended access, but Ms Stewart made little attempt to encourage Donald to return home. On occasion Donald had gone to his mothers house to find that he could not gain entry as his mother was not in. Staff from Beech Avenue and Sacred Heart have accompanied Donald to his mother's home and found her not at home. Ms Stewart now says she wishes Donald to return home. Ms Stewart's commitment to Donald returning home is not clear at this point.

Donald is a little apprehensive about returning home as he feels his mother may still shout at him, he says he does not trust her and this is an area where Ms Stewart will have to work on with Donald to gain his trust again. Donald thinks that maybe his mother shouts at him because she has fallen out with her boyfriend. Donald states he does not mind his mother having a boyfriend, although he does not have a good relationship with him.

Sheena felt that maybe Ms Stewart is looking for too much from Donald, she has not reached a point where she can accept Donald wholeheartidly. When support is put into the family Ms Stewart sees this as a reward for Donald's bad behaviour. Ms Stewart perceives Donald unrealistically regarding her view on how things should be.

Ms Stewart told the review that she does wish Donald to come home, but she does have problems coping with his behaviour sometimes. An increase in access would be acceptable to her and felt that more overnight access would help her to cope with Donald and for them to work towards being together again.

Donald and his mother appear to have an honest relationship with each other and can tell each other how they feel.

Donald attends Hunterhill Tutorial and Sheena reported that there has been a tremendous improvement in his school work. Hunterhill Tutorial are today having a meeting to discuss Donald's schooling to see if he should return to mainstream schooling. Donald may be attending Merksworth following discussion from today. Donald did have problems in the past with mainstream schooling and was moved to Hunterhill Tutorial. There have been no major changes in his behaviour at school.

John Doherty reported that the main group contact with Donald is through Sacred Heart, although he has had a number of different supports through groupwork over the past 3-4 years. There are some concerns at the moment due to things being unsettled in Donald's life. Donald has begun to link into the disruptive element within the group. He is now more attention seeking and tries to be accepted by the older members of the group. Donald has always been the youngest member of the group which in itself can cause problems where he can be put apon and victimised.

The way forward for Donald would be a closed group setting with people of his own age. This would provide a more intimate environment for Donald and would be more beneficial to him, unfortunately the resources available at the present may not be able to meet this need.

Mr Eadie enquired as to whether this is the appropriate placement in terms of what kind of work is needed to get Donald home. Mr Clarke wondered if this placement is becoming too comfortable for Donald and his mother, Ms Stewart knows that Donald is only a short distance away, there may not be sufficient demend being put on Ms Stewart to make a determined effort at working towards Donald coming home. Vera King agrees that Donald is comfortable within Beech Avenue but this is what Donald needs and the thing that he has been without for a long time. Frank Millar said he understands why Donald is anxious about going home and that he also does not want this placement to be viewed as anything other than a short term arrangement. Ms Stewart must be made aware that this is a temporary placement and it may be best for Donald to remain in Beech Avenue while working towards his return home.

Mr Eadie suggested that one of the steps towards getting Donald home would be involvement with the Community Support Programme. Initially this would involve a high level of contact of 4 nights a week and every other weekend, but would be a short term input. Ms Stewart was agreeable to this.

Donald's father recently made contact with the Social Work Department requesting that he have access to Donald. Ms Stewart was very resistent to this and will not give her permission for this to go ahead. His father has not had contact with Donald while he was growing up or, according to Ms Stewart, showed any interest in participating with his upbringing. Ms Stewart advised that she has spoken to Donald regarding his father but was advised that she may need to discuss this with Donald further and talk about his feelings towards his father. The Social Work Department will honour Ms Stewart's decision regarding this matter.

# Form C continued (3 of 3)

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9. Relationships:

(a) Within home: Relates fairly well with staff and two of the other residents.

(b) Outwith home: Friends from school, and one from Bishopton. Also friends from his home area.

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

We are still concerned at Donalds tendancy to be led astray by other residents, however since his last review, he has succeeded in avoiding trouble.

11. Short, medium and long term objectives for child:

Remain in Beech Avenue, attend school on a regular basis, continue with access visits with an aim to re-unite him with his family.

12. Remarks:

Donald is still likeable and takes his sanctions well when knowing he is in the wrong. He can identify when his behaviour is not acceptable to others and there have been fewer incidencies of unsociable behaviour. This is most encouraging as Donalds own standards are now a lot higher than previously stated at last review.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

Mrs V King D.O.I.C.

Signed: Vera King

Designation: DOIC

Date: 25 6 90

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**REVIEW PROCEDURE** ML

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM **D**

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Section 15/44(1)a.

Any action indicated:

Due to length of time Donald has been in Beech Avenue, should this now be varied to 44(1)b.
Are there grounds ?

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss L. Stewart, 5, Marjory Drive, Paisley.

(b) Siblings not in care: Charles Stewart, 5, Marjory Drive, Paisley.

(c) Siblings in care: -

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Soon after the last Review, both Donald and his mother both stated that home visits were not working and would not continue.

Donald was encouraged, however, to continue twice weekly overnights and these seem to working well.

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# Form D continued (2 of 3)

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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

Weekly at Beech Avenue.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

Weekly at home.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Miss Stewart is still worried about approaching Court case (27th July).

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

Donald continued to state that he does not wish to return home.

7. Other agencies involved:

C P.

Hunterhill Tutorial Centre.

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

Donald needs a placement that will give him support in returning home and that will set strict limits.



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# Form D continued (3 of 3)

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

Long term - to return home.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

Frank Clarke - Senior Social Worker
Sheena McDonald - Social Worker.

Signed: .....

Designation: Social Worker

Date: .....

Strathclyde Regional Council

REVIEW PROCEDURE PAT/SMcD/LM - 12.8.91

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 8|3|90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1) TO PURSUE BALROSSIE PLACEMENT
2) BEECH AVE TO ORGANISE TIGHT PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES OVER EASTER HOLIDAYS
3) G.SCOTT TO APPROACH PANEL RE BALROSSIE PLACEMENT
4) SW TO WORK WITH DONALD ABOUT COMING TO TERMS WITH HIS HOME LIFE.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:
Section 44 (1) (b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Ms L Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care: Charles Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

(c) Siblings in care: N/A

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:
Mum has little formal contact with Donald. She states that it is up to Donald to visit her at home. She continues to state that she cannot cope with Donald at home.



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# Form D continued (2 of 3)

D

4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

20.3.91 - Child Care Review
21.3.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue
27.3.91 - Admission Meeting at Balrossie
26.4.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue
9.5.91 - Parents night at Balrossie
16.5.91 - Visit to Beech Avenue
22.5.91 - Assessment Meeting at Balrossie
1.7.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue
2.8.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue
13.8.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

9.5.91 - Home Visit
16.5.91 - Home Visit
22.5.91 - Home Visit
10.6.91 - Home Visit
1.8.91 - Home Visit

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Ms Stewart's contact with Donald is inconsistent and when there is contact, Donald reacts badly to this.

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

Child - Donald has progressed well in Beech Avenue, and reports from school are good.

7. Other agencies involved:

Balrossie School

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

The possibility of Community Parents or long term fostering has been discussed with Donald. He is agreeable to a positive move out of Beech Avenue, and is willing to work towards this.



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## Form D continued (3 of 3)

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

Short - To remain in Beech Avenue at present.

Long - A move to a family placement, or somewhere where Donald could get more individual attention would be beneficial to him.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

A Befriending Assessment is presently being carried out on an ex-member of staff and this contact should provide Donald with an interest outside the home.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

F Clarke, Senior Social Worker
S McDonald, Social Worker

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 12/8/91

Strathclyde Regional Council

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Residential Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review FORM C

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Date of Review Meeting: 20.3.91

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

1) To continue in intervention group and seek a placement in Balrossie as a "day boy".

1. Physical development since admission/last review (include details of recent accidents or illness):

Donalds' physical developement remains the same since last review.

2. Emotional Development:

Donald is emotionally mixed up owing to various members of his family letting him down.

3. Behavioural Problems:

Around adults, Donald doesn't seem to know his limits and always goes that bit further than he should. His behaviour recently has deteriorated and we have attached an incident sheet. We feel a lot of this behaviour is due to him not having a placement at school. This means he is floating around with nothing productive to do during school hours and he tends to get into mischief.

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# Form C continued (2 of 3)

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4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Donald sees his mother every Monday. Occasionally he sees his natural father and paternal grandmother.

5. Contact with siblings:

Sees Charles with Mum.

6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

He completed his time at the intervention group and received a certificate to this effect.

7. School attended: None

School report attached/not available

Educational observations:

8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home: has a flair for electrical appliances. This imterest requires supervised

(b) Outwith home: by qualified person.

Swimming, discoing.

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# Form C continued (3 of 3)

C

9. Relationships:

(a) Within home: No real friends within home but Donald allows himself to be used by other residents.

(b) Outwith home: He is friendly with various local boys.

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

1) We feel that Donald is a boy who is easily scapegoated and if there's trouble about he is the one who seems to come out worst.

2) Lately, Donald has absconded on three occasions and this would be worrying if it continues as he seems to find it easy to find a place to stay with people unknown to us.

11. Short, medium and long term objectives for child:

To remain in Beech Avenue and attend Balrossie as a day boy.

12. Remarks:

Donald has a great deal of affection with his mother and we would like Donald to have more contact with her. Although Ms Stewart has said that having Donald at home wouldn't work we hope that in the future she will allow Donald home visits. When not under the influence of others, Donald comes across as a kind and thoughtful boy who will help with tasks around the house.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

Mr D Rankin O.I.C.

Signed: Vera L Kemp

Designation: DOIC

Date: 19.3.91

Strathclyde Regional Council

CASE NO.

DATE

# PROGRESS NOTES

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INCIDENT REPORT ON DONALD STEWART

16.2.91 Donald sneaked a friend of his into Beech Avenue and secreted him under a residents bed. Staff removed the boy.

17.2.91 Said boy reappeared and Donald and another resident went out with him. Boy said he had ran away from home. Staff were about to report this when boy said he would return home. Later on, in the early hours Donald sneaked boy in again. The boy had been missing from home for three days. Boy returned home and social work informed by us.

18.2.91 Donald to meet mum at post Office. One of our residents sisters' 'phoned Beech Avenue to say her friends' allowance Book had been stolen while two of our residents had been there. Mrs King spoke to the boys who admitted this theft and also claimed Donald had cashed the book. Police charged Donald with fraud. S.W. informed.

19.2.01 Disruptive within Beech Avenue

20.2.91 Kicked in kitchen door and laundry.

22.2.91 Upset and crying at the prospect of Mums' eviction.

23.2.91 Donald absconded 2.30am worried about young brother Charles being left on his own. Returned himself. police informed and standby.

25.2.91 Didn't settle till 1.30am. Met his Mum today.

26.2.91 Downstairs smoking at 6.45am.

27.2.91 Donated bottle of wine (already opened) to staff

28.2.91 Brought home by Police from Glasgow Airport. Not charged with anything but warned about security.

1.3.91 Left Beech Avenue without permission. Hit one of the younger children.

4.3.91 Met Mum today

6.3.91 Absconded with two others at 8.45am. Reported to Social Work and Police.

9.3.91 Returned via younger childrens' window at 4.30am

10.3.91 Donald interviewed by Police. Grounded for absconding.

11.3.91 Badly behaved again this evening. Vulgar talk and antic s.

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DONALD STEWART. cont'd

11.3.91 Met mum today

12.3.91 Went for haircut. Returned with skinhead. Abusive in evening to staff.

Dena Kemp
DOC.

CASE NO.

DATE

# PROGRESS NOTES

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Donald attended Hunterhill Tutorial School then was changed to mainstream education on August 20th 1990 at Berksworth School. Despite being given a support teacher, Irene Edwards, Donald continuously truanted.

There have been three reviews held in a short space of time to discuss Donalds' educational needs. The dates were: 18.11.90, 7.1.91 and 22.1.91.

In the first review Sheena was to find out from Social Education if there was a place for Donald, but there wasn't.

At the second review there were mixed opinions as to whether Donald should attend residential list "D" or attend as a day boy only. Sheena visited Balrossie with Donald and both Donald and staff at Balrossie appeared impressed with each other and as far as we were aware there would be a place kept for Donald at the first available opportunity. This placement that was expected has now been taken by another boy and Donald is once again im limbo. Although Donald has been sustained in the intervention group is period of time there is almost at an end and we have no future placement in sight for this boy.

The third meeting confirmed the intervention group, and although this has been successful and Donald has complied with the group, two hours twice weekly is insufficient education for a thirteen year old boy.

At this point in time, there is absolutely no educational prospect for Donald after next week. His behaviour is deteriorating rapidly as he has no positive way to spend his day. This has resulted in several incidents, please see attatched list.

OK.

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVE

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

Application to be made as Day Pupil to Balrossie

Donald to begin Intervention Group

Donald to remain at Beech Ave

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Sec 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

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2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss L Stewart
5 Margery Drive Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care: Charles Stewart
5 Margery Drive Paisley

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Miss Stewart continues to take little interest in Donald at Beech Ave, although she has phoned on several occasions.

Donald meets with Mum every Monday for a short while.



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## Form D continued (2 of 3)

D

4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

7/2/91 - Donald + Social Worke visited Balrossie
12/2/91 Visit to Beech Ave
19/2/91 Visit to Beech Ave - discussed Donald's Behaviour
11/3/91 Visit to Beech Ave.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

Miss Stewart to office on 25/1/91
26/2/91 - Home Visit to discuss Balrossie
12/2/91 Home Visit.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Miss Stewart continues to show little interest in Donald's progress and this is having a bad effect on Donald

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

Donald's behaviour at Beech Ave is deteriorating. He usually becomes involved in trouble going on in the home.

7. Other agencies involved:

Lynn Townsend - Ed. Psychologist
Intervention Group

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

Donald desperately needs a stable school placement, and if this is successful, may settle his placement at Beech Ave



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## Form D continued (3 of 3)

D

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

It is vital that Donald has some full-time educational placement soon. If Balrossie can offer a structured placement, this may have a good effect on his behaviour at Beech Ave

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

Donald now seems unhappy in care and this is being displayed through his unacceptable behaviour.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

F Clarke - SSW

S McDonald SW

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: SOCIAL WORKER

Date: 20/3/01

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CONFIDENTIAL:

HEADMASTER: David S.D. McCallum.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: Kilmacolm 2201.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.

16th May, 1991.

REPORT FOR INITIAL ASSESSMENT:

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| Boy's Name: | DONALD STEWART. |
| Home address: | Beech Avenue Children's Home, Paisley. |
| Date of Birth: | 12. 9. 77. |
| Date of admission: | 16. 4. 91. |
| Unit: | Bute Unit, Balrossie School, Kilmacolm. |
| Keyworker: | Nan West. |
| Field Social Worker: | Sheena Davidson. |
| Date of Initial Assessment: | 22. 5. 91. |

INTRODUCTION:

Donald was very quiet and retiring throughout his first day at Balrossie. He appeared to be very unsettled and not at all happy. As a day boy he was unaccompanied by any adults on arrival.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE:

Donald has never complained of any ailment and to date has not missed any school through illness. He always appears in school neat and tidy, however I cannot comment as to whether his level of personal hygiene is self initiated.

SOCIAL ADJUSTMENTS:

Donald's social skills have gradually developed over the period since his admission. He is now more able to communicate with staff although he still has to be coaxed and will not initiate conversation.

He appears to have very little interaction within his peer group although his position as a day boy affords him a different status amongst the residents and does not enable easy interaction. It is, however, not an area which is considered to be a major problem and will improve in time.

Donald's self image and self esteem appear to be developing along with Donald's confidence around the staff and peer group.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

Donald does not appear to be an aggressive boy and to date we have had no reports of any delinquent acts.

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REPORT FOR INITIAL ASSESSMENT - DONALD STEWART.

There was an occasion just after Donald's admission where he failed to turn up for school and had, in fact, absconded from Beech Avenue Children's Home.

Donald now appears more settled within Balrossie and this was hopefully an isolated incident.

PERSONAL PROBLEMS:

To date, Donald has not displayed any overt personal problems. He is still very much in a learning and developing stage within the school.

HOME CONTACT:

There has been no contact at all from Donald's mother and there has been limited contact with Beech Avenue Children's Home. Recently Mr. Rankin and Sheena Davidson, Social Worker, attended a parent's night at Balrossie.

LEISURE PURSUITS, INTERESTS, HOBBIES, PLAY.

Due to Donald's status as a day boy, there is little time available to develop leisure pursuits. Any free time he does have tends to be spent in the unit listening to music. He does not become actively involved in any of the leisure pursuits organised by the staff, this again may develop with increased confidence.

CHILD'S VIEW:

Donald has stated to the Writer that he is now more settled within Balrossie. He finds the school work to be easy, he is quite happy to continue attending Balrossie and doesn't have any major problems with his peer group in the unit.

Written by: JULIAN BARR.
RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE OFFICER.

Countersigned by: DAVID S.D. McCALLUM.
HEADMASTER.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.
JB/JBW.
16th May, 1991.

Balrossie School, Kilmacolm
Headmaster: David SD McCallum
Telephone: Kilmacolm 2201

## Education Report for Initial Assessment

Name: DONALD STEWART.
D.O.B.: 12. 9. 77.
D.O.A.: 15. 4. 91.
Class: Four.
Class/Form Teacher: Mrs. G.T. Lamont.

Date: 22nd May, 1991.
Previous School: Merksworth Secondary School, Paisley.
Year: Third Year.

| Reading Age: | Test: | Date: |
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| 10.02 years. | Schonell. | 16. 4. 91. |

### Language Skills:

Adequate reading skills.

Good comprehension skills.

Work well done and neatly presented.

### Special Areas of Need:

No special needs obvious at present.

### Number Skills

Working on level 3 of the S.M.P. programme and coping well.

No special areas of need.

Science:

Donald has settled in well. He is pleasant and enthusiastic about science. Rather soon yet to assess his potential.

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Environmental Studies:

C.S.S.

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Art and Design:

Although Donald is still "settling in" he is showing a healthy interest in the work given so far. He is well motivated with good practical skills, listens carefully and has ability to express himself visually.

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P.E. and Games:

The litle I have seen of Donald suggests that he has no glaring weaknesses and should progress well at this subject.

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Technical:

Donald has made a good start and seems to be both keen and capable although it is too early yet to make an assessment of his potential.

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Home Economics:

In the short time he has been in School, he has shown a good positive attitude to work; and appears to be very able pupil both in practical and theory.

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General attitude:

Attitude so far is very good.
Donald works well and requires little help.

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Recommendations to Assessment Meeting:

Donald to remain at Balrossie for the present to help him achieve some stability in his education.

SIGNED: G.T. Lamont.....

G.T. LAMONT (MRS).
CLASS TEACHER.

GTL/JBW.
22nd May, 1991.

Since writing the summary over, there have been further issues.

1) Donald attended his doctor and was found to be suffering from asthma. Prescribed medication for this complaint was given. Donald has managed his medication effectively which keeps his asthma under control.

2) recently his grandmother, Mrs Burgess, approached us by telephone asking if she could have contact with Donald. Donald had visited her unknown to us and Mrs Burgess apologised for this. He has also met his father, Harry Burgess, on two occassions. The first was when he visited his gran.

On the second occassion, he was out with a member of staff. When a taxi was called, Donalds' father was the taxi driver. Harry Burgess came in to speak to the senior on duty and requested access. He was told to contact Donalds' social worker regarding this.

3) Donald, with others, was involved in insulting the daughter of one of our neighbours. The neighbour intended submitting a formal complaint against him, however this did not happen.

Donald was housebound for one week. Hopefully he has learned from this experience where, once again, Donald was the scapegoat for others.

DONALD STEWART
5 Marjory Drive,
Paisley.

12.7.77

currently c/o Beech Avenue Children's Home.

GROUPWORK REPORT

Donald has received a number of different forms of groupwork inputs and supports both prior to the writer's taking up post and since September 1988. In January '89, Donald was a member in Sacred Heart Drop-In, Primary group, attending B.A.T.C.O. (an after school club in Hunterhill), and had a befriending contact.

Since the summer of '89 the main group of contact has been through the Sacred Heart Drop-In group on Thursday evenings, as noted at the Case Conference of 31.10.89, that there was a marked improvement in his behaviour, seeming more controlled and responding calmly although sometimes still reacting fairly aggressively. This summary remains constant with his recent attendances.

The Sacred Heart Group continues to provide a monitor of his behaviour and a support function. He uses the group well in terms of his contact with the workers and is very able in discussing personal issues with them.

However, within the group, problems have arisen due to Donald being the youngest member and how others relate to himself. He has in general coped well in receiving negative attitudes and put downs and has shown strength of character in maintianing his place within the group.

As Donald has progressed through the various groups/contacts he has grown older and more mature, an old head on young shoulders. There have been recent signs of the need for added support in the future as he is now currently identifying with older boys at the group and displaying behaviour to become more accepted as being "one of the boys". There is a potential need for a positive male role model, possibly in the form of a befriender or in terms of groupwork in a setting with a peer group closer to his own age.

In relation to his most recent reception into care, he has talked about this in a very matter of fact manner and has stated that he was unhappy that his mother was not at home when he was there for an overnight stay, (Wed. 11th April) saying further, that he would prefer contact to be carried out by access visits.

Future groupwork involvement can be continued attendance at Sacred Heart group; other groups or resources i.e.befriender may not however be available at this time.

JOHN DOHERTY
I.T.WORKER

24.4.90

...: David S.D. McCallum.

...lephone Number: Kilmacolm 2201.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.
Renfrewshire.

EDUCATION REPORT.

Date: 4.6.91

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...BEECH AVE. CHILDREN'S HOME

...BEECH AVE. HUNTERHILL

J. T. Lamont Class Teacher.

Thomas [illegible] Depute.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

FC/AC 15.11.91

# Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM F

**Date of Review:** 27th August 1991

**Name of Home:** Beech Avenue Children's Home

**Name of Child:** Donald Stewart

**Field Case Paper No:**

**Date of Admission:** 8 March 1990

**Date of Birth:** 12th September 1977

**Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:**

The situation with neighbours remains tense. There was a period at the end of last term when Donald's attendance at school was disrupted. This was related to the loss of his grandparents.

**Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:**

Mum's contact with Donald remains inconsistent and where there is contact, Donald reacts badly to it.

Otherwise, Donna has progressed well in Beech Avenue and reports from school are good.

**Summary of Discussion:**

Sheena McDonald reminded the review of the circumstances leading to Donald's admission to Balrossie. Donald had moved to Merksworth High School from Hunterhill but couldn't cope there. Problems had presented in class and in the playground. he attended an intervention group at Social Education but his behaviour outwith deteriorated despite doing well in the group. Over the recent summer holidays, Donald coped well. As regards home, the situation remains disappointing. Mum still not wanting to come to Child Care reviews. Donald is coming to terms with his mother's rejection of him. His mum is agreeable to Charles coming to visit Donald at Beech Avenue.

Ruth Goule advised the review that Donald had made excellent progress since his last review. There had been a hiccup at the end of last term but Donald has remained positive in his attitude otherwise. He is more mature within Beech Avenue. The situation with neighbours in Beech Avenue still remains tense but the feeling is that Donald has improved and on the whole is behaving well.

Tom McEwan advised the review that Balrossie was working towards Donald being able to return to Merksworth High School. From an education point of view, this is a critical period for Donald as this is the time when he should be making subject choices. His attendance is good though there have been odd problems. Mr McEwan is hopeful of Donald obtaining a number of standard grades. He pointed out that Balrossie does not offer the same opportunities as a normal school. Donald's conduct within the school is acceptable

Continued

ADMASTER: David S.D. McCallum.

lephone Number: Kilmacolm 2201.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.
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BELCH AVE. HUNTERHILL

J. T. Lamont — Class Teacher

Thomas [illegible] — Depute-Education.

YOUNG PERSONS RESOURCE GROUP.

BACKGROUND/ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

**BASIC DETAILS**

S & R Group Appointment: Re-referral: YES / NO

CHILD'S NAME: DONALD STEWART ADDRESS:

D.O.B: 7.9.77 SCHOOL: BALRossie (DAY BOY) SEX: M / ~~F~~

LEGAL STATUS:- NONE ☐ VOL 39(2) ☐ 44 1(a) ☐ 44 1(b) ☑ Other ☐

SOCIAL WORKER: SHEENA McDONALD

**CATEGORY OF REFERRAL**

1. NEW OR ADDITIONAL GROUNDS

a) Beyond Control ☐ b) Moral Danger ☐ c) Lack of Par. Care ☐ d) Victim Offence ☐
dd) At Risk ☐ e) Incest Assoc ☐ f) School Non Att. ☐ g) Offending ☑
gg) Solvent Abuse. ☐

2. REVIEW HEARING ☐ Reason.. new grounds

3. CONSULTATION ☑

**AREAS OF CONCERN**

Home: In Beech Ave C.H. No contact with Mum or younger brother Charles. Behaviour at Beech Ave much improved since starting at day school. A damaged child, has difficulty in making relationships

School: Doing really well at Balrossie Behaviour good. Coping well with work.

Community: Offence of uttering – Donald forged a pension book and collected the money – but received none.

**REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

• NFA ☐ Vol 39(2) ☐ 44 1(a) ☐ 44 1(b) ☐ Continue Hearing ☐
Continue Order ☑ Other .....

YOUNG PERSONS RESOURCE GROUP.

RESOURCES AND ACTION PLAN

CHILD'S NAME: DONALD STEWART

ATTENDANCE:

DATE: 16.5.91

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Discussion re resources for Donald. Agreed that grouping was not appropriate but Sacred Heart would be available for Donald Discussed possibility of a befriender (not through District Project) but from a person (Kenny Laing) who had had a placement at BEECHAVE CH and knew Donald.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

1. No Resources required. ☐
2. More info. needed ☐ Specify Sheena to check Kenny Laing
3. Link to Comm Based Group ☐ Specify.....
4. Minimum Support group (a) Assess ☐ b) Comm. ☐ c) Holding ☐
5. Individual Work ☐ 6. Family Work ☐ 7) School Work ☐
8. I.T. Group ☐ Setting.....9. School Work. ☐
10. Community Assessment Meeting. ☐
11. DRAM: a) CSP ☐ b) Soc. Ed. ☐ c) Short Stay ☐ d) Consult. ☐
12. Residential Care ☐ Specify.....
13. Other Resources ☐ Specify. Befriending (Child in Care)

ACTION PLAN

| WHAT | WHO | WHEN |
|---|---|---|
| Sheena will check if Kenny Laing has indicated that he is interested in befriending Donald as a child in care and with Bill Cache & others if there is any known reason why this should not go ahead for assessment and with District re procedure etc. | | |

Re Refer S&R Group YES / NO Next appointment.....

Donald Stewart

Beech Avenue,
Childrens Home.

12.9.77

Balrossie

Ongoing contact with Donald.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lorraine Stewart | 29 | Mother | Income Support |
| Charles Stewart | 7 | Brother | Lives with mother. |
| **Donald Stewart** | **13** | **Subject.** | |

Sheena McDonald, Social Worker, Abbey House, 8 Seedhill Road, Paisley.

21st May, 1991

**HOME BACKGROUND**

Donald has lived in Beech Avenue Childrens Home since March 1990 when he was received into care following a breakdown in relationships between himself and his mother. This was the second reception into care in a short period, the previous October saw Donald and his young brother Charles coming into Beech Avenue after their mother lashed out at Donald with a knife.

During the first few months that Donald came into care, the plan was that he return home to the care of his mother, but as time went on, Miss Stewart showed less and less interest in Donald. She would miss planned access visits and rarely went to the childrens home to see Donald. At a Child Care Review on it was recognised that plans to return Donald home were not working and it was agreed that he should stay at Beech Avenue for the time being.

Donald's behaviour began to deteriorate in the home; this seemed to be a reaction asgainst his mother's rejection of him. Donald was usually involved in any incident that happened in the home, bullying of the children, vandallism in and out of the home etc.

In October 1990 Donald stopped going to school as he found it difficult to cope with mainstream education and an alternative educational placement was sought. This took some time, however, and Donald became more and more involved in more serious offending, along with two other boys in the home.

Child Care Reviews began to consider alternative residential placements for Donald, although it was recognised that this would further damage an already very emotionally damaged child by giving him yet another adult rejection.

From Christmas to Easter 1991 Donald attended an 'Intervention Group' run by the Social Work Dept. on the mornings per week. Although Donald had not been accepted by the Social Education Unit, this group was seen to be a 'Holding' group for Donald until a permanent placement was found. His behaviour and attendance at this group were excellent. He responded well to the limits and structure of the group and seemed to enjoy the contact. His behaviour outwith this group, however, in the company of the other children in the home did not improve.

At Easter 1991 a place was found for Donald at Balrossie school as a day pupil and Donald and his social worker visited the school. Although Donald at first seemed unsure and nervous of the placement, he seemed to be looking forward to this. After initial difficulties with attendance, Donald started at Balrossie and his progress has been excellent. At about the same time Donald started this placement, the two boys also involved in offending were moved from Beech Avenue and Donald began to realise that the consequences of his actions would be a move from Beech Avenue.

His behaviour both at Beech Avenue and Balrossie has shown a great improvement and Donald now appears to be trying to work hard at school and behave well within the home. He still has little contact with his mother who continues to show little interst in her son and this points the way for future work with Donald.

SCHOOL

When Donald was received into care he was attending Hunterhill Tutorial Centre, where he did very well. His standard of work was good and his behaviour was controllable. Although Donald completed an extra year of primary education at Hunterhill, it was felt that he could cope with mainstream education and he started at Merksworth High School. He has difficulty in coping with the bigger school and the greater demands on him and, as was previously noted, did not return to school after the October break.

Donald did not attend school until Easter 1991 when he began attending Balrossie School as a Day Pupil.

At a recent Parents Evening, Donald was given a glowing report by class and subject teachers not only for his work, but his behaviour. This is monitored by a behaviour chart, and Donald now has a behaviour chart in the Childrens Home, and will receive a prize for improved behaviour in September.

The initial assessment meeting is to be held in Balrossie school on 22nd May 1991 and goals will be set for Donald which may include plans to return to mainstream school.

**ATTITUDE TO GROUNDS OF REFERRAL**

Donald committed this offence whilst in the company of others and whilst he was not at school. He states, and staff can confirm this, that whilst he signed the order book he did not get a share in any of the money. Staff had noted around this time that Donald was very often "set up" by other children in the home to do this sort of thing.

Donald's behaviour has only recently started to improve so it is difficult to gauge how long this improvement will last, but he speaks of this incident with regret.

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION**

Since starting at Balrossie School, Donald's behaviour has improved. He is responding well to the strict limits set by the school and his behaviour is now such that Beech Avenue Children's Home can once again provide an appropriate home base for him.

Donald is still very insecure about his future and still has to come to terms with the rejection by his mother. Ongoing contact and child care reviews will look at how best to deal with this.

Although the offence that Donald was involved in was a serious one, it is the recommendation that this does not come before a Children's Hearing given that there has been an improvement in his behaviour. Should this improvement not continue, it is the intention of the Department to seek an alternative placement for Donald, and a Children's Hearing would be requested at this time.

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Sheena McDonald - Social Worker.

SMcD/MC

21st May, 1991

Strathclyde Regional Council

Social Work Department

Eastwood/Renfrew District

Date of review:

Outcome:

# REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

Name: DONALD STEWART, Address: 5, MARJORY DRIVE, PAISLEY.

Date of birth: 12/9/77.

School attended: HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL.

Religion:

Section of legislation: SEC. 44(1)a / SECT. 15.

Reason for review and by whom called:

Local Authority to vary Section 44(1)a to Section 44(1)b.

New grounds of referral (if appropriate):

-

Significant changes since previous report:

Donald now in care.

Changes in Social Work Department or worker:

-

Contact with other agencies:

-

Report compiled by:

Sheena McDonald, Social Worker, Abbey House, 8, Seedhill Road, Paisley PA1 1JS.

Date report completed:

18/7/90.

Donald is at present on a Home Supervision Order although he is residing in Beech Avenue Children's Home under Section 15 Social Work (Scotland) Act. He last came to the attention of the Children's Panel in December 1989 when Donald and his brother Charles were in Beech Avenue under a Place of Safety Order following an incident where Miss Stewart attacked Donald with a kitchen knife and scratched his legs.

A Child Abuse Case Conference was held at this time and the recommendation to the Panel was that Donald and Charles be returned home. This was on the understanding that there was intensive Social Work and Groupwork support.

Throughout January and February the situation seemed to be improving. Miss Stewart reported that she and Donald often shouted at each other but that she could cope with this. Donald also reported that things were going well. Both the Groupwork Project and Donald's School reported that Donald seemed settled and happy which usually indicated that relationships were good at home.

On 8th March 1990 Donald asked permission of his groupworker to attend a local boxing club with his friend. Permission was given but Donald was asked to return home to get his shorts and ask his mother. Donald arrived back at the group later that evening stating that his mother was drunk and had shouted at him. Donald refused to return home.

Two Social Workers visited Miss Stewart who gave her own version of events, she stated that Donald had run away from her without explaining what he wanted. At that time it was felt that relationships between Donald and his mother had broken down but that with support he could return home within several weeks. He was taken into care under Section 15 Social Work (Scotland) Act. The Reporter was advised of this situation by telephone.

Unfortunately relationships between Donald and his mother have not improved and Donald has been in care for longer than was first expected. It is still planned that Donald return home to his mother but it will take longer than first planned.

At the last Child Care Review on 28th June it was decided to ask for a further Children's Panel with the recommendation that Donald's Home Supervision Order be varied to a Section 44(1)b naming Beech Avenue Children's Home.

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SMcD/ML. Sheena McDonald - Social Worker.

Social Work Department
Director: F E Edwards RD BA MUniv FBIM

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From. D.M. RANKIN O.I.C.
BEECH AVENUE
TO MRS ANNETTE BONNAR A.D.O.
ABBEY HOUSE

INCIDENT INVOLVING DONALD STEWART 16.9.91

I interviewed Donald Stewart On Wednesday 18th Sept regarding his non attendance at school. At this point Donald Started to tell me about the incident with the taxi driver.

I asked Pearl Hill, Donalds' key worker to sit in while Donald recalled the story that is in the attached report. We contacted the Social Work Dept looking for Sheena McDonald and Frank Clark who were both unavailable.

I spoke to the duty social worker who informed me that she would speak to a senior and get back to us.

I then contacted my A.D.O. Mrs Annette Bonar who suggested that I wait until she got back to me. Mrs Bonar contacted shortly afterwards to advise that we inform Johnstone Taxis Owners Association who seem to have the contract for Donald and Dougie Shand that the taxi was cancelled for the 19th Sept for both boys. The taxi seems to be owned by Gavin Russel and Tam appears to be the second driver.

Senior Social Worker anne MacAdam informed that Sheena MacDonald would be here to interview Donald first thing on Thursday Morning.

D.M. RANKIN O.I.C.

INCIDENT ON 16.9.91 INVOLVING DONALD STEWART

On Monday 16.9.91 I was collected at Balrossie by Taxi driver "Tam" to return to Beech Avenue.

In between Bridge of Weir and Johnstone I rolled down the window of the taxi he said "put it down" for a joke at first, then he said "put it up".

I put the window up stopping and starting till it was right up.

He stopped the car, leant back and punched me about the shoulders.

I just remained quiet and put my arm up to defend myself and he then drove me back to Beech Avenue.

I didn't think anyone would believe me and told Mr Rankin on Wed 18th Sept.

Dougie Shand was a witness to this.

BACKGROUND/ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

**BASIC DETAILS**

S & R Group Appointment: 1st AUGUST 1991. Re-referral: YES / NO

CHILD'S NAME: DONALD STEWART ADDRESS: BEECH AVE CHILDRENS HOME

D.O.B: 14. SCHOOL: BALROSSIE SEX: M / F

LEGAL STATUS: NONE ☐ VOL 39(2) ☐ 44 1(a) ☐ 44 1(b) ☑ Other ☐

SOCIAL WORKER: SHEENA McDONALD.

**CATEGORY OF REFERRAL**

1. NEW OR ADDITIONAL GROUNDS

a) Beyond Control ☐ b) Moral Danger ☐ c) Lack of Par. Care ☐ d) Victim Offence ☐
dd) At Risk ☐ e) Incest Assoc ☐ f) School Non Att. ☐ g) Offending ☐
gg) Solvent Abuse. ☐

2. REVIEW HEARING ☑ Reason: ANNUAL

3. CONSULTATION ☐

**AREAS OF CONCERN**

Home: IN CARE AFTER A BREAKDOWN AT HOME. POSSIBLY GOING TO LOOK AT COMMUNITY PARENTS OPTION.

School: ATTENDING BALROSSIE. DOES WELL WHILST HE'S THERE. PROBLEM GETTING HIM TO ATTEND. IF REFUSES TO RETURN, MAY HAVE TO LOOK AT RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT.

Community:

**REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

* NFA ☐ Vol 39(2) ☐ 44 1(a) ☐ 44 1(b) ☑ Continue Hearing ☐
Continue Order ☑ Other .....

CHILD'S NAME: DONALD STEWART

DATE: 1/8/91

ATTENDANCE:

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

PLAN WILL BE FOR DONALD TO REMAIN IN CARE.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

1. No Resources required. ☐
2. More info. needed ☐ Specify.....
3. Link to Comm Based Group ☐ Specify.....
4. Minimum Support group (a) Assess ☐ b) Comm. ☐ c) Holding ☐
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12. Residential Care ☐ Specify.....
13. Other Resources ☑ Specify.....BEFRIENDER.....

ACTION PLAN

| | WHAT | WHO | WHEN |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | CONTINUE 44(1)(b) | | |
| (2) | INVOLVE BEFRIENDER | | |

Re Refer S.W. Group YES / NO Next appointment.....

FORM F

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION CONT'D

DONALD STEWART

and he appears to cope well outwith the classroom. Staff find him a very pleasant boy.

Lyn Townsend expressed the view that things were looking a lot more positive for Donald. As regards the future, she expressed the view that Donald would benefit a great deal from placement with the right family should such a placement be found. She also took the view that there was merit in Donald renewing contact with a mainstream secondary school to enable re-integration in another area should a community parent placement be found.

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**FROM:** Chris Warbrick
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**OUR REF** CW/SS

**YOUR REF**

**DATE** 4 January 1991

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**SUBJECT: D.R.A.M.**

There will be a District Resource Allocation Meeting on Friday 11 January 1991 in Room 32 of the District Social Work Office.

The undernoted children will be discussed and social workers are asked to attend at the time shown.

9.15 a.m.

[redacted]

DONALD STEWART (12.9.77)

[redacted]

S.W. Sheena McDonald

[redacted]

Chris Warbrick
Assistant District Officer (Child Care)

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# Report for Review Case Conference

## Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

1. Children's Names: DONALD STEWART, CHARLES STEWART

2. D.O.B.: 12.9.77, 17.1.83

3. Children's Addresses: Donald at- Beech Avenue, Childrens' Home, Paisley

4. Home addresses if different: 5 Marjory Drive, Gallowhill, Paisley

5. Parents/Caretakers name and address: Lorraine Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

6. Date of Initial Case Conference: 31.10.89

7. Category of Registration: Donald - Physical Abuse; Charles - At Risk Physical Abus

8. Date of current and previous Review Case Conferences: 1st review - 11.5.90

9. Recommendations of Last Review

Both boys to be placed on Register.
Recommendation to Childrens' Panel that children would return home.
Donald to continue to attend Sacred Heart and any other groupwork that was felt appropriate.

10. Legal position of child: Section 44(1)(a) - Donald Section 15

11. Significant changes since last Case Conference

(a) Child

Donald again in care (DOA: 8.3.90) due to breakdown in relationship between him and his mother.

(b) Family

Miss Stewart now more willing to work to Donald returning home. Has recently stated that she is willing to reduce her drinking in order to have increased access to Donald. Donald has not been abused again.

(c) Social Work Department Involvement

Weekly visits to Donald, Charles and Miss Stewart.

(d) Involvement of Other Agencies

Gallowhill Primary
Hunterhill Tutorial
Sacred Heart Youth Club

12. Areas of concern

Donald's second RIC is a major concern and his reluctance to return home. This was discussed at a Child Care Review and commitment to rehabilitation sought from Donald and his mother.

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# Quarterly Assessment Report

## Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

1. Name of Child
   **Donald Stewart**

2. Home Address
   **5, Marjory Drive,**
   **Gallowhill,**
   **Paisley.**

3. Current Address (if different)
   **Beech Avenue Children's Home,**
   **Paisley.**

4. Social Worker
   Sheena McDonald.

5. D.O.B.
   **12/9/77**

6. Date of Initial Case Conference
   **31/10/89**

7. Date of Review Case Conferences
   **27/4/90**

8. Date of Next Case Conference
   **12/11/90**

9. Category of Registration
   **Physical Abuse.**

10. Visits during the previous 3 months (underline dates if child seen)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6/8/90 | Visit to Beech Avenue | 13/9/90 | Child Care Review | 31/10/90 | Visit to Beech Avenue |
| 9/8/90 | Mother to office. | 28/9/90 | Visit to Beech Avenue | | |
| 16/8/90 | Visit to Beech Avenue | 5/10/90 | Visit to Beech Avenue | | |
| 20/8/90 | Office visit by Donald | 18/10/90 | Visit to Beech Avenue | | |
| 29/8/90 | Visit to Beech Avenue | 26/10/90 | Outing with Donald | | |
| 3/9/90 | Children's Panel | 30/10/90 | Home visit | | |

11. Specify any contact with other agencies involved during the previous 3 months (i.e. G.P., Health Visitor, School, etc.)

There has been frequent telephone contact with staff at Beech Avenue about Donald's behaviour, and meetings with his Key Worker.

There has been a meeting with Donald's Guidance Teacher at Merksworth High School regarding his attendance.

Donald has now been referred to Lynn Townsend of Psychological Services.

12. Describe the current child/family situation

Despite stressing to Miss Stewart the need for her to have contact with Donald, she continually places the responsibility for visiting on her son. She has stated both to the Social Worker and to the Children8s Hearing that she does not wish Donald to return home as she cannot cope with his behaviour. Miss Stewart finds it difficult to accept that it is mostly her treatment of Donald that has caused him to behave in such an attention seeking manner. When formal access was arranged it was not kept - Donald claimed that his mother was not in, and Miss Stewart claimed that Donald did not come. When staff at Beech Avenue took Donald home, it was often found that nobody was at home.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Name of Home: BEECH AVENUE

Date of admission: 8.3.90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1st Review since R.I.C.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Section 15. - DONALD ON CHILD ABUSE REGISTER.

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss. L.Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care:

Charles Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley.

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Family situation seems to have settled down slightly. Miss Stewart continues to state that she needs time before Donald returns home. On home visits she states that Donald's behaviour has not changed and that she finds this difficult to cope with. Miss Stewart awaits Court appearance on 27.7.90 for charges surrounding Donald's last R.I.C. when Miss Stewart caused him injury and left the boys unattended.

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Date's and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care; last review

14.3.90 Visit to Beech Avenue - Miss Stewart also seen at this time.

23.3.90 Visit to Beech Avenue

10.3.90 Visit to Beech Avenue.

Date's and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care; last revie

15.3.90 Home visit to discuss Donald's possible return home.
23.3.90 Home Visit
28.3.90 Home visit - Donald at home on access visit
3.4.90 Home visit
12.4.90 Home visit

Areas of Concern:

Family Although Miss Stewart states that she is having problems coping with Donald's behaviour, she is unwilling to accept help for this i.e. Groupwork, befriender etc., as she sees this as a REWARD for Donald

Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care; last revie

Donald states that he does not wish to return home. he has not kept some access visits (planned for overnight Wednesday and daytime Saturday) Miss Stewart accepts this and makes little attempt to encourage Donald to return home if he does not want to.

Other agencies involved:

Hunterhill Tutorial Centre

Sacred Heart Youth Club.

Needs of child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies estimate nature of parental contact etc):

Donald needs to return home soon before he becomes more used to being in care.

He needs support in returning home - the best type of support should be discussed at the 'Review'.

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## Form D continued (3 of 3)

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

To return home.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

11. Persons who will atttend review (from area team):

WILLIAM EADIE

S. MCDONALD.

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: Social Worker

Date: .....

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# Review Case Conference Minute

**Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures**

| Name of child(ren) | D.O.B. | Registration Category | Remain on Register | De-Register |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Donald Stewart | 12/9/77 | Physical Abuse | ✓ | |
| Charles Stewart | 17/1/83 | At Risk Physical Abuse | | ✓ |
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| HOME ADDRESS | PRESENT ADDRESS |
|---|---|
| Donald : Beech Avenue Children's Home,<br>Beech Avenue,<br>Paisley. | Charles : 5, Marjory Drive,<br>Gallowhill,<br>Paisley. |

**ANGES TO REGISTER** (i.e. Address, A. Team, Key Worker, etc.)

Date of Initial Case Conference: 30/10/89

Date of This Review: 11/5/90

Date(s) of Previous Review(s):

Chairperson: William Eadie

| (b) Present (names) | Designation | Agency |
|---|---|---|
| William Eadie | Area Manager | Social Work |
| Sheena McDonald ✓ | Social Worker | " " |
| Vera King | Depute O.I.C. | Beech Avenue |
| Mrs. Stewart | Mother. | |

| (c) Invited but unable to attend | | |
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# Report for Review Case Conference

## Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

1. Children's Names: DONALD STEWART
CHARLES STEWART

2. D.O.B. 12.9.77
17.1.83

3. Children's Addresses
Donald at- Beech Avenue
Childrens' Home
Paisley

4. Home addresses if different
5 Marjory Drive
Gallowhill
Paisley

5. Parents/Caretakers name and address
Lorraine Stewart
5 Marjory Drive
Paisley

6. Date of Initial Case Conference
31.10.89

7. Category of Registration
Donald - Physical Abuse
Charles - At Risk Physical Abus

8. Date of current and previous Review Case Conferences
1st review - 11.5.90

9. Recommendations of Last Review

Both boys to be placed on Register.
Recommendation to Childrens' Panel that children would return home.
Donald to continue to attend Sacred Heart and any other groupwork that was felt appropriate.

10. Legal position of child: Section 44(1)(a) - Donald Section 15

11. Significant changes since last Case Conference

(a) Child

Donald again in care (DOA: 8.3.90) due to breakdown in relationship between him and his mother.

(b) Family

Miss Stewart now more willing to work to Donald returning home. Has recently stated that she is willing to reduce her drinking in order to have increased access to Donald. Donald has not been abused again.

(c) Social Work Department Involvement

Weekly visits to Donald, Charles and Miss Stewart.

(d) Involvement of Other Agencies

Gallowhill Primary
Hunterhill Tutorial
Sacred Heart Youth Club

12. Areas of concern

Donald's second RIC is a major concern and his reluctance to return home. This was discussed at a Child Care Review and commitment to rehabilitation sought from Donald and his mother.

**REVIEW PROCEDURE**

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM **D**

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: [illegible]

Name of Home: BEECH AVENUE

Date of admission: [illegible]

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1) ACCESS TO BE MAINTAINED AT 2 OVERNIGHTS THROUGH THE WEEK AND 2 FULL DAYS AT THE WEEKENDS

2) REQUEST PANEL TO VARY 44(1)(a) TO 44(1)(b)

3) SHEENA TO EXPLORE WEST YONDERTON AND PLAYSCHEME PLACING FOR DONALD

4) SHEENA TO DISCUSS CHILD MANAGEMENT TEACHING WITH MS STEWART MERKSWORTH TO BE INVITED TO NEXT REVIEW

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

SEC 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: 5 MARTORY DRIVE, GALLOWMILL

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARGES LIVES AT HOME WITH MIS MOTHER

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Miss Stewart has made little attempt to keep to access arrangements ie she did not stay at her own home for a few weeks during the summer, and was not at home on several access days.

She has now made it clear that she does not wish this access to continue, nor has she made efforts to see Donald at Beech Ave.

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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

30/6/90 - 7/7/90 - DONALD ON MONIDAM WITH BEECH AVE
11/7/90 - VISIT TO BEECH AVE
25/7/90 - VISIT TO BEECH AVE - DISCUSSED ACCESS WITH DAD
6/8/90 VISIT TO BEECH AVE
20/8/90 SW AND DONALD TO AMUSMENT ARCADE!
24/8/90 VISIT TO BEECH AVE - DISCUSSED DONALD'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
3/9/90 CHILDREN'S PANEL.
5/9/90 VISIT TO BEECH AVE.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

11/7/90 - CONTACTED MISS STEWART AT HER BOYFRIENDS HOUSE TO DISCUSS ACCESS

26/7/90 MISS STEWART KEPT OFFICE APPOINTMENT
9/8/90 MISS STEWART TO OFFICE
[illegible]/8/90 MISS STEWART TO OFFICE - STATED THAT SHE COULD NOT COPE WITH DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR AND SIGNED AGREEMENT TO MR BURGESS HAVING ACCESS

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family MISS STEWART DOES NOT WISH TO WORK AT GETTING DONALD HOME AND CONTINUES TO BLAME HIM FOR HIS BEHAVIOUR.

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR SEEMS TO BE A DIRECT RESPONSE TO MUM'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS HIM.

7. Other agencies involved:

MARKSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

DONALD NEEDS A SETTLED AND SECURE PLACEMENT WITH A LOT OF INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION AND LOVE.



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# Form D continued (3 of 3)

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

PLANS FOR DONALD TO GO HOME HAVE BEEN SEEN NOT TO HAVE WORKED.

ACCESS TO FATHER HAS GONE WELL AND THIS CONTACT SHOULD INCREASE.

ALTERNATIVE PERMANENT PLACEMENT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE REVIEW.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments: DONALD HAS JUST BEEN LINKED WITH THE SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROJECT AND HE SEEMS TO BE RESPONDING WELL TO THIS.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

F CLARKE - SSW

S MCDONALD - SW

Signed: [illegible]

Designation: [illegible]

Date: 13/7/90

Strathclyde Regional Council

**REVIEW PROCEDURE**

# Residential Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM C

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Date of Review Meeting:

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

1. Physical development since admission/last review (include details of recent accidents or illness):

Donald is developing normally for a boy of his age and appears to be a healthy boy.

2. Emotional Development:

Donald, since last review, is finding it increasingly difficult to cope emotionally with the rejection his mother has displayed towards him. He maintains a poor self image and feels himself to be to blame at times for his situation.

3. Behavioural Problems:

Within Beech Avenue his behaviour at times can be disruptive and unacceptable. He is less ready to accept sanctions, whereas before he was quite able to accept that the part he played in misbehaviour led to sanctions being imposed.

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## Form C continued (2 of 3)

4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Donalds' access visits to mother have been non existant due to mothers' reluctance to make herself available to Donald. He has been visited by Mr Burgess his natural father on several occassions and Donald obviously enjoys this contact. Mrs Stewart has stated quite adamantly that she wishes nothing more to do with Donald and has made no efforts to vontact him that are known to us.

5. Contact with siblings:

Has not seen brother Charles as Charles resides with mother.

6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

Margaret Bates : Guidance Teacher Merksworth School

Irene Edwards : Support Teacher Merksworth School

7. School attended: Merksworth High School

School report attached/not available

Educational observations:

8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home: Keyboard, computor, T.V.

(b) Outwith home:
Swimming

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# Form C continued (3 of 3)

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9. Relationships:

(a) Within home: Relates fairly well with other residents.

(b) Outwith home:

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

Donalds ability to maintain school attendance. As he has recently changed schools we hope to work in conjunction with Merksworth School Guidance Dept to see how we can improve and maintain his school attendance.
His feelings of rejection.

11. Short, medium and long term objectives for child:

To remain in Beech Avenue.

12. Remarks:

Donald is a likeable boy who at present is confused by recent events. It is hoped through patience and understanding Donald will become more able to accept his situation and perhaps strengthen his links with his natural father.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

D. Rankin O/C.
P. Hill (Keyworker)

Signed: Ruth Goold

Designation: Senior Houseparent

Date: 13-9-90

Strathclyde Regional Council

CASE NO.

DATE

# PROGRESS NOTES

SIGNATURE

13th Sept 1990

DONALD STEWART

Since Donalds' last review his home situation has deteriorated. His contact with his mother has been virtually non-existant due to the fact that Mrs Stewart has made herself unavailable to Donald on several occassions. Donald has been upset and confused by this. He has had no contact with his youg brother Charles due to the fact that Charles resides with Mrs Stewart.

Donald has had contact with his natural father, Mr Burgess, and this contact appears to be enjoyed by both. Donalds' grandmother has also visited him.

He has recently started attending Merksworth High School and although at first was truanting frequently he has started to attend more regularly. His school offers a Support Teacher which Donald at the moment needs having come from Huntershill Tutorial Centre.

Donald is a likeable boy who is emotionally very hurt by recemt events.

Donald would like increased contact with his father with the possibility of overnight stays, but his social worker would need to look into this.

Donald remains very fond of his mother which is all the more upsetting for him.

He attends the Sacred Heart I.T. Group which offers some constructive leisure pursuits for him and an opportunity to mix with other children.

We, in Beech Avenue, hope through patience and understanding Donald may be able to come to terms with his position and look to the future with some measure of optimism.

REPORT ON DISTRICT RESOURCE ALLOCATION MEETING
HELD AT ABBEY HOUSE
FRIDAY 11 MAY 1990

NAME OF CHILD: DONALD STEWART (d.o.b. 12.9.77)
5 Marjory Drive,
Paisley

Presently residing in Beech Avenue Children's Home

PRESENT:
S MacDonald, Social Worker, Paisley Area Team
L Edwards, Senior I.T. Officer, Social Education Unit
A Kellet, Senior I.T. Officer, West Yonderton
W McCarthy, Senior Assessment Officer, Newfield
J Brown, Depute Principal Psychologist
C Warbrick, Assistant District Officer (Child, Care)
D J Bibby, Assistant District Officer (Child Care) - Chair
B Clark, Student observer

Summary of Discussion
The attached report details Donald's current situation. He was admitted to Beech Avenue on 8/3/90. A subsequent Child Care Review recognised the need for plans to be made for Donald to return home. In this respect, there have been a number of visits undertaken by Miss Stewart and a number of home visits undertaken by Donald throughout March and April. Although accepting that she has problems in coping with Donald's behaviour, Ms Stewart, mother, has in the past been somewhat reluctant to accept external supports such as groupwork and befriending. Progress regarding the full time return home has been slow, and there is a recognition that there is some danger that Donald will become too comfortable in the care situation unless attempts are made to encourage both Donald and his mother to look at realistic supports within the community.

DRAM would therefore recommend that Donald be included in the Community Support Programme on a phased contact with a view to full time attending which should continue at the point of Donald returning home.

D J BIBBY
Assistant District Officer (Child Care)

DJB/SS
29.5.90

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RENFREW DISTRICT

D.A.S.U. REFERRAL FORM

This form should be completed on all children who have been received into care or for whom reception into care may be a consideration and forwarded to D.A.S.U. by noon on Friday prior to case discussion on Tuesday a.m.

SECTION A: FACTUAL DETAILS

| Name | D.O.B | Religion |
|---|---|---|
| Donald Stewart | 12.09.77. | Protestant |

Home Address

5 Marjory Drive
Gallowhill

Previous periods in care

1.04.86-8.04.86 - Due to physical illness of mother.
28.11.77-7.11.78 - Due to mothers lack of accomm.
27.10.89-1.11.89. - Mother physically injured Donald

Present Address

Beech Avenue Children's Home

Child's current Legal Status

Sec 15/441a

Date of R.I.C.

8.03.90.

Significant Medical Details including G.P.

Donald suffers from asthma

School attended prior to R.I.C.

Hunterhill Tutorial Centre

Proposed School

Hunterhill

Details of parents/carers

Lorraine Stewart - 5 Marjory Drive
Patrick Harkins - 3 Cowal Drive, LINWOOD

| Siblings | D.O.B. | Previous periods in care |
|---|---|---|
| Charles Stewart | 17.01.83. | 27.10.89-1.11.89. |

# Form C continued (3 of 3)

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9. Relationships:

(a) Within home: Relates fairly well with staff and two of the other residents.

(b) Outwith home: Friends from school, and one from Bishopton. Also friends from his home area.

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

We are still concerned at Donalds tendancy to be led astray by other residents, however since his last review, he has succeeded in avoiding trouble.

11. Short, medium and long term objectives for child:

Remain in Beech Avenue, attend school on a regular basis, continue with access visits with an aim to re-unite him with his family.

12. Remarks:

Donald is still likeable and takes his sanctions well when knowing he is in the wrong. He can identify when his behaviour is not acceptable to others and there have been fewer incidencies of unsociable behaviour. This is most encouraging as Donalds own standards are now a lot higher than previously stated at last review.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

Mrs V King D.O.I.C.

Signed: Vera King

Designation: DOIC

Date: 25 6 90

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REVIEW PROCEDURE PAT/SMcD/LM - 12.8.91

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 8|3|90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1) TO PURSUE BALROSSIE PLACEMENT
2) BEECH AVE TO ORGANISE TIGHT PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES OVER EASTER HOLIDAYS
3) G.SCOTT TO APPROACH PANEL RE BALROSSIE PLACEMENT
4) SW TO WORK WITH DONALD ABOUT COMING TO TERMS WITH HIS HOME LIFE.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:
Section 44 (1) (b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Ms L Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care: Charles Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

(c) Siblings in care: N/A

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:
Mum has little formal contact with Donald. She states that it is up to Donald to visit her at home. She continues to state that she cannot cope with Donald at home.



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# Form D continued (2 of 3)

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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

20.3.91 - Child Care Review
21.3.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue
27.3.91 - Admission Meeting at Balrossie
26.4.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue
9.5.91 - Parents night at Balrossie
16.5.91 - Visit to Beech Avenue
22.5.91 - Assessment Meeting at Balrossie
1.7.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue
2.8.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue
13.8.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

9.5.91 - Home Visit
16.5.91 - Home Visit
22.5.91 - Home Visit
10.6.91 - Home Visit
1.8.91 - Home Visit

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Ms Stewart's contact with Donald is inconsistent and when there is contact, Donald reacts badly to this.

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

Child - Donald has progressed well in Beech Avenue, and reports from school are good.

7. Other agencies involved:

Balrossie School

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

The possibility of Community Parents or long term fostering has been discussed with Donald. He is agreeable to a positive move out of Beech Avenue, and is willing to work towards this.



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## Form D continued (3 of 3)

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

Short - To remain in Beech Avenue at present.

Long - A move to a family placement, or somewhere where Donald could get more individual attention would be beneficial to him.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

A Befriending Assessment is presently being carried out on an ex-member of staff and this contact should provide Donald with an interest outside the home.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

F Clarke, Senior Social Worker
S McDonald, Social Worker

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 12/8/91

Strathclyde Regional Council

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVE

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

Application to be made as Day Pupil to Balrossie

Donald to begin Intervention Group

Donald to remain at Beech Ave

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Sec 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

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2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss L Stewart
5 Margery Drive Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care: Charles Stewart
5 Margery Drive Paisley

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Miss Stewart continues to take little interest in Donald at Beech Ave, although she has phoned on several occasions.

Donald meets with Mum every Monday for a short while.



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## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

7/2/91 - Donald + Social Worke visited Balrossie
12/2/91 Visit to Beech Ave
19/2/91 Visit to Beech Ave - discussed Donald's Behaviour
11/3/91 Visit to Beech Ave.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

Miss Stewart to office on 25/1/91
26/2/91 - Home Visit to discuss Balrossie
12/2/91 Home Visit.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Miss Stewart continues to show little interest in Donald's progress and this is having a bad effect on Donald

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

Donald's behaviour at Beech Ave is deteriorating. He usually becomes involved in trouble going on in the home.

7. Other agencies involved:

Lynn Townsend - Ed. Psychologist
Intervention Group

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

Donald desperately needs a stable school placement, and if this is successful, may settle his placement at Beech Ave



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## Form D continued (3 of 3)

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

It is vital that Donald has some full-time educational placement soon. If Balrossie can offer a structured placement, this may have a good effect on his behaviour at Beech Ave

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

Donald now seems unhappy in care and this is being displayed through his unacceptable behaviour.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

F Clarke - SSW

S McDonald SW

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: SOCIAL WORKER

Date: 20/3/01

Strathclyde Regional Council

HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE,
Cartha Crescent,
Paisley, PA2 7EL
(Tel: 889.6876)

Strathclyde Department of Education
Renfrew Division

8th February, 1989.

Miss Stewart,
5 Marjory Drive,
Paisley.

Dear Miss Stewart,

Please come in with Donald tomorrow, Thursday,, on the school transport. If you are unable to come in, please keep Donald at home until you can accompany him.

Yours sincerely,

Head Teacher

c/Social Work Dept.

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S McDonald

SMcD/MC

Miss Stewart,
5 Marjory Drive,
PAISLEY.

Miss McDonald

7th DEBRUARY, 1989

Dear Miss Stewart,

Donald tells me that he has not to go to school this week, and also that there are problems at school. Could I visit you on Friday 10th February at 2.30 p.m. in order todiscuss this with you.

If this does not suit, please do not hesitate to contact me at this office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S. McDonald,
SOCIAL WORKER.

HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE

Strathclyde Department of Education
Renfrew Division

With the Compliments of
Mrs. M. McCusker,
Head Teacher

Cartha Crescent,
Paisley, PA2 7EL 889.6876 February, 1989.

Miss Stewart,
5 Marjory Drive,
Paisley.

Dear Miss Stewart,

Further to my letter of 30th January, I am asking that Donald remains at home for the maximum of a week. He has work from school to do. I hope it is possible for him to be kept in the house during this week.

Donald's continual disgusting talk and nasty innuendos are just not acceptable. His way of addressing pupils and staff alike is disgraceful, he simply does not care and seems to be making no attempt to improve.

I will be in touch with you during the week to ask you to bring him in to school to discuss his placement.

Yours sincerely,

M. McCusker

Head Teacher

STRATHCLYDE SOCIAL EASTWOOD 6 FEB 1989 ACKN ANSWD

S. McDonald

c/Social Work Dept.

HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE,

Cartha Crescent,

Paisley, PA2 7EL

(Tel: 889.6876)

Strathclyde
Department of
Education
Renfrew Division

30th January, 1989.

Miss Stewart,
5 Marjory Drive,.
Paisley.

Dear Miss Stewart,

I am becoming increasingly worried about Donald's progress in school. Staff have spent the last year thinking of ways to help your son, and his class as a whole, settle down and get on with their work, all to no avail. I personally feel it has been a wasted year despite every effort by staff, and I'm sure you will agree that this cannot be allowed to continue.

The boys continually niggle, annoy and disrupt each other so that no one is able to get on with the work, and anyone trying to be good or kind is "put down" by the others.

I am now at the point of taking drastic steps to help this situation and I need your support if we are going to be able to do anything for your son.

As it is impossible to work with the group as a whole I am asking that some of the boys are kept at home for a short while. School work will be given to them and I ask that you see it is done properly.

I will be in touch with you soon to let you know when I would like Donald to remain at home. If you would like to come to school and discuss this further, please phone for a suitable appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Mc Cusker

Head Teacher

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
EASTWOOD/GLENFIELD DISTRICT
WOOD ... PAISLEY
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c/Social Work Dept.

HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE,

Cartha Crescent,

Paisley, PA2 7EL

(Tel: 889.6876)

**Strathclyde Department of Education**
**Renfrew Division**

20th September, 1988.

Mrs. Speirs,
Social Work Department,
Glen Street,
Paisley.

Dear Mrs. Speirs,

Donald Stewart

There will be a meeting in Hunterhill Tutorial Centre at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 27th September to review Donald's progress and behaviour. Mrs. Stewart has also been invited to attend this meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Head Teacher

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
21 SEP 1988
M Speirs.

HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE,

Cartha Crescent,

Paisley, PA2 7EL

(Tel: 889.6876)

Strathclyde Department of Education
Renfrew Division

13th May, 1988.

Mrs. Stewart,
5 Marjory Drive,
Paisley.

Dear Mrs. Stewart,

Donald should start attendance at Hunterhill Tutorial Centre on Wednesday, 18th May. You should bring him to the school at 10 a.m. that day. Thereafter transport will be provided each day.

The school hours are:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday | : | 9.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | : | 9.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. |

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mc Cusker

Head Teacher

c ~~/Gallowhill Primary~~
Mrs. Speirs, S.W. Dept.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
EASTWOOD DISTRICT
17 MAY 1988
REF'D M. Speirs.
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Department of Education
Renfrew Division

Child Guidance Service
Carbrook Street
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Principal Psychologist
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If phoning or calling ask for

Date 19 February 1988

M. Speirs

Mrs M Speirs
Social Worker
Social Work Department
Glen Street
PAISLEY

ADMISSIONS FOR: Hunterhill Tutorial Centre

NAME OF CHILD DONALD STEWART D.O.B. 12.09.77

ADDRESS 5 Marjory Drive

Paisley

SCHOOL Gallowhill Primary

A meeting will be held at Hunterhill Tutorial Centre/~~School~~

on Tuesday 1 March 1988 at 10.00 am to consider Donald's

suitability for admission.

I hope that you will be able to attend and to submit any reports and/or observations relevant to this proposal.

Jack Bre

Depute Principal Psychologist

Mrs E McColl, Head Teacher, Gallowhill Primary School, Netherhill Road, Paisley PA3 4PM
Mrs Speirs, Social Worker, Social Work Glen Street, Paisley
Mr W O'Hara, Educational Psychologist
Miss L Townsend Senior Psychologist
Dr W Haran, Senior Clinical Medical Officer
Mrs M McCusker, Head Teacher, Hunterhill Tutorial Centre

IQ/GC

Dr Parker
Rusasll Institute
Causeyside Street
PAISLEY

Mr Quigley

31 March 1987

Dear Dr Parker,

Please find enclosed copy of minutes of case conference held on Donald Stewart.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Quigley
Senior Social Worker

ARGYLL & CLYDE HEALTH BOARD — RENFREW DISTRICT

**The Russell Institute**
Causeyside Street
Paisley PA1 1UR
Tel: 041-889 8701/4

Your Ref:

Our Ref: BP/GD

Date: 12.3.87

If telephoning, please ask for:

Mr. Ian Quigley,
Senior Social Worker,
Area Officer,
3 - 7 Glen Street,
Paisley.

Dear Mr. Quigley,

Donald Stewart, d.o.b. 12.9.77,
5 Marjory Drive, Paisley.

I saw ~~Ian~~ Donald with his mother at the Russell Institute on 18.2.87, at the request of Miss Townsend, because of his soiling at school and at home.

You will already be aware of his difficulties during birth and post-natal period,,and of his very disturbed upbringing, so I will not repeat these details.

He presents as a poorly cared for, rather grubby child, and seemed desperate for attention and understanding, which it seemed to me his mother is not currently providing. I found him to be physically healthy, and although he has a history of asthma, this would appear not to pose too much of a problem, and to be,on the whole, improving. He has a history of otitis media, and I am arranging a hearing test, and possibly E.N.T. referral.

I found no physical cause for his soiling. He did not have a loaded bowel with overflow. The soiling is, I think, emotional in origin, and I have advised mother re this, and will see Donald again in a month. If there is no improvement I intend to ask for the help of Dr. Coutts at the R.A.H.

Yours sincerely,

B. Parker,
Clinical Medical Officer.

I Quigley

Dr Parker
Russell Institute
Causeyside Street
PAISLEY

IQ/GC

Mr Quigley

24 February 1987

Dear Dr Parker,

Donald and Charles Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

I understand that you recently saw Donald in connection with his apparent soiling difficulties. Donald has also, as you are aware, been presenting other problems involving thefts from home and school based difficulties with which his mother is finding difficulty in coping. As a result of this I would like to invite you to attend a case conference to be held in Glen Street on 17 March 1987 at 2 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Quigley
Senior Social Worker

Ms P. Russell
Officer -in-Charge
Children's Centre
Canal Street
PAISLEY

IQ/GC

Mr Quigley

24 February 1987

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Yours sincerely,

Ian Quigley
Senior Social Worker

IQ/SG

Mr Quigley

23 February 1987

Dear

RE: DONALD & CHARLES STEWART, 5 MARJORY DRIVE, PAISLEY

I would like to invite you to attend a Case Conference on the above-named children to be held in Glen Street on 17 March 1987 at 2.00pm.

Yours sincerely

Mr I Quigley
SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

Letter:
Lyn Townsend, Educ Psych
Dr ~~Peacock~~ Parker, Russell Inst

Miss McColl, Headteacher, Gallowhill Primary

Dave Bruce, IT Worker, West Yonderton

Mrs L Stewart
5 Marjory Drive
RAINHAM

IQ/SG

Mr Quigley

23 February 1987

Dear Mrs Stewart

I would like to invite you to attend a Case Conference to discuss the problems being experienced in looking after your children Donald and Charles. This will take place in Glen Street on Tuesday, 17 March 1987 at 2.00pm.

Yours sincerely

IQ

Mr I Quigley
SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

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Miss L Stewart
5 Monjory Drive
Paisley

Sheena McDonald

17th April 1989

Dear Lorraine

As you probably know, Donald and Charles are due for another Panel soon and I have been asked to prepare a report for this.

Could I come and see you on Friday 21st April at 12 noon, to chat about this.

John Docherty and I would like to visit you and Donald on Wednesday 26th April at 3.00pm to talk about the Primary Group which is going to start in May.

I hope these dates are suitable for you. If they are not, please do not hesitate to contact me at this office.

Yours sincerely

Sheena McDonald
Social Worker

Chr Mrs. McWilliam
Mrs. Thomson
Mr. Muir

DONALD & CHARLES STEWART,

5, MARJORY DRIVE,
PAISLEY.

12/9/77, 17/1/83.

FORMERLY GALLOWHILL PRIMARY - HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL.

44(1)a.

Annual Review.

1) Contrary to Section 31 Fire Services Act 1947.
2) Theft.

Nil.

Nil.

Lynn Townsend, Educational Psychologist, Child Guidance Service.

Myra Speirs, Social Worker, Area Office, 3/7, Glen Street, Paisley.

10th May 1988.

Ms. Stewart and the two boys have continued to live in the Gallowhill area and they are now well settled there. The home is now comfortably furnished and on the whole is well maintained.

Lorraine manages her finances well and continues to avoid taking on credit, preferring to save for anything she needs.

Lorraine's family continue to give her support when she needs this, however they can be demanding of Lorraine and fail to acknowledge the improvements she has attained, so their support is of limited value.

Lorraine herself has grown as a person, has much improved herself confidence and her ability to acknowledge some of the needs of her children, but this growth will always be restricted by Lorraine's own very poor emotional upbringing.

Lorraine's plans to marry during the last year were postponed and then cancelled when her relationship with Mr. Mclaren deteriorated. She has stated she has no long term plans to marry at present, but I feel she sees Mr. McLaren fairly regularly. At present however he continues to live elsewhere.

**DONALD:**

Donald has again had a very mixed year. His behaviour in school has led to his progressing through the disciplinary procedure and he has now been excluded from Gallowhill Primary School.

The Department of Education appear to be saying to Ms. Stewart that they would prefer Donald to attend the Tutorial Centre on a full time basis until he is of age to begin at secondary school, and it is hoped he will be able to make a start at Hunterhill within the next two weeks.

Ms. Stewart remained loyal and supportive toward Donald throughout the episodes of misbehaviour and subsequent suspensions from school, declaring that at home he continued to co-operate and be manageable. However the incident over the hoax telephone, a subsequent incidence of theft from within the home and finally Donald coming to the attention of the Police through the theft of toys from Woolworths led Ms. Stewart to declare she was no longer prepared to offer Donald any kind of support and that she intends to ask the Children's Hearing to admit Donald to care.

This Department have offered extensive counselling to Ms. Stewart, recognising her very real feelings of disappointment that Donald could not sustain the marked improvement in his behaviour. It was also pointed out that the times of his regression appeared to coincide with friends coming to live with Ms. Stewart and the children, In the first instance, several months ago, Ms. Stewart's 15 year old niece came to stay, subsequently Ms. Stewart's Aunt Betty came to stay and latterly young Christine returned. The periods in between the visitors always ran much more smoothly and Ms. Stewart and Donald enjoyed a much closer relationship.

At present this Department are discussing a possible placement on the Community Support Programme at West Yonderton, or as much of this as the staffing levels will allow. However Ms. Stewart remains adamant in her intentions for Donald to be admitted to care.

Donald himself feels he tries very hard to please his mother, and has been very hurt at her present rejection. He is already a very emotionally damaged child, but this Department would still maintain that the best place he can be is at home, rather than with several other similarily damaged children.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Relationships between Donald and Charles fluctuate. They are clearly rivals for their mother's affections but appear to remain loyal to each other in all other situations.

**DONALD'S ATTITUDE TO OFFENCE:**

Donald claims he had heard his pals making hoax telephone calls from a public box and the first time he was in his aunt's house he made a similar call, "just for fun". Ms. Stewart made it very clear the dangers in such a call and Donald now realises the full implications of such behaviour. The Police arriving at his aunt's house gave him quite a fright and hopefully learned a hard lesson.

On the second referral Donald had gone into town with a friend, without his mother's permission. He had been out playing and his elder cousin had been asked to keep an eye on him, he had gone to town with a friend. The friend had then gone fishing and refused to allow Donald to go with him, so Donald had gone into Woolworths and stolen two cars, possibly due to resentment at suffering further rejection.

Donald has been extremely upset since this incident. Ms. Stewart has told him she is no longer prepared to tolerate him or his behaviour. Any effect made by Donald to make amends has been unsuccessful, his mother still maintains she is sending him away, so he will be extremely anxious as the time for the Hearing approaches.

**SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION:**

Ms. Stewart and the two boys are now well settled in the gallowhill area. Ms. Stewart takes pride in what she has achieved with her new home, and was proud that she had been able to be more supportive to both Donald and Charles. She has worked more closely with this Department and did enter into discussion at the various times Donald was in trouble in school or at home, but his recent final exclusion from Gallowhill School and subsequent thefts from the family and from Woolworths she declares was the limit and she feels she has nothing more to offer.

This Department feel however Ms. Stewart is, by adopting this attitude, avoiding her responsibilities toward her elder son. We maintain the times when her relatives are not living with her the home situation is more stable and much more satisfying for Donald.

It is hoped Donald will attend Hunterhill Tutorial in the near future which should give him the security of a normal routine. Additional support might be gained through the West Yonderton Project.

Charles at present appears to be coping well although he remains fairly immature and demanding.

I would recommend that the present Home Supervision Requirement should be renewed for another year to allow work with Ms. Stewart to continue.

MS/ML.

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Myra Speirs - Social Worker.

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# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

*Reporter:*
F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

**SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1971—RULE 5**

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on Tuesday 17 May 1988

at 2.00pm within 34 Newton Street, Paisley

A full list of those cited is undernoted, along with timing of each case.

| *Name* | *Time of Case* | *Reason for Appearance* |
|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | | |
| 699/85 Donald Stewart<br>5 Marjory Drive<br>Paisley | 2.00pm<br>M.S. | Annual Review and<br>New referral |
| [redacted] | | |

Copy to- Glen Street, Johnstone

J. Crabtree

*Date* 9 May 1988

*for Reporter*

**Form 4(A)**

*Form of statement by reporter of grounds for the referral of a case to a children's hearing. Rules* 16 *and* 17

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**
**THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986**

[1] Donald Stewart, (12.9.77), 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

is being referred to a children's hearing for Strathclyde Region on the grounds of the following conditions[2]:

That he has committed the offences specified below being grounds for referral in terms of Section 32(2)(g) of the above Act.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

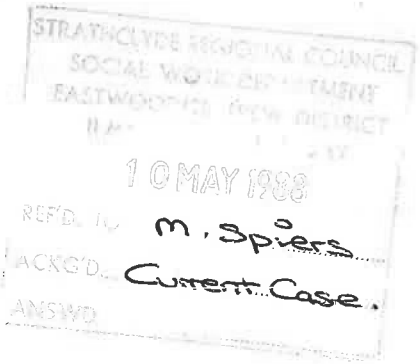
In support of the above condition it is stated:-

That he did on 14 December 1987 from within 104 Netherhill Road, Gallowhill, Paisley knowingly give or cause to be given, a false alarm of fire to Strathclyde Fire Brigade:

NATURE OF OFFENCE:- Contrary to Section 31 of the Fire Services Act 1947 amended by the Criminal Law Act 1977 and Section 289(G) of the Criminal Procedure Act 1975.

That he did on 9 April 1988 from the premises occupied by Woolworths, 12 High Street, Paisley steal 2 toy motor vehicles.

NATURE OF OFFENC:- Theft

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9 May 19 88

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*for Reporter*

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 apply 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.

1 Name and address of child 2 Specify Conditions 3 Address of Reporter

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# Memorandum

Strathclyde Regional Council

**From** Derek Bibby, 7 Love Street, Paisley

Tel 887 9321 Ext 47

**To** **SEE DISTRIBUTION LIST**

Our ref DJB/CKM

Your ref

Date 10th May, 1988

**Subject** **DISTRICT RESOURCE ALLOCATION MEETING**

There will be a District Resource Allocation Meeting on **Friday 13th May at 9 a.m.** in the Meeting Room, Love Street. The following children will be discussed:-

| Time | Child | Social Worker |
|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | | |
| 9.30 a.m. | Donald Stewart (12.9.77) | M. Speirs, Glen Street. |

There are no papers to distribute.

STRATHC... SO...
12 MAY 1988
M Speirs

Derek Bibby
Assistant District Officer (Child Care)

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c.c. J. Patton
M. Speirs

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# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel**

**Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (Children's Hearings)** 22 APR 1988

## EDUCATIONAL REPORT

1. Name of Child DONALD STEWART. 2. Date of Birth 12-09-77.
3. Address 5, MARJORY DRIVE PAISLEY.
4. Present School GALLOWHILL PR. Date of Admission Aug. 1986.
   Year Reached (e.g. Primary 7, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Year) PR: 6
5. School Previously Attended SOUTH PRIMARY.
   Date of Leaving 18-8-86
6. Number of Previous Schools 4.
7. Record of Attendance:
   (a) During last Session ..... Possible ..... Absences FEW ABSENCES. BUT
   (b) During current Session ..... Possible ..... Absences LENGTHY PERIODS OF
   (c) During last four weeks SUSPENSION Possible ..... Absences SUSPENSION.

i. Please tick appropriate box:

| Absent with Reasonable Excuse | Condoned Absences | Suspected Truant | Occasional Truant | Regular Truant | Chronic Truant |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

ii. Remarks, if any Rarely absent unless excluded from school.

8. Teacher's Observations on Health:

(a) Hyperactive ☐ Robust ☐ Normal ☐ Weak ☑ Listless ☑

(b) Disabilities known or suspected:–

Eyesight ☐ Hearing ☐ Speech ☐ Limbs ☐

Any Other Known Defects:–
Asthma. Lethargic at PE. tires easily.

Please tick as appropriate and if possible expand on any entry at (b) in Section 17.

9. Previous reference to Specialist Services:

| e.g. | Please Tick | Date | Reason |
|---|---|---|---|
| Social Worker | ✓ | 86/87 & 87/88 | Mrs Spiers. Contact over exclusion from school & Social Work Supervision order. |
| Child Guidance | ✓ | 85/86. | Referral from South P. (Miss Townsend) |
| Police | | | |
| Medical Officer | ✓ | 87/86. | Case Conference. Dr Parker. |
| Special School | | | |
| Other – Please specify | ✓ | 86/87/87/88 | Support Teacher for Maladjusted behaviour. |

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SOCIAL WORK DEPT
EASTWOOD CENTRE
4 MAY 1988
REFERRED M. Spiers
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ANSWD

10. Type of Course Followed:

| Primary | Common Course | Certificate | Non-Certificate | Remedial |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

11. Academic Assessment Set Against Course Group:–

| Very Able Pupil | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Well Below Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ |

12. Child's Application and Potential:–
Donald is capable of coping with P6 work, in all areas of the curriculum but he is well behind because he refuses to do any written work in class unless he has individual attention from the teacher all the time.

13. Character and Personality:
Is keen to please and to be liked by his peers but seems incapable of any type of co-operation in class or in the playground. He thinks that everyone is against him.

14. Behaviour (Please tick as appropriate) :– Donald constantly disturbs the work of the class. Outside classroom he is at times very aggressive usually towards girls.

| | Satisfactory | Disruptive | Troublesome | Leader | Easily Led | Boisterous | Co-operative | Apathetic | Erratic |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In Class | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Outside Class | | | ✓ | | | | | | |

15. The Nature of Previous Contact Between School and Parents:–
Mrs. Stewart has attended interviews with headteacher relating to Donald's exclusion from school. She has also attended parents evenings and interviews with the class teacher.

16. Part-Time Employment (if known):–

17. General Comments:–
Donald has reached the end of the disciplinary procedure in terms of exclusion from school with a second 6 week exclusion. The school is asking for an full time placement at an establishment which can meet Donald's needs.

Date 20 April 1988

Signature Elma M McCue

Designation Headteacher

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*School* .....

*Name* ..... *Address* .....

*Date of Birth* .....

Please note that when the above-named child appeared at a Children's Hearing on .....

..... the case was disposed of as follows:

*Date* .....

.....
Reporter.

HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE

With the Compliments of
Mrs. M. McCusker,
Head Teacher

Cartha Crescent,
Paisley, PA2 7EL

SM-Donald

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HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE

Minutes of Review Meeting held on 15th March, 1988.

DONALD STEWART (Juniors)
(12. 9.77)

PRESENT: Mrs. M. McCusker, H.T., Hunterhill T.C.
Mrs. E. Watt, Class Teacher
Mrs. C. Perry, Auxiliary, Hunterhill T.C.
Mr. J. Higgins, Student
Mr. W. O'Hara, Educational Psychologist
Miss S. McDonald, Social Work Department
Mr. J. Boyle, West Yonderton I.T. Group
Miss Stewart

Attainments/Forecast

| | |
|---|---|
| Maths | S.P.M.G., Stage 3, p.87<br>Mental Maths, Book 2, Ex. 91 |
| Language | Flightpath - Burglars in the Yard, p.44<br>Better English, Book 3, p.12<br>Read, Write and Remembers, Birds, p.14<br>Super Spell, Book 2, p.21<br>Workbook in Primary English, p.26<br>Reading Workshop - Pink card 13 |

Donald started a full time placement at Hunterhill in June, 1988, and has had a very chequered existance since then. Recently he was completely rejected by his mother on a visit to school. He visits his father in Linwood every second weekend but is not very happy with Dad or Dad's girl friend.

Miss Stewart was quite settled at the review and claimed she did love Donald and did want him, but could not stand the pressure he puts on her. Mrs. Watt stated that Donald was a Jekyl and Hyde and that there was a great deal of good in him; he could be pleasant and kind, and very sensible and helpful. He was competent at Maths and his general knowledge was good, as was his vocabulary. He was also good at drawing and good with his hands. It was thought he would do well in the Technical Department of any school. On the other hand, he has a "macho" image which he feels he must portray, this is thought to hide a great deal of hurt. He is often involved in disgusting talk and actions and can become unbelieavably rude. At other times he lapses into "baby talk". He continually demands/

demands attention but as yet does not know the correct way of gaining it. He is very lacking in confidence.

Donald has recently been asking for homework. Mrs. Watt will give him homework and Miss Stewart will help to see he takes it seriously and does it properly.

Donald is also very slapdash and can be most untidy. It was thought important that he got into the habit of keeping his possessions tidy both at home and at school. He has recently been coming to school wearing a school uniform which is a big improvement.

Mr. Boyle takes Donald to West Yonderton and various clubs four nights a week; recently, however. Miss Stewart has not been allowing him to go to every club because of his behaviour. She agreed to allow him to go two nights per week. Miss Stewart has also been preventing Donald joining the swimming classes and the cookery lessons at school. It was pointed out that it was perhaps better to withhold home privileges from him if the offence was at home and let school use the sanctions available at school. Miss McDonald, social worker, only became involved with the family in January and as yet is not too familiar with their problems. She will be working with both Donald and his mother and hopes to see them fortnightly. It is important that Donald gives his mother her proper place at home and learns to do as she asks. Miss Stewart said she was taking a firmer stand with him and it is hoped this will continue.

Conclusion

Donald will remain in Hunterhill meantime.

Mrs. Watt will give him homework and Miss Stewart will see that he does it properly.

Donald should be encouraged to take a pride in himself, by coming to school appropriately dressed, and a pride in his possessions by looking after them properly and keeping things tidy.

It is hoped Miss Stewart will continue taking a firmer stand with Donald and visit the school regularly to see how he is progressing.

13th April, 1989
MMcC/icc

c/Psychological Services
Dr. Haran
Social Work Department
Gallowhill Primary
Miss McMillan

HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE

Minutes of Admissions Meeting held on 1st March, 1988.

NAME: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12. 9.77

Address: 5 Marjory Drive,
Paisley

Presenting School: Gallowhill Pr.

PRESENT: Mrs. M. McCusker, H.T., Hunterhill T.C.
Dr. W. Haran, Senior Clinical Medical Officer
Mr. W. O'Hara, Educational Psychologist
Ms. L. Townsend, Senior Psychologist
Miss M. Arnaud, Trainee Psychologist
Mrs. E. McColl, H.T., Gallowhill Primary
Mrs. M. Speirs, Social Work Department

Donald is a 10 year old boy presently in P.6 at Gallowhill Primary School where he enrolled in August, 1986. He has a history of disruptive and aggressive behaviour in and out of class.

His work output is poor and his attainments are below his ability level.

Donald had recently returned to school after a 6 week suspension following an incident in the playground. Mrs. McColl was concerned that Donald was unable to show any remorse after being involved in such aggressive incidents.

Mrs.Armstrong, one of the Support Teachers, has been working with Donald for some time in a one-to-one basis and seems to have a very good rapport with him. One of his present teachers also has a good relationship with him. However, he is an extremely disturbed boy and any criticism of him is taken as rejection by him. Any sanctions that have been used have only worked for a time and latterly Donald has had to be removed from class.

Donald has an extremely disturbed home background. He has great affection for his mother's previous boyfriend and visits him whenever he can. Mrs. Stewart had moved to London a few years ago taking Donald and his younger brother, Charles with her; they stayed there for 2 years, returning to Paisley to live with Mrs. Stewart's parents before being allocated a house of their own. Recently Mrs. Stewart had once again gone to London, this time leaving the boys in the care of an aunt. Mrs. Speirs is hopeful that the home circumstances have become a little more settled recently. Anxiety was expressed by Mrs. McCusker about the relationship between Donald and William Burgess, another ten year old pupil presently in Hunterhill. William is one of the most disturbed pupils in Hunterhill; his present step-father is

Donald/

Donald's natural father. Both boys know this. Mrs. Burgess had phoned the school and asked that Donald be refused admission to Hunterhill as she did not want William to have anything to do with Donald. As Donald is the same age as William they should both be in the same class. The pupils in the next class are all 12 years of age and should be in First Year, they could resent having a ten year old as one of their group.

It was agreed to offer a trial part-time placement to Donald in Hunterhill. Hunterhill would be unable to meet Donald's needs if the interaction between Donald and William was unable to be controlled and it was thought better to have a part-time placement to help Donald settle in. It was also felt that with Donald attending Gallowhill part of the week he would not feel completely rejected by them. Both staffs would have to work very closely together if this was to succeed. Mrs. McColl was not totally agreeable to this as she felt Gallowhill had done everything they could for Donald, and there were other pupils to be considered.

A trial part time placement was offered to Donald and a review meeting will be held before the end of June to assess the placement.

7th March, 1988
MMcC/icc

c/~~Psychological Services~~
~~Dr. Haran~~
~~Gallowhill Primary~~
Social Work Department
~~Mr. Travers~~
~~Miss McMillan~~

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: RENFREW DIVISION

SUPPORT SERVICE (BEHAVIOUR)

Minutes of Review held at Gallowhill Primary School on Tuesday 15th December 1987.

SUBJECT: Donald Stewart

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
EASTWOOD
22 JAN 1988
REF'D. TO M Speirs
ACKG'D.
ANSWD.

PRESENT: Mrs E.McColl,Head Teacher
Mrs Livingstone,Class Teacher
Mrs A.Armstrong,Support Teacher
Mrs M.Speirs,Social Worker
Ms L.Townsend, Psychologist
Mrs C.Brownlie,Co-ordinator,Support Service

Mrs McColl updated the situation. Donald is on a Category "D" Exclusion (6 weeks) for an unprovoked major assault on a girl. He is extremely cheeky and defiant and causes continuous class disruption. He now tells lies to the Head Teacher. Little work is done in class and class teacher's patience is sorely tried.

Mrs Armstrong reported that she saw progress to begin with but after Summer '87 he seemed to regress. Donald is under strain at home, tries

to cope and has earned outside visits with Mrs Armstrong.

Mrs Speirs said that there is inconsistant handling at home - one parent family. Donald anticipates rejection and tension builds up. He has caused problems in the S.W. "Primary Group" but responds well on one-to-one.

Ms Townsend said that it had been hoped that "Support" would help Donald but if anything he had regressed. There are problems if he is cornered. Teacher's relationship with Donald is soured and perhaps now is the time to look for another placement.

Mrs Livingstone stated that Donald's annoying behaviour and aggression were extremely time consuming. He does no work, taunts the girls and annoys the "meek" boys. She felt he would need one-to-one teaching.

CONCLUSIONS: 1) Case is now in the hands of the E.O.

2) Mrs McColl to tell E.O. that Gallowhill Primary has done all it can for this pupil.

3) Ms Townsend will make recommendations.

4) A further meeting will be called if Donald is to return to Gallowhill.

C.L.Brownlie
Co-ordinator, Support Service
21/12/87.

Myra Spiers

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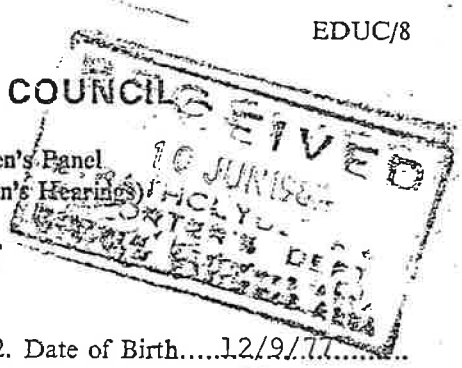

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel
Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (Children's Hearings)

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## EDUCATIONAL REPORT
(Supplementary)

1. Name of Child Donald Stewart 2. Date of Birth 12/9/77

3. Address ~~144 Love Street~~ 5 Marjory Drive. Paisley

4. Present School Gallowhill Primary

5. Details of School Attendance since Supervision Requirement was made on.....

This Term—Possible..... Absences.....

Last Term—Possible..... Absences.....

M SPEIRS

6. General Comments (Any significant change noted since Supervision Requirement was made?) — No change.

Donald's behaviour at school has been very difficult this session. He has caused serious disruption in class, and this is now being considered a matter for exclusion from school. In addition Donald was excluded for 6 school days on 22 May for a serious assault on a younger pupil. He also threatened this child and tried to extort a large steel marble, and assaulted the pupil when he wouldn't agree.

(Signature) E. McCall

Date 12 June 1987. (Designation) Headteacher

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School.....

Name..... Address.....

Date of Birth.....

Please note that when the above-named child appeared at a Children's Hearing on.....

.....the case was disposed of as follows:

Date..... .....

Reporter.

Mr. Docherty.
Mrs. Garrett
Mrs. Stewart Ch.

Donald and Charles Stewart

5 Marjory Drive
Paisley

12.9.77 17.1.83

Annual review

nil

nil

nil

Lynn Townsend, senior educational psychologist,
Child Guidance
Mrs McColl, Gallowhill Primary School
Pam Russell, Children's Centre, Canal Street, Paisley

Myra Speirs

2.6.87

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Mrs Stewart andthe two boys moved into their new home in June last year and the family are now well settled there.

Mrs Stewart's sister and her family live around the corner so she has family support which is good for Lorraine. However, it can also mean that Donald has several adults to whom he is accountable rather than just his mother.

The home is now comfortable and on the whole fairly well maintained. Lorraine manages her finances quite well and has managed to avoid taking on any hire purchase payments but remained content until secondhand furniture became available.

Mrs Stewart's relationship with her sons, I feel, may have improved slightly but she remains a person who finds it difficult to fulfil the emotional needs of her family due to the very poor emotional upbringing she herself had. However, she tries very hard to do what is best for her family and on several occasions has defended Donald from criticism from the school and on occasion from members of her extended family.

Mrs Stewarts states that she herself is more aware of her responsibilities and can cope with these much better than was the case a year ago. She statss that she can stand up to her family more and can tell them that it is her place to hold Donald accountable. She states she feels a lot more settled and is proud of her achievements.

I agree there have been improvements but I feel there is still a long way to go. I acknowledge that Mrs Stewart feels she has co-operated in all things; I feel there are still times where Mrs Stewart will acknowledge what is being said but her attitudes and intentions remain unaltered.

Mrs Stewart has become engaged and hopes to marry next year so Donald and Charles will have an opportunity to have a father figure available to them. Mr Donald McLaren, Mrs Stewart's fiance, knows the boys and is happy to accept them as his own. The family are planning to go on holiday together later in the year so already relationships are forming and will hopefully be sustained.

DONALD

Donald has had a very mixed year. He was enrolled at Gallowhill Primary in August of last year but took a long time to settle down. His behaviour in school and at home has given cause for concern. He has been stealing from home and from school, he constantly seeks attention at home and if he cannot obtain this by positive means he will steal or misbehave in order to gain negative attention.

In school Donald was referred to Child Guidance due to his inability to share or to play with other children, his very aggressive responses to other children and the very poor work he was producing. A support teacher was introduced to the class for Donald and two other children so his classwork improved dramatically when given the additional support and the opportunity for individual attention. However, the situation continues to fluctuate.. Donald still has a poor concentration span and appears to have problems in sorting out what is censure for poor behaviour and what is rejection by his teachers.

Miss Townsend has seen Donald on several occasions and feels he appears to be displaying confusion and atttimes hostility towards his mother which may be due to his perception that his mother is responsible for past difficulties but continues to crave her approval and affection. Part of these difficulties have include Donald soiling himself but a great deal of work was done with Mrs Stewart in getting her to accept that this was a measure of Donald's unhappiness rather than his way of getting back at his mother.

There has been some improvement in all areas. Donald's soiling is considerably reduced and his behaviour improved a great deal over the three months from February to April. In May he began again to disrupt in school and again stole some money.

Two things were seen to have contributed to this, one that he was still testing out the school's commitment to himself and two, Mrs Stewart allowed her aunt and a six year old niece to come and live with her while the girl's mother had a baby and sought better housing. The visitors remained for almost a month. during which time Donald's behaviour deteriorated. The school suspended Donald for six days because of his return to former behaviour and while Mrs Stewart coped in having him at home it is doubtful that she accepts that visitors staying with the family affected her own tolerance levels or Donald's access to herself or the much more settled atmosphere that had been around for him in the previous few months.

Donald continues to attend the primary group at West Yonderton which he enjoys very much. He is working on his relationship with adults and peers alike but still gets "wound up" by other children when he can get quite aggressive.



[redacted]

SUMMARY

Mrs Stewart and the two boys are now settled in Gallowhill. Mrs Stewart has recently become engaged to Mr Donald McLaren and hopes to marry next year. Donald and Charles know Mr McLaren and are said to get on well with him. Mr McLaren has stated he is happy to accept Donald and Charles as his own and for them all to be the one family.

Mrs Stewart feels she co-operates in full with this department but the writer feels there are times when Mrs Stewart pays lip service only, she will acknowledge what is being said but her attitude or intentions remain unchanged.

Donald has had a very mixed year and still has fairly major difficulties. He has very mixed feelings towards his mother whom he perceives to be responsible for past disappointments but still begs her love, attention and approval.

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While Mrs Stewart feels some improvements have been made there is still a great deal of work to be done in helping these two children to overcome the disadvantages of their earlier itinerant experiences.

I would recommend therefore that the hearing renew the home supervision requirement.

Myra Speirs
Social Worker

3 Glen Street
Paisley
MS/GC 2.6.87

(3) (1)
Mr. Wilson Mrs. Beach.
Mrs Lowe Mrs Lowe
Mrs. Clark Mr. Wilson

DONALD STEWART,
CHARLES STEWART,

12/9/77.
17/1/83.

SOUTH SCHOOL.
CHILDREN'S CENTRE,
CANAL STREET,
PAISLEY.

This report follows on from those submitted on 23/1/86, 11/2/86.

Since the last Children's Hearing on 18/2/86 the Social Worker has been Mrs. M. Speirs, Glen Street, Paisley.

In accordance with the wishes of the Panel Members at the last Hearing, there has been regular contact with Miss Stewart and her two sons, either at the Homeless Unit or at the office at Glen Street, Paisley.

Negotiations continued with the Homeless Persons Unit but on 20/3/86 Miss Stewart was informed that she did not qualify for housing under the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act, 1977 and she should therefore vacate the Homeless Persons Unit by 17/4/86.

Mr. I. Smith, Area Officer at Glen Street Social Work Department immediately wrote to Mr. O'Higgins seeking his help in establishing Miss Stewart's claim by any other means available. As a result of this contact, the Social Work Department will present Miss Stewart's circumstances to the Special Cases Committee on 25/4/86. Miss Stewart meantime has been advised that she can remain at the Hostel until the Committee have considered her situation.

On 1/4/86 Miss Stewart was admitted to Hawkhead Hospital for medical treatment and the two boys were admitted to foster care. Miss Stewart accompanied them into care, which was initially to be for only three days. However Miss Stewart had to return to theatre for further treatment and was not discharged from hospital until the fifth day. Despite her difficulties she maintained regular contact with the boys who were reported to be happy and contented while in care. However they were quite clearly overjoyed when their mother arrived to take them home and related what they had been doing during Miss Stewart's absence.

I feel it is imperative that this family be housed as quickly as possible and pressure will be maintained from this Department to push the Housing Department to offer a tenancy. Following this help would be given to obtain furniture and equipment to [illegible] assistance to the family to help them re-establish their identity as a [illegible]

Miss Stewart herself is vulnerable and immature and she will need supp[illegible] relevant agencies to enable her to settle down and bring up her young [illegible] are close bonds, and real affection between mother and sons and every [illegible] should be given for these to develop.

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In view of the very precarious situation at present and Miss Stewart's evident insecurity and poor ability I would ask the Panel to make Donald and Charles the subject of a Home Supervision Order to offer them the protection of this Department. I do not consider a Residential Supervision Order to be appropriate at this time.

Area Office,
3/7, Glen Street,
Paisley.

MS/ML.

14th April 1986.

.....
Mrs. M. Speirs - Social Worker.

Lorraine Stewart

Donald Stewart 8 yrs
Charles Stewart 3 yrs

Lorraine Stewart 25 yrs

c/o 44, Love Street, Paisley.

c/o Black, 4, Espedair Street, Paisle
8, Barnetthouse, Stockwell Park Estat
London, S.
9.

13th September 1985 No. 204151.

Nil.

Drs. Hamilton & Mason, St. James Street,
Paisley. 889 5055.

Housewife.

Lorraine Stewart has been assessed as intentionally homeless under the Homeless Persons Act and has until 25th April to vacate the Homeless Persons Unit, and find alternative accommodation for herself and her two young children.

Lorraine Stewart was born and brought up in the Paisley area and lived there until January 1983, when she moved down to London, remaining there until August 1985.

Miss Stewart claims she returned from London, abandoning her tenancy there, because of harassment from neighbours, bur she clearly identifies the Paisley area as her home base, offering her the contact and support of her extended family, who still live here.

In 1980 Miss Stewart was granted tenancy of a ground floor flat at 8, Moorfoot Avenue, Glenburn but she felt so threatened and frightened following several break-ins, that after a year she gave up the tenancy and moved in with a friend.



14/4/86.

Lorraine Stewart c/o 44, Love Street, Paisley.

The house in Moorfoot Avenue is the only tenancy granted through Renfrew District Council.

Miss Stewart is a single parent with two young children, Donald 8 years, Charles 3 years. Miss Stewart herself had a disturbed upbringing and this has left her vulnerable and insecure. She will require extensive support from all relevant agencies to help her become established.

Donald is already showing the effects of his so far itinerate childhood and desperately needs to have a more secure base. Charles is still young but he too is exhibiting behaviour reflecting his experience of living with different adults and from his four month stay within the Hostel, sharing accommodation with several other families.

The family desperately need to have somewhere they can settle down and begin to rebuild their family identity.

Because of Miss Stewart's vulnerability it would be most helpful if she could be located close to her sister and family in Gallowhill, whom she seems already to visit every day and who appears to be a regular source of support. Certainly if Miss Stewart were located in one of the peripheral schemes, as she was before, she might again be overwhelmed at the isolation and react in a similar way.

This Department would submit therefore that Miss Stewart and her family's circumstances constitute special need and ask that the Committee would consider their case.

**Social Work Department**
Director: F E Edwards RD BA DipASS FISW MBIM

Strathclyde Regional Council

MINUTES OF CASE CONFERENCE 17.3.87 IN GLEN STREET SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

DONALD STEWART (D.O.B 12.9.77) 5 MARJORY DRIVE, PAISLEY
CHARLES STEWART (D.O.B. 17.1.83) 5 MARJORY DRIVE, PAISLEY

Present

Mrs Stewart, mother
Pam Russell, Children's Centre
James Canavan, Key Worker for Charles at Children's Centre
Dave Bruce, West Yonderton
Lyn Townsend, Educational Psycholigist, Carbrook Street
Myra Speirs, Social Worker
Ian Quigley, Senior Social Worker

Apologies

Miss Biggort, Health Visitor
Miss McColl, Headteacher, Gallowhill Primary

It was agreed that the Case Conference would look at both boys seperately.

Donald

Myra Speirs gave relevant background information regarding the areas of concern for Donald. Following a great deal of upset and change throughout his life, Donald has been resident since June 1986 with his mother and brother in Gallowhill. He has attended Gallowhill Primary School since August 1986. In the past months Donald's behaviour in the school and at home has given great cause for concern, due to his stealing from mother and friends, attention seeking behaviour in the house, specially defiant stances and lying to his mother and recently Donald soiling himself. At school Donald has consistantly been identified as having problems containing his aggression and his behaviour has led to Mrs Stewart being asked to attend the school several times to be informed of difficulties experienced there. This has resulted in Mrs Stewart withdrawing Donald from Gallowhill Primary and making a Placement Request for Donald to attend Williamsburgh Primary.

Mrs Stewart stated that since Donald has been removed from Gallowhill Primary two weeks ago his behaviour in the home has been greatly improved and that she is aware of a massive change in her son. This has included Donald not stealing from the home, playing with his brother, Charles, rather than competing for her attention and no incidents of Donald soiling himself.

Dave Bruce gave a report on Donald's progress in the Primary Group at West Yonderton. It would appear that until two weeks ago Donald had regularly been aggressive to other children and generally been difficult in the group. However, he has now discovered that William Burgess is his half-brother and they appear to have established a friendship which means that Donald is no longer isolated in the group. However, he does continue to be "wound up" easily by other children and concerns still exist around Donald's attitude to sharing with other young members and the aggression shown to Donald by other children as a result of this.

Lyn Townsend stated that Donald had been referred to Child Guidance service in October 1986, due to concerns of teaching staff about Donald's inability to share and play with other children, his aggressive responses to children when not supervised during lunchtime and playtimes and the small volume of work Donald was producing in class.

Since the introduction of a support teacher in January, Donald's classwork has improved dramatically, although he continues to have a poor concentration span regularly demands attention by negative means. Donald appears to have problems in sorting out what is censure for poor behaviour from rejection and pushes teachers to reject him by displaying ever poorer behaviour, however his class teachers appear to be coping well. Difficulties experienced in the playground have led to confrontation with the Headteacher and Miss McColl appears to have felt the need to protect other children from Donald's aggression.

From her contact Ms Townsend stated that she felt Donald was displaying signs of extreme confusion especially about his attitude towards his mother, whom he seems to blame for all the past difficulties but continues to wish her approval and affection. Donald's soiling would appear to be Donald's way of showing how upset and confused he is.

In view of Mrs Stewart's placement request a decision would have to be made over Donald's future education. Mrs Stewart stated that she felt that Donald would be happier in another school, however it was pointed out by Ms Townsend that Gallowhill Primary were keen to see Donald there. Following discussion it was agreed by Mrs Stewart that she would return Donald to Gallowhill Primary.

It was also agreed that Donald would continue to attend the IT Group and that Mrs Stewart would endevour to offer consistancy in her treatment of Donald. In particular that she be prepared to accept that the soiling problem displayed be seen as a measure of Donald's unhappieness and confusion and not as spite against herself. Mrs Stewart agreed to look positevly at working with Myra Speirs toward continuing the attention Donald has been receiving during his withdrawal period from school.

[redacted]

Heather Nisbet

[redacted]

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Mr I Quigley - Senior Social Worker

IQ/SG
18 March 1987

Social Work Department
Director: F E Edwards RD BA DipASS FISW MBIM

Strathclyde Regional Council

Notes for Case Conference on Donald Stewart - 17.3.87

1. Donald registered at Gallowhill Primary in August 1986 when the family was allocated a flat in this area.

   Donald loved his new school and spoke very positively about it but unfortunately the school was not finding things so easy.

   Donald has real difficulty in forming peer relationships and as he became isolated within the school the more negative side of his nature emerged when he began striking out, fairly violently, toward the other children. This of course increased his problems as the other children not only disliked him but became afraid of him.

   The Education Department made a support teacher available as the school had several children who were giving concern but this did not mean Donald could be given much more individual attention within the classroom situation.

   However, Donald's situation continued to deteriorate and Mrs Stewart had to attend at school on several occasions to discuss incidents that had arisen in school and to complete the Education Department's disciplinary forms. During these interviews Mrs Stewart stated that she felt Donald was not always entirely to blame but the school seemed to pay less attention to the part played by other children in getting Donald upset when she agreed he did strike out.

   Because of these perceptions Ms Stewart withdrew Donald from Gallowhill Primary and has made a placement request to Williamsburgh School. This request is now with the Education Department

2. Within the home over the last six months Donald has also been creating problems, exhibiting disturbed behaviour in that he has been stealing from his mother and from some of her friends. This has caused Ms Stewart a great deal of distress but Ms Stewart has been encouraged to look at this in the context of Donald's overall emotional difficulties rather than it being in any way "badness" on his part.

3. Donald's problems of soiling, which have increased his problems within school, have been checked out by Dr Parker and confirmed as emotional rather than physical.

[redacted]

3 Glen Street
Paisley
MS/GC 17.3.87

D.A.S.U. Meeting of 1st April, 1986

Donald Stewart aged 8 years
Charles Stewart aged 3 years

Present: Ms. S. Duncan - Chairperson
Mary Fegan
Grace Scott
Anne Howie
Myra Speirs - social worker
Esther Sclare - sen. social worker

Social worker reported that these two little boys with their mother are presently living in the Homeless Unit in Love Street. Negotiations are currently being undertaken between the Area Officer and Housing Management to re-house the family. The family had a house in London but came to Paisley in September stating that they had had harassment from neighbours. London Council have no record of this and Mrs. Stewart was informed that unless she went back to London and through the appropriate channels, she was making herself intentionally homeless. In between times she has lived with her mother in Espedair Street, but moved to Love Street in January. She now has 28 days to vacate Love Street.

There are other problems with the family - although the immediate one is housing. In December the older boy was left unattended and mother got very drunk. Mrs. Stewart appeared in Court and sentence was deferred until May. Panel expressed great reservations regarding Mrs. Stewart's ability to care for the children.

Mother is being admitted today to Hawkhead Hospital for 3 - 4 days and as there is no-one to care for the children, social worker requested fostercare for this period. The children were placed with Mrs. McGarthland in Greenock.

Conclusion: Group endorsed action taken.

GS/IHW

1st April, 1986

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RENFREW DIVISION

D.A.S.U. REFERRAL FORM

This form should be completed on all children who have been received into care or for whom reception into care may be a consideration and forwarded to D.A.S.U.

SECTION A: FACTUAL DETAILS -

1. NAME DONALD STEWART
CHARLES STEWART

2. D.O.B. 12.9.77
17.1.83

3. RELIGION

4. HOME ADDRESS
C/O HOMELESS UNIT
HH LOVE ST., PAISLEY.

5. PRESENT ADDRESS
AS 4.

6. CHILD'S CURRENT LEGAL STATUS
FAMILY WERE RECENTLY AT COURT TO HAVE GROUNDS OF REFERRAL ESTABLISHED RE SCHED. 1 OFFENCE (ABANDONMENT)

7. DATE OF R.I.C.
1.4.86

SECTION B: HOME CIRCUMSTANCES

8. IDENTIFY THE FACTORS WHICH LED TO THE RECEPTION INTO CARE (OR PROPOSED RECEPTION INTO CARE.

MRS. STEWART & THE BOYS HAVE BEEN LIVING IN THE HOMELESS PERSONS UNIT SINCE JANUARY. NEGOTIATIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN BETWEEN A.D. & HOUSING MANAGEMENT. THERE ARE SOME CONCERNS WITHIN THIS FAMILY, BUT HOUSING REMAINS THE MOST IMMEDIATE PROBLEM.

HOWEVER MRS. STEWART IS DUE TO GO INTO HAWKHEAD HOSPITAL ON 1ST APRIL FOR 3/4 days. AND THE CHILDREN WILL REQUIRE A TEMPORARY FOSTER PLACEMENT TO COVER THIS PERIOD.

THERE ARE NO RELATIVES AVAILABLE TO CARE FOR THE CHILDREN.

9. WHAT RESOURCES/INITIATIVES HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED TO KEEP THE CHILD IN THE COMMUNITY?

SECTION C: PLACEMENT DETAILS

10. WHAT IS THE RECOMMENDED PLACEMENT FOR THE CHILD?

TEMPORARY FOSTER HOME

11. WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PLACEMENT? (PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO REHABILITATION).

TO ACCOMODATE + CARE FOR CHILDREN WHILE MOTHER IS IN HOSPITAL.

12. ANY OTHER COMMENTS.

THIS IS A VULNERABLE FAMILY WHICH WE ARE WORKING WITH VERY CLOSELY TO HELP THEM RE-ESTABLISH THEMSELVES WITHIN THE [redacted] COMMUNITY.

SOCIAL WORKER..... Myra Allen .....DATE.....25/3/86.....

SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER .... E. R. Clark .....DATE.....26/3/86.....

Donald Stewart (12.9.1977) Charles Stewart (17.1.83) Hearing 3.30 15.2.86.

The panel began with the chairman introducing the panel members, identifying the children, and then reading out the grounds of referral for charles. Miss Stewart accepted these, and it was decided to refer the case to the sheriff for proof.

The grounds of referral were then read out for Donald, who was then questioned in simple language about the happenings on 16.12.85. It was felt he was able to understand and accept the grounds of referral, and his mother accepted them also.

The panel then decided that both cases should be continued so that they could be discussed together, after the case for Charles had been established at Court.

The panel then discussed the situation of the children at present, so as to decide whether they should be allowed to remain with their mother until the next hearing, or if a Place of Safety should be sought. They asked my opinion.

I told them that I had visited Miss Stewart at the house at 59 Love St., that it was clean, warm and comfortable and I felt the situation, although temporary, was satisfactory. I said I had later visited the house at 4 Spelair St. and found it also to be satisfactory. However it was too small a house for Miss Stewart and the children as well as her mother and her brother. Now that her mother was out of hospital, Miss Stewart was living in the Homeless Unit hostel. I also said that Miss Stewart had always seen me when requested. I thought the children should remain with her.

The panel asked Miss Stewart if she had a drink problem. She said no, but she would go out for a drink on occasion. The panel asked her who would look after the children if she did so. She replied that she would get a baby sitter, or she would not go.

I said that I had never seen Miss Stewart under the influence of drink, and had never smelled drink from her. I added that Donald was attending school regularly and had been present except for one week when he had a cough.

The Chairman then asked me if Miss Stewart could be thrown out of the Hostel. I said the Housing Department had not made a decision, that they were currently considering her for housing. The least they could give her was 28 days' accommodation but I was hopeful they would offer a house and there had been no statement made that they would only give the minimum 28 days.

The chairman then asked me how often I had seen the family. I replied approximately twice a week. He replied that this was not good enough.

The panel then made it clear that they would only be prepared to allow the children to remain with their mother if I (or a colleague) would guarantee to visit daily (and office visits were not good enough). I felt that if I did not give this undertaking, or if I indicated strong disagreement, that they would have taken a Place of Safety order. Accordingly, I said yes.

/ I felt

I felt it was entirely inappropriate to take a Place of Safety order, that after the incident on 16.12.85, there had been no further indication that the children were neglected. There was xxxxx no evidence that there had ever been any abuse. Finally, I had given evidence to the panel that the mother was co-operating well with the Social Work Department.

I feel that there were no circumstances in this case warranting exceptional action by the panel, and if this approach was repeated in other cases it would have considerable implications for the resources of the Social Work Department, either in the excessive degree of supervision demanded by the panel, or in unnecessarily taking children into care.

Type in Casenotes.

**CASE DISCUSSION.**

**Name** ...Donald + Charles Stewart..... **Date** ...27/2/89.....

**Work done / present situation:**

Mrs Stewart is saying that she is not coping with Donald in particular. She states she is sounding out whether Mr Stewart can take the children.

School have been discussing the possibility of List D, school.

**Planned work:**

1. Meeting with Mr McCusker this afternoon.
2. Seeing Mrs Stewart again re: the progress with father.
3. Maintain contact with Donald at Sacred Heart on a fortnightly basis

**Hours** [ ] **Next review** [13.3.89.]

(Type in case notes)

**CASE DISCUSSION.**

**Name** Donald Stewart **Date** 6/3/89

**Work done / present situation:**

Contact was made with Hunterhill school due to problems that Donald was experiencing. Mrs Stewart was saying that she wanted nothing more to do with Donald as she cannot cope with them.

Donald is managing at school and they would like to work with his mum but Mrs Stewart does not want school contact.

**Planned work:**

1. Arrange to visit Mr Stewart (Donald's father in hinwood).
2. Maintain contact with Mrs Stewart.
3. Possible review in April with all agencies to discuss future placement.

**Hours** [ ] **Next review** [ ]

LORRAINE

## REQUIREMENTS

| NORMAL | £ p |
|---|---|
| | 38.65. |
| | 20.80. |
| | |
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| | |
| | 59.45 |

| ADDITIONAL | | £ p | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Heating | | 2.20. | |
| Diet | | | |
| Baths | | | |
| Laundry | * | 2.77 | (7) |
| Wear and Tear | | | |
| Blindness | | | |
| Age | | | |
| Extra Expensive Clothing | | | |
| Other | | | |

| HOUSING | £ p |
|---|---|
| Mortgage Interest | |
| Maintenance | |
| Water Rates | |
| Non Dependants addition | |
| TOTAL | 64.42 |
| | 63.42 |
| A.S.M. Deduction (£1) | 31.15 |
| TOTAL | £ 32.27 |

Sup. Ben. Entitlement

N.B. Also check for

## RESOURCES

| BENEFITS | £ p |
|---|---|
| Unemployment | |
| Sickness | |
| IVB/SDA | |
| Child Benefit | 14.50. |
| Retirement Pension | 4.70 |
| Disablement or Industrial death benefit (£4 disregard) | |
| Maintenance | |
| Works Pension | |
| Net Earnings | |
| Other Income | |
| TOTAL | |
| Fuel Direct | 11.95 |
| Rent Paid | |
| Rates Paid | £ 31.15 |

| CHECKLIST |
|---|
| Housing Benefit Supp. |
| Rent & Rates Rebate |
| F.I.S. |
| One Parent Benefit |
| S.D.A. |
| Attendance Allowance |
| Mobility Allowance |
| Other |

SINGLE PAYMENTS

RECORD OF PAYMENTS

CLIENT: DONALD & CHAS. STEWART
for LORRAINE STEWART (MOTHER)

| DATE | DETAILS OF PAYMENT | TOTAL | SOCIAL WORKER |
|---|---|---|---|
| AUGUST 1986 | CHEQUE PAYABLE TO WEMYSS ST. CARPETS CARPETS FOR LIVING ROOM, 2 BEDROOMS, HALL & BATHROOM. LINO FOR KITCHEN | £250. | |
| SEPT 1986 | CHEQUE PAYABLE TO B & Q STORES FOR REDECORATION MATERIALS. | £150 | |
| FEB 1987 | CHEQUES PAYABLE TO ROBERTSON & CO FOR WASHING MACHINE | 239.95 | |
| | CHEQUE PAYABLE TO K & K PLUMBERS TO PLUMB IN WASHING MACHINE | 50.00 | |

Since the report written on 23.1.86 I have obtained more information about both children which will be of further help to the panel.

DONALD

After Donald was born his mother went to stay with his father, Harry Burgess, who then lived with his parents at 22 Bankfoot Road, Ferguslie. After a few weeks there was a family row. Mr Burgess apparently beat up Miss Stewart. Her brother received a three year prison sentence for attempted murder after assaulting Mr Burgess. Donald was then received into voluntary care. Miss Stewart agreed to him remaining until her own situation was more settled. Donald has seen little or nothing of his father since he was received into care. Mr Burgess has since married, now has five children and has no contact with Miss Stewart or his son. Miss Stewart and baby Donald continued to live with her mother and stepfather for nearly two years, until January 1979 when her case with the Social Work Department was closed.

Miss Stewart then moved in with Mr Patrick Harkins who is about twelve years older than Miss Stewart. His home was at 49 Brediland Road, Linwood. She stayed there for about a year. She stated Mr Harkins was very good with Donald and Donald regarded him as his father. She stated / Donald was aware of the identity of his real father.

After about a year Miss Stewart obtained tenancy of a house at 8 Moorfoot Avenue, Paisley. She gave up this house after about a year after difficulties caused by breakins. She returned to Mr Harkins but left him after about two years to go to London. Donald commenced his schooling at Mossvale Primary School. In London Donald attended Loughborough Infant and Junior School. Miss Stewart stated Donald did not like London. He was nervous and became enuretic. In August 1985 she returned with Donald and Charles to Paisley. Since his return Donald has seen Mr Harkins once. Soon after Miss Stewart went to London Mr Harkins was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and Donald visited him, with his mother, in prison. Donald has been attending the South Primary School since then. Miss Stewart did not at first receive her full entitlement to benefit and this caused problems in clothing the children.

Donald was referred by his head teacher, Mrs Thomas, in November 1985. She expressed a number of concerns including the fact that Donald was rather scruffily dressed, was lacking in concentration, had made comments about wrapping himself in a blanket to keep warm at home. He had also apparently indicated that his mother drank and that he sometimes looked after his younger brother. The main incident which had caused the referral was that Donald, on two occasions, had defecated in the school playground.

A home visit was made the next working day. Donald was, by then, reported by the school to be better dressed and both children in fact appeared adequately clad. The house was warm and comfortable. Miss Stewart denied there had been any incident in the playground but agreed to call and see Mrs Thomas the following day, which she did. There did not appear to be any evidence of excessive drinking by Miss Stewart and she denied ever leaving Donald to look after Charles on his own.

Two weeks after this visit the incident occurred which led to the referral to the Children's Panel.

Since then Miss Stewart has moved from Mr Baker's house to her mother's house and is now living c/o the Homeless Unit Hostel, 44 Love Street, Paisley.

During the last two months Miss Stewart has had considerable contact with the Social Work Department. The children are now better dressed. There have been no further apparent concerns about excessive drinking.

Donald has been referred to Child Guidance but missed his first appointment because the letter went astray.

Donald is not making as much progress as he should at school because of his poor concentration. It is hoped that Donald's sense of security may improve if his mother obtains permanent housing and he may be further helped by the Child Guidance service. Further direct work by the Social Work Department is still to be assessed.

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CONCLUSION

Miss Stewart has now been introduced to the Community Learning Project. She hopes to attend adult literacy classes on a Monday and a women's group on a Tuesday. While she attends the women's group Charles will attend the Hugh Smiley nursery. Whilst the details of work with Donald by Child Guidance and social work are not yet defined, there is clearly a need to help him to catch up in social development. However, the work in helping Miss Stewart to establish herself is a critical preventative measure to ensure the children's future welfare.

M. Crowe
Social Worker

3 Glen Street
Paisley
MEC/GC 11.2.86

FAMILY

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Miss Stewart stated that Donald's father took Donald away, against her will, and resulting from the battle between this man and her brother, her brother received a prison sentence of 3 years for attempted murder. Donald's father then, also according to Miss Stewart, had Donald taken into care saying his mother did not want him. Donald was in care from age 6 weeks to 5 months, when he was returned to her. Miss Stewart claims she did not want Donald to stay in care.

Because of Miss Stewart's own difficulties she was placed on supervision by the Children's Panel and had Social Work support until 1979. (when Donald was nearly 2 and she was about 18.)

Miss Stewart reports her numerous moves over the years since Donald's birth: Whenshe was about 17 she went to live with a boyfriend in Linwood, for about 2 years. She then obtained a house of her own, in Moorfoot Avenue. She had several break-ins because, she says, it was a ground floor house in a bad area. Eventually, after about a year, she gave up the house and returned to her boyfriend's in Linwood. She remained there for about 2 years, and Charles was born there. She then left once more and went to stay with a sister in London (in August 1983). She obtained a house there in March 1984. She had problems with this house too. She said she became friendly with the wrong people who would insist on visiting her whether she wished it or not, and eventually the house was vandalised and most of her furniture stolen. She said she had not been aware at first that the house was in a bad area. She left this house in August 1985 to return to Paisley.

In August, Miss Stewart went to the Homeless Unit who advised her to return to London. Miss Stewart in fact returned to her mother, Mrs Black (now re-married and separated) despite the poor relationship with her. In October 1985 Miss Stewart moved to stay with Michael Baker at 59 Love Street. She stayed with him because she had nowhere else to go and she did not regard herself as his girlfriend. In some ways this arrangement appeared satisfactory as Mr Baker was patient with the children and did not assault Miss Stewart. However, Miss Stewart did not look on this as a permanent relationship and she remained unsettled. After the case was referred by the school I gave Miss Stewart some advice and asked her to see me again. She failed to do this and her eventual explanation was that she was too depressed. Subsequently the Social Work Department purchased a buggy for Charles to give Miss Stewart more ease of travel. I have now seen her on a number of occasions and she has been very co-operative in seeing me when requested.

On 4.1.86 Mr Baker put Miss Stewart and the two children out. Miss Stewart went to her eldest sister Agnes, who gave her the keys to her mother's home. Miss Stewart is presently staying there while her mother undergoes treatment for tuberculosis. She says that as sonn as her mother comes home she will have to leave because her mother does not want her under the same roof.

Miss Stewart has returned to the Homeless Unit who are once more investigating her case but have reached no decision. If necessary, they will offer temporary accommodation pending the decision. The tenancy in London has been treated as abandoned.

Miss Stewart appears to have a good relationship with her children but sometimes gets exasperated because they are active and noisy.

She has a large extended family but says although they may help out in a very short-term way, none of them will have her to stay. She visits her sister Agnes during the day and she asks her stepfather to look after the children occasionally.

CHILD

Donald is a lively bouncy eight year old who talks a lot and runs about during interviews. I feel his attention span is somewhat limited. I am not aware of specific skills or hobbies, but he seems to like motorbikes. He appears to have normal intelligence and is quite articulate in conversation.

SCHOOL

Donald appears to like school, but the original referral to the Social Work Department came from his head teacher who was very concerned about him. He was apparently poorly clad and was sent to school with a bad cold. His attention span was poor, but the main concern was that on two occasions he had defecated in public in the school playground. Mrs Thomas, the head teacher however, was pleased that Donald's mother did attend the school when invited and responded positively to offers of help.

GROUNDS OF REFERRAL

Miss Stewart told me that on the day of the incident she was feeling that everything was on top of her. She was at her sister's and left to collect Donald at 3 pm. She had already left Charles with her stepfather. In the centre of Paisley she met an old friend and they went to a pub. She claimed Donald should have known to go to his grandfather, however acknowledged that she should have made proper arrangements. She seemed remorseful and fearful about the children being taken into care. She came in to see me the next day before I had contacted her.

ASSESSMENT

I feel Donald's problems are caused by his mother's problems, in particular her insecurity. Yet I feel there is a good relationship between her and both children.

Miss Stewart feels that all she needs is a house, and she would not repeat earlier mistakes. However, I feel she will need help and encouragement to set up a house and maintain a more settled way of life.

She does not even have a straightforward case with the Homeless Unit because of the abandoned tenancy in London.

I am hoping it will be possible, with advocacy with the Housing Department if necessary, for Miss Stewart to be housed and then get help to get household goods and set up home. I am also hoping she may become involved with a Women's Group which could help boost her confidence and self esteem.

I would not wish to consider that these children be taken into care, because of the positive aspects to the case. Miss Stewart has an attractive friendly manner, as do her children, and the 3 family members appear to have good relationships with each other. Miss Stewart appears co-operative in her dealings with our department. However, there must remain a risk of things going wrong and Miss Stewart and the children becoming uprooted once more. Therefore, I feel supervision should be considered.

RECOMMENDATION

That Donald should be placed on home supervision.

6. CIRCUMSTANCES—Include

Lorraine Stewart was born and brought up in the Paisley area and lived there until January 1983 when she moved to London with her two sons, remaining there until August 1985.

In 1980 Miss Stewart had been given the tenancy of a flat at 8 Moorfoot Avenue which she abandoned as she felt threatened and frightened following several breakins. She had been given a DHSS grant for furniture and fittings and left all of these behind.

Miss Stewart was also given tenancy of a house in London and was again given a grant from DHSS for furniture and fittings. Therefore on her return to Paisley she moved in to the Homeless Persons Unit prior to being given tenancy of her present house for which she was refused a grant by DHSS. DHSS gave her an Urgent Needs payment to purchase beds for the two boys and a cooker. This she is repaying at source by £2 per week. She also purchased dishes, towels etc.

Miss Stewart is a single parent with two children, Donald 8 years and Charles, 3 years. Miss Stewart herself has had a disturbed upbringing and was only 17 years old when Donald was born. Donald's father removed him from his mother's care when he was only a few weeks old but he subsequently placed Donald in the care of the local authority when only two months old. Donald remained in care for three months prior to being returned to his mother's care.

Since this time Miss Stewart has lived at several addresses with Donald and latterly with both boys. She remains vulnerable and insecure and will require extensive support from all relevant agencies.

Donald is already showing the effects of his itinerant childhood and desperately needs a secure base. Charles is still young but he too is exhibiting behaviour reflecting his experience of living with different adults and from his five month stay within the Homeless Persons Hostel, sharing accommodation with several other families.

Following an incident on 18.12.85 whereby Miss Stewart had failed to collect her son from school and was subsequently traced by police and found to be drunk and incapable, the children were referred to a Children's Hearing which was held on 18.2.86. At that hearing there was lengthy discussion by the panel as to whether the children would not be better cared for in foster care in view of mother's frequent changes of address and the level of disruption in the children's lives. The case was in fact continued for further investigation and eventually the children were placed on home supervision orders. They did come into care for a few days when Miss Stewart was admitted to Hawkhead Hospital for minor surgery. At that time the department purchased new clothing for the boys as what they had was seen to be inadequate.

contd.

7. CHECK LIST *Tick off as checked*

(a) ALL APPLICANTS Check:—
- (i) Account to which loan/grant is requested (in debt cases only) ☐
- (ii) Documentation of income (pay slips, pension, allowance book, etc.) ☑
- (iii) Family expenditure (rent card, H.P. payments, etc.) ☐

Eligibility for:—
- (iv) Rent Rebate/allowance/rates rebate ☐
- (v) Free school meals ☑
- (vi) Mobility Allowance/Attendance Allowance ☐
- (vii) Help from other sources ☐

(b) APPLICANTS WHO ARE EMPLOYED Check eligibility for:—
- (i) Family Income Supplement ☐

(c) APPLICANTS WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED Check eligibility for:—
- (i) Supplementary Benefit—weekly payment, grant or special weekly addition/fuel/diet/essential H.P. ☐
- (ii) Possibility of direct fuel/rent control ☐

At present Donald has been attending the West Yonderton project and Charles has been admitted to the Paisley Children's Centre. It is hoped Miss Stewart will attend the women's group held at Queen Street and will become involved in the child development classes.

Her home situation remains very poor. She has no floorcovering nor has she been able to do any redecoration. She has managed to obtain one or two pieces of furniture and a gas fire so she is making some effort to get it all together.

It is important for these children to see the home coming together to help to reassure them that they are going to be able to stay in this new home and not have to move on again or in fact be received into care, particularly because of the panel's view at the last Children's Hearing.

WEST YONDERTON I.T. PROJECT - REVIEW SHEET

(a) To be completed by Social Worker

| CHILD'S NAME D. STEWART. | AGE 12.9.77 (10) |
|---|---|
| HOME ADDRESS 5 MARJORIE DR. | CURRENT ADDRESS (if different) |
| 1. Supervising Social Worker (Name and Team) M. SHEARS | 2. Current Legislation 44(1)a |

3. Length of Supervision Period

ONE YEAR

4. Report on Home Circumstances (Specify Changes etc.)

FAMILY settled in Gallowhill - Mum now engaged, hopes to marry next year.
Donald appears to get on well with boyfriend

5. Report on School Progress (Outstanding Problems, Achievements)

Major difficulties remain - Donald presently in danger of expulsion.

6. Nature of Current Social Worker Support

Family visited regularly by SW & Homemaker. Plan is to try to give mother something for herself so that she may be able to give to Donald. Little success in this - mother is so damaged emotionally herself. Donald has had periods where he was a little more settled but these always break down eventually

6. (a) Response to Social Worker Support

limited response and a fair bit of resistence from mum. Donald loves the drive & attention given from any source.

7. Other Agencies Involved (Remarks)

Child Guidance
Gallowhill School

# PRIMARY GROUP WEEK 2.

| PLANNED | ACTUAL | ACHIEVEMENTS | CONCERNS | WORKERS, ALAN, PAULINE, KIRSTY. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PICK UPS<br>TEA/DISCUSSION<br>ART OR FOOTBALL<br>DROP OFFS. | As planned but late returning so tea/discussion short.<br>Diaries kept by workers for next week. | All but 2 new boys remembered their diaries + keen to show these to others.<br>Very lively and most of youngsters in high spirits but less serious aggression than last week.<br>Surprisingly 5 opted for art + enjoyed colouring in kits + worked well, sharing pens etc.<br>Because only 3 opted for football not much of a game possible. | A better night, some feeling of progress but still limited concentration, a lot of good natured carry on, competitiveness and NOISE + swearing.<br>New kids starting to feel more at home.<br>Towards the end of the night some more serious conflict between same 2 boys as last week, talk of "slashing" each other in future etc. Workers had to physically intervene on bus. | Kirsty joined the group + seemed to establish a role + place + coped well with screamers as they arose.<br>Pick ups disrupted due to worker attending Hearing + same will happen next week. This meant some overlap with another group. Thus needs to be worked on. |

| GROUP COMMENTS. | FUTURE ACTION |
|---|---|
| Kids more settled + manageable this week, relating more to each other as group members. Nice to see some sharing and group decision making albeit brief. | Pauline + Kirsty to meet at Glen St prior to group next week.<br>Outing to baths next week. |

DIVIDUAL COMMENTS.

[redacted]

DONALD :- HE HAD A REASONABLY GOOD EVENING BUT TENDED TO BE A BIT OF A LONER IN BATHS. DIFFERENCES WITH THOMAS SEEMED TO BE MORE SUBDUED. HE SPOKE VERY LITTLE ABOUT HOME. MORE SETTLED THAN USUAL. LOVED THE WATER BUT DID NOT LIKE GOING INTO DEEP END.

INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS

[redacted]

INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS.

[redacted]

GROUP PRIMARY GROUP | NO. WK. 3. | DATE COMPLETED 10/11/87 | WORKERS A. RITCHIE & KIRSTY P ATKINSON) V/WKR.

## PROGRAMME DETAILS

| PLANNED | ACTUAL |
|---|---|
| PICK UP FOR PAISLEY BATHS, TEA AND DROP OFFS. | AS PLANNED / NO DIARY SESSION THIS WEEK. |

## GROUP COMMENTS

GROUP WERE ONE SHORT, BUT REASONABLY SETTLED. RELAXED DUE TO INFORMALITY OF THE OUTING.

## EVALUATION

### ACHIEVEMENTS

GOOD OUTING SOCIALLY. MOST GROUP MEMBERS CONFORMED WELL ENOUGH TO REGIME AT BATHS.

ONLY ONE CONCERN RE. AN INCIDENT WITH A MEMBER OF PUBLIC, A BOY ABOUT AGES WITH GROUP MEMBERS

### CONCERNS

DISAGREEMENT OVER WHETHER OR TO HAVE TEA IN OR OUT OF THE BATHS.

MARK AND THOMAS A BIT UNSETTLED.

CHOICE OVER WHERE TO EAT CAUSED HUFFS. i.e. THOMAS, ALEX,

## Worker's Own FUNCTIONING

KIRSTY AND PAULINE IN SWIMMING AND IT WORKED REASONABLY WELL. ALLAN STAYED OUT. QUITE WELL CO-ORDINATED EVENING. WORKERS HAD A BETTER AWARENESS OF QUALITIES OF EACH. WORKED WELL AS A TEAM.

## FUTURE ACTION

KIRSTY AND NEW VOLUNTEER TO MEET AT GLEN ST NEXT THES. 3:15PM ART AND WOODWORK, POSSIBLY FOOTBALL NEXT WEEK.

REINTRODUCE DIARY SYSTEM WITH GROUP.

COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL YOUNGSTERS

[redacted]

SOT GOES ABOUT THINGS IN THE WRONG WAY e.g. STORY TELLING THREATENING PEOPLE NEEDS TO LOOK AT HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS & KEEP THEM

[redacted]

DONALD - ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE THE VICTIM. CONSTANTLY PICKED ON AND AS A RESULT IS SPENDING MORE TIME WITH ADULTS. DESPERATELY WANTS TO BE ONE OF THE 'BOYS'

[redacted]

INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS.

[redacted]

Donald - one of the quietest initially, seemed quite down + was picked on by Thomas throughout the evening, resulting in a more serious conflict on return bus. After tea Donald was more lively and began annoying others, shouting out, making noises + talking gibberish to disrupt work in art room. He did manage to do a colouring kit + generally responded more calmly in 1:1 situation with a worker.

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PRIMARY GROUP

WEEK 1

GROUPWORKERS : ALAN + PAULINE

| PLANNED | ACTUAL |
|---|---|
| :K UPS<br>EA<br>NTRODUCTION<br>NAME GAME<br>APPLE DUNKING<br>DIARY<br>ART / FOOTBALL<br>DROP OFFS. | Mainly went as planned but difficulty getting kids to concentrate or understand use of diaries. To be tried again next week |

GROUP COMMENTS.

Fist night; with 2 new youngsters present. Much excitement, showing off + fighting to establish pecking order.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Everyone very excited at returning to group but this led to high spirits + some fighting. Once kids together for tea they settled + enjoyed apple dunking and name game in upstairs sitting room. Unfortunately kids became restless + bored by diaries session and much carry on. However settled to art room + football activities later. Some squabbling when leaving W.Y.

CONCERNS.

Very poor concentration from over half of group and explosive responses to things. Much aggression between a couple of boys in particular kept disrupting the others and general lack of tolerence by most of the old group members towards each other.

New kids very quiet + assessing the situation

No volunteer available this night. Problem over bus availability on this night.

Much planning previously off but we felt la third person at times. Still some confusion workers roles + this further discussion. Bo to respond to male auth figure but workers un assuming stereotype roles female.

FUTURE ACTION

Workers meet 3.15 W. Tues. for pre group pl + to meet new volunt week.

4.30 Pick ups
5 Tea
5.30 Diaries
5.45. Woodwork / pool
6.30 Depart

[redacted]

DONALD. - eager to come back but not very happy looking + immediate + repeated serious confrontations with Thomas. Tends to be verbally provocative but doesn't follow on with physical aggression, which is seen as weakness by the others and makes him vulnerable. Keen to get involved in one to one with worker, chose art rather than football, enjoyed being taken home by worker in car + responded well to his attention + chance to build up his own self image. Talking a lot about going to live with dad, wants to do this + says mum is agreeing.

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Pauline + Alan

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Strathclyde Regional Council

# Initial Report Form

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## Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

To:—
Area Team: R43
Address: R44

Division:

Previously known to Standby Service—~~YES~~/NO HO

From:—
**STAND-BY SERVICE**
OVERNEWTON CENTRE
52 LUMSDEN STREET
GLASGOW
Telephone: 041-334 9507
Freephone 8314
W2489

SERIAL No.: 88828
Date: 16/12/85
Time Referred: 19.57
Time Completed: 00-55 17/12/85
Distribution:
Area Team: ✓
POSS:
Div Org: ✓
Other: RSS

**Subject Child/Children**

Surname STEWART
Forenames DONALD
Alias BAKER?
Date of Birth 8yrs
Sex M

Surname STEWART
Forenames CHARLES
Alias BAKER?
Date of Birth 2yrs
Sex M

Surname
Forenames
Alias
Date of Birth
Sex

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
EASTWOOD/RENFREW DISTRICT
REF'D. TO B. Emmerson
ACKG'D. N.C
ANSWD.

Surname
Forenames
Alias
Date of Birth
Sex

Home Address c/o MICHAEL BAKER, 59 LOVE ST., PAISLEY

Present Location of Child/ren
1) Donald as above
2) Charles c/of Black 7 George St Paisley.

**2 Children in Household if not included in above**

| | *Name* | *Age* | *Sex* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Children: | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | ..... | ..... | ..... |

**3 Parents or Caretakers of Child**

Name: MS STEWART Address: C/O BAKER
59, COUE ST.
PAISLEY.

Name: M. BAKER Address: 59, COUE ST.
PAISLEY.

**4 Was the Child Abuse Register checked in respect of this family?**

Yes YES. if yes, was it positive? Yes.....

No ..... No NO.

if yes, which names were on Register? .....

**5 Was the local Area Officer contacted in respect of this case?** Yes YES

No .....

If yes, please state what information/advice was given by Area Officer:—
21.4.4. Phoned to Ian Smith AO. — Case not known to him.

6 **Referrer:** FEMALE & CHILD UNIT. 8891113

Name: W.P.C. M'MASTER Address: PAISLEY P.O. Tel. No: X350.

(a) Details of **Problem** as given by referrer

Ronald Stewart (8yrs) taken to Police Station by a shopkeeper tonight at approx. 6.30pm. Evidently the child went to his grandmother's home after school but there was no reply and he stood outside a nearby shop. Grandmothers name — Mrs. Black 4, Espedair St, Paisley. Police have checked both Mrs. Black & Mrs. Stewart's addresses — no reply at either address. There is evidently another child in the family - Charles (2yr old) whose present whereabouts are unknown. According to neighbours of Mrs. Black this has been a regular occurrence and one of them stated to W.P.C. M'Master that she understood the school has been concerned about Ronald's health. However the schoolmen expressed no major concern about the child's physical appearance. It is thought the family recently moved to Paisley from London.

(b) Specific **request** of referrer

Advice and information, if any.

(c) **Further Action,** if any, referrer proposed to take

Will check on aunts address — Agnes M'Millan 104, Hitchill Rd, Paisley (8895479). Police have already phoned this lady who provided some of the above info.

**7 Summary of subsequent action and outcome of investigation by Standby Service :—**

(If place of safety implemented, include **specific reasons and evidence for doing so.** State facts which are corroborated, and to which two or more persons can speak, giving the details of persons who were present and observed or carried out these actions.)

Checked rotadex – no records traced under either Stewart or Baker.

Checked child abuse register – negative.

20.10. Returned phonecall to Wpc M'Master to advise I could trace no records on the family. She agreed to visit the child's aunt & phone back.

20.38 Phoned J. Patterson A.O. (9547456) – must be in tel 930 jaggers. Left message asking him to phone back.

21.15. T/C FROM DUTY OFFICER MILL ST RAISLEY. MOTHER OF DONALD HAS BEEN FOUND & SHE IS THE "WORSE OF DRINK". APPARENTLY CHARLES IS WITH A FRIEND IN GEORGE ST RAISLEY & THE POLICE ARE NOW OUT LOOKING FOR HIM. AN AUNT HAS BEEN CONTACTED WHO MAY BE ABLE TO CARE FOR THE CHILD BUT SHE HAS GONE OUT.

21.10. Phonecall from J. Patterson A.O. (R43). He advised that in fact, Love St. is in R44 area.

21.44. Phonecall to I. Smith A.O. R44. No knowledge of family.

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**SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

# STAND–BY SERVICE

Serial No. 88828

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Case passed to Kath. Hamill S.W. & Alan Falconer S.W. to visit.

Proceeded to Mill St. Police Office. Spoke to Inspector Shaw who advised us that Ms. Stewart arrived at the Police Station at approx. 21.00. He stated that Charles (2yrs) is in the care of Mr. Thomas Black, 7, George St, who is the mothers step father. Phoned W.V.E. M'Master who was dealing with another case in Barrhead P.O. She advised me that Ms. Stewart had been contacted by Mr. M'Millan (sister). Apparantly she had been drinking since approx. 3.00 p.m. today. She has been charged under Sect 12. C.H.Y.P. ~~Both boys have~~ Each child has a different father, one of whom is in prison and the other thought to be living in Clarkston. As far as known, Ms. Stewart has no contact with either man and she is therefore a single parent. Lorraine Stewart moved to Paisley from London in August 85. As recorded earlier, according to neighbours of Mrs. Black (m.gm) it is a regular occurrence for the child to be left unattended after school. — school attended is South Primary, Stock St.

Finally Ms. Stewart advised the Police she

Signed Kathleen C. Hamill

Countersigned

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has a social worker currently involved with her — Margaret Curse? Advised W.P.C. M'Master 1/d phoned the Area Officer earlier, who had no immediate knowledge of family.

Joint interview by Kath. Hamill & A. Falconer. Mrs. Stewart was obviously under the influence of alcohol. She was tearful, upset and very anxious to see her son, expressing a lot of hostility towards the Police. Ms. Stewart was initially suspicious of social work involvement, suspecting her child was going to be taken into care.

She explained that Donald had been taken into care following his birth. He was placed with foster parents for approx 5 months. The reasons given for this were marital problems and violence towards Ms. Stewart. She stated she had lived in London for two years until August '85 when she gave up tenancy of a house there & returned to Paisley. Ms. Stewart advised us she'd had tremendous difficulty gaining accomodation because of the fact she had given up tenancy of a house. She stressed that Michael Duke is a friend, not her co-hab, and he plays a minor role in her children's lives.

Although obviously under the influence of alcohol ~~both~~ she was capable of conversing. Mrs. Stewart accepted she should have made

Signed .....

Countersigned .....

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firm arrangements for the care of Donald, but stated she thought he would have known to go to Mr. Blacks (her step-father). Ms. Stewart stated she had arranged for Mr. Black to babysit for Charles. She further stated she normally collects Donald from school, and had intended to do so today but met an old friend by chance and went to a local pub. Ms. Stewart referred to "difficulties" Donald is experiencing but refused to expand on this when further questioned. However she intimated she would try to discuss this area with her social worker.

Both workers felt satisfied Ms. Stewart was capable of caring for Donald, and the decision was reached to return him to her care. This was discussed with Insp. Shaw who was agreeable to our decision. Before leaving Michael Baker arrived at the Police ~~Station~~ Station & accompanied Lorraine & Donald home with ourselves.

Lorraine stated she wanted Charles to remain with her step father overnight (because of time of night & fact child would be sleeping).

23-30 Phoned S. Nicol S.S.W. to advise of our assessment and decisions, with which he was in agreement.

Signed Kathleen C. Hamill.

Countersigned [signature]

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Donald ~~#~~ is an attractive healthy looking child who was well clad. He responded immediately to his Mum with a smile and went to her readily wanting to know what had happened. The child was not upset and in fact had enjoyed himself in the Police Station!

The family were returned to Sq Lane St. and ~~at~~ a check visit made to Mr. Black's home. Charles was fast asleep on top of the bed. Both workers satisfied Mr. Black is a competent carer.

On return to office phoned Insp. Shaw to advise of outcome & request message be relayed to W.P.C. M'Master.

Signed Kathleen C. Hamill.

Countersigned

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**8** (a) **Present Injuries, Nature and Extent (to be provided by Medical Practitioner).**

(b) Were X-rays or photographs taken?

(c) If yes, by whom?..... YES/NO .....

(d) **Name of Consultant/Physician who carried out examination of children:—**

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(e) Name of Hospital: .....

**9** **Was Section 37, Place of Safety implemented?** YES/NO .....

If yes, in respect of whom?:— .....

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**10** (a) **Were the police contacted regarding this incident?**

YES/~~NO~~ YES — POLICE MADE REFERRAL TO RSS.

If yes, please state:—

Name of Police Officer Contacted ~~.....~~ M'MASTERS

Rank WPC. No..... Division.....

Office MILL ST. PAISLEY Tel. No. 889 1113

Time Contacted.....

Date Contacted.....

(b) Please indicate any information given by the police on this family (particularly if they have any knowledge of previous offences of violence within family):—

(c) Did the police indicate that they would investigate?

YES/~~NO~~ YES

(d) If yes, if possible give details of investigating Police Officers:—

Name M'MASTERS Rank W.P.C. No.

Name..... Rank..... No.

(e) Give details of any adult person who ~~is being~~ has been charged with any offence arising out of the circumstances:—

LORRAINE STEWART (24) — SECT. 12, C.H.Y.P. (SEE BODY OF REPORT)

**11 State any limitations of investigation** (e.g. agencies or persons not contacted and interviewed or information not obtained from persons interviewed).

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

**12 Please suggest any further areas which require immediate investigation/assessment by Area Team.**

(a) Case ~~to~~ known to Area Team. Both workers felt tonight incident could well be a

(b) common occurrence, in spite of mothers statements.

(c) Re-enforcement of importance of making adequate caring arrangements for child, to Ms. Stewart.

(d) Some assistance with Housing may be required.

Investigating Social Workers:—

Name (a) Kathleen C. Hamill Designation SW

Name (b) B Falcon Designation SW

Report Seen by ATMcG Duty Senior Social Worker

If place of safety implemented, tear off and return to Standby Service

Serial No. .....

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL AREA OFFICER**

Please Tick

(a) Report Seen—No supplementary information required immediately for Reporters Department .....

(b) Report Seen—Supplementary information required and will follow .....

Signed ..... Area Officer

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART.

Date of Birth: 12|9|77

Name of Home: Beech avenue

Date of admission: 8|3|90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate): 9|10|91

Access to be maintained on a flexibee basis. mum to be encouraged to visit Donald at Beech avenue and maintain contact.

Sheena to set up a meeting with Lynn Townsend, merksworth and Balrossie to discuss possibee re-introduction to Merksworth.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

S44|B.

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: M-S h IRVINE 8 D BLACKHALL COURT HUNTERHILL

(b) Siblings not in care:

CHARLES STEWART

(c) Siblings in care:

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3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Since the last Review Donalds mother and brother have moved to 8D Blackhall court. Donalds mother has remarried and is now M-S. IRVINE. Donald attended the marriage ceremony and has had some contact with both his mother and younger brother. Contact remains sporadic and it tends to be Donald that makes most of the effort to visit his family.

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# Form D continued (2 of 3)

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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

October to January ongoing contact by Sheena Mc Donagh.

13/2, 28/2 Ellen Fullarton at Beechlawn.

- Initial introduction to Donagh.
- Discussed Community Parenting, Befriending and forthcoming medical at the Panel Centre.
- 10/2; 19/2; 21/2; 26/2; 2/3/92 Telephone contact with Beechlawn & Balsporrie

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

October to January Sheena Mc Donagh maintained contact with the family. Although Mrs Irvine had a tendency to miss appointments.

14/2 & 24/2 : Mrs Irvine was not at home.

2/3 - Home visit. Discussed - forthcoming Review

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

7. Other agencies involved:

Psychological Services (Lynn Townsend)
Family Finding (Alex Neil linkworkers).

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

Donagh has been accepted onto the waiting list for Community Parents. Mr Kenneth Laing has made an application to Befriend Donagh and this will hopefully go before the Panel in the near future.

Donagh's needs appear to be met at Beech Avenue and it is likely that he will remain there for the foreseeable future. Donagh's contact with his mother and sisters continues to be sporadic.



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# Form D continued (3 of 3)

D

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

Short term.

Donald should remain at Beach Avenue and Balsossie

long term.

Community Parenting will be pursued on behalf of Donald. Also the Befriending.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

Ann Docherty SSW.

Ellen Finlayson S.W.

Signed: E. Finlayson

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 5/3/92

Strathclyde Regional Council

**REVIEW PROCEDURE**

# Residential Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review FORM C

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Date of Review Meeting: 5.3.992

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

1. Physical development since admission/last review (include details of recent accidents or illness):

There have been no major changes in Donalds' physical developement since his last review although he had his pre adoption panel meeting medical last week.

The examining doctor was concerned about Donalds' trembling hands and attributed this to solvent abuse.

2. Emotional Development:

Recently Donalds' mother has married Steven Irvine. There have been two significant changes since the marriage.

1) since the marriage we believe that Donald has been abusing solvents more frequently.
2) In general discussion, Donald has indicated that he would enjoy the prospect of moving into the family home with his new stepfather, mother and brother Charles.

3. Behavioural Problems:

Again, since the last review, and more recently there has been a deterioration in Donalds' general behaviour. Donald sees himself as leader of the pack but the other residents have reacted against his leadership. This has annoyed Donald.

# Form C continued (2 of 3)

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4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Donald attended his mothers' wedding and has seen his mother and step father fairly often although it is barely two weeks since the marriage occurred, signs are hopeful for the future relationship.

5. Contact with siblings:

Donald sees his young brother Charles.
He also is in contact with some of his paternal brothers through Balrossie.

6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

Police interviewed Donald at length regarding a housebreaking charge. This incident took place on the 26th March last year. Donald denied this charge, telling the police that he was in Beech Avenue at the time on the evening of the offence. On checking the significant date in our log book, Donald was A.W.O.L. on the night in question.

7. School attended: Balrossie

School report attached/not available

Educational observations: Donald was suspended for two days for giving verbal abuse to the head teacher.

8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home: Computor games, music, t.v.

(b) Outwith home: with his girlfriend



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## Form C continued (3 of 3)

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9. Relationships:

(a) Within home: from time to time Donald gets on with all the children but not all the time. Unfortunately, Donalds' personality

(b) Outwith home: is such that when confronted with the slightest misdemeanor, he can be extremely insulting to staff.

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

1) solvent abuse : although it has been suspected for some time, there was no confirmed evidence until recently when a can of butane gas was found empty under his bed.

2) The befriending situation . We feel that if this would progress at a faster pace, Donald would have something constructive to look forward to in the near future.

11. Short, medium and long term objectives for child:

to be discussed at review.

12. Remarks:

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

Signed: .....

Designation: .....

Date: 5.2.92

Strathclyde Regional Council

**Strathclyde Regional Council**
**Department of Education**

**Director: Frank Pignatelli** MA MEd FBIM FRSA

**Psychological Service**
**Principal Psychologist: R B Rutherford** MA DEP CPsychol AFBPsS
Carbrook Street, Paisley PA1 2NW
Tel: 041-887 7821
Our Ref: LT/MMCA
Your Ref:
Date: 27th October 1992

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Mrs M Cunningham
Acting Senior Teacher
Balrossie School
KILMACOLM PA13 4ST

DONALD STEWART: 12-9-77

Dear Mrs Cunningham,

I received your letter and copy of the minutes of the emergency review regarding Donald.

I have spoken with Annette Bonar, ADO Child Care, and I have arranged with Beech Avenue staff to see Donald on Friday 6th November. Following my interview with Donald I will contact you to arrange a meeting to discuss Donald's educational needs and future placement.

Yours sincerely,

L Townsend
Senior Educational Psychologist

cc Annette Bonar, Senior SW Abbey House, Paisley

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# Memorandum


Tel: 041-842 5161 Fax: 041-842 5144
Our Ref: NG/LW/SS/STEWART
Your Ref:
Date: 23.10.1992


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From: Noreen Gethin
District Officer (Child Care)
Renfrew District Social Work Headquarters


To: Ian Gilmour
Depute Director of Social Work
McIver House

**SUBJECT: DONALD STEWART (12.9.77)**
**BEECH AVENUE CHILDREN'S HOME and BALROSSIE SCHOOL**

The above named boy has been linked to Mr and Mrs Lamond, Community Parents, and this was ratified by the Fostering Panel at Wellington Street on 20.8.92. I believe that there are difficulties progressing Donald's placement due to the presence of a South East District child on a temporary basis.

As you will appreciate, I am concerned about the delay in the proposed placement for Donald. The idea of Community Parents has been discussed with him for some time, and there are signs that he feels that it will never happen. Donald has also been made aware of the existence of the present placement. Staff at Beech Avenue have reported a deterioration in his general behaviour, and he is truanting from school on an increasingly regular basis.

I understand and accept the reasons behind any decision by yourself to delay Donald's placement until the appropriate resolution of an existing placement is achieved. Nonetheless I feel I must bring to your attention the problems which this presents in meeting Donald's needs and would be grateful if you could give the matter your further consideration.

Noreen Gethin
District Officer (Child Care)

DONALD STEWART (15) d.o.b.12.9.77

BEECH AVENUE CHILDRENS' HOME

1 BEECH AVENUE

HUNTERHILL

PAISLEY

Section 44 1(b)

religion:protestant

MOTHER:MRS LORRAINE IRVINE

8d BLACKHALL COURT

PAISLEY

SCHOOL:BALROSSIE

senior: D.M.RANKIN O.I.C.BEECH AVENUE.

keyworker:H.Trousdale.

## DONALD STEWART

Donald accepted being in care at Beech Avenue quite maturely more than a year ago when he first broached the subject of community parents.Recognising that it was unlikely he would return as a resident in the family home, Donald settled well into the lifestyle at Beech Avenue and looked forward with pleasure to positive changes in his life.

Ms McDonald, who was his F.S.W. took up a new appointment and was replaced by Ms Finlayson who has also moved on. **ANGUS WOOD** is now his social worker and they met on 25th September.

In the past 2½ years that Donald has lived in Beech Avenue, the complete client group has changed twice and all the other children in Beech Avenue are leaving either to return to their parents, or to live with foster parents.

This is having an adverse affect on Donald who, having suffered various rejections in his short life, feels once again that the world is letting him down and is concealing his emotional pain behind some rather anti social behaviour.His aggression is aimed mainly towards his carers in Beech Avenue, this appears to be Donald rejecting us because the family finding unit have had their plans postponed by a legal technicality. **ALEX NEIL** from family finding has written to Donald, and visited him to explain the current situation which has helped Donald to realise that every effort is being made to find him a family.

Weekend leave is enjoyed with Mr & Mrs Irvine which is helping Donald greatly in his current situation and it is the only positive in Donalds' life at present.

We are extremely concerned that Donald has given us an incredible variety of reasons and excuses for his non attendance at Balrossie School which is inhibiting his intellectual development as he refuses to study within Beech Avenue.Physically, he is in reasonably good health but attended hospital regularly in the summer when, after injuring his leg he accidentally set fire to his bandages (intending only to burn a small section) and had to attend the burns clinic at the R.A.H. During his holidays, he rather stupidly drank from an open can which we suspect was "spiked" and attended Inverclyde Hospital as a safety measure.

Staff at Beech Avenue have ensured that he is receiving the necessary physical excercise through skating which he enjoys.

Donalds' natural personality is pleasant,cheerful and he is sensitive to others feelings. He has shown kindnesses to other less fortunate residents and is generally well liked.Recently, there have been several incidents involving Donald where he has acted unsociably.

Donalds' current recreational pursuit is ice skating, which he is encouraged to practice as often as practical.We realise that daily excercise is desirable in a young person Donalds' age, and although we are unable to send him skating every day, he does go twice weekly, ensuring that although he is missing the necessary physical education at school, this need is being met within Beech Avenue.

Angus has visited Donald and ensured him that everything possible was being done for him, Donald accepted this and accepted Angus as his new social worker.

Kenny Lang, Donalds' befriender, is no longer employed as a gamekeeper, and has not been able to give the same commitment to Donald. This has been just another blow to the boy.

Donald has been counselled regarding all aspects of his life and basically this young man feels forgotten by the social work department. He is tired of promises and now requires positive results pointing towards his future.

**DONALDS' FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES REMAIN AS LAST REVIEW.**

**DONALD ENJOYS WEEKEND ACCESS WITH MUM, STEPFATHER & BROTHER.**

## SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

Recommendations of last review:-

1. To remain in Balrossie at present. Unfortunately, Donald, in spite of encouragement and counselling both from care staff, mother, stepfather and social worker, is not presently attending school.
2. Remain in Beech Avenue at present.
3. Psychologist to be notified as soon as Family Finding Team make significant progress.
4. Access to continue as before. Access now incorporates weekend leave which Donald enjoys immensely and would appear to be successful.
5. Monitor befriender contact and liase with Balrossie. Unfortunately, due to unforseen circumstances, his befriender has been unable to give the same input to Donalds' life as he did in previous months.

PROPOSALS FOR CHILDS' FUTURE

The immediate concern is to have Donald return to Balrossie School on a daily basis. His social worker, **ANGUS WOOD** is currently investigating the possibility of a part time college education when Donald is the required age to attend college.
We also are concerned that the legal process regarding community parenting is soon resolved.

**D.M.RANKIN OFFICER IN CHARGE BEECH AVENUE CHILDRENS' HOME**

Helen Trousdale keyworker Beech Avenue.

CONFIDENTIAL:

HEADMASTER: David S.D. McCallum.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: Kilmacolm 2201.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.

21st August, 1992.

Report for Internal Review:

| | |
|---|---|
| Boy's Name: | DONALD STEWART. |
| Date of Birth: | 12. 9. 77. |
| Date of Admission: | 15. 4. 91. |
| Home address: | Beech Avenue Children's Home, Paisley. |
| Field Social Worker: | Ellen Finlayson. |
| School Keyworker: | Gerald Keogh. |

Current Care Plan:

1. Mr. Pettigrew to continue to encourage Donald to improve his behaviour and application to his classwork.

2. Beech Avenue and Balrossie School keyworkers to help Donald to manage within worthwhile groups, i.e. the local community.

3. Donald to be given every assistance from all agencies concerned to prepare for community parents.

4. Donald to continue to visit his mother. All agencies concerned to give support in an effort to help their relationship to grow stronger.

5. Balrossie keyworker to continue extraction periods from class and emphasise that bullying must stop and Donald must behave in an acceptable manner at all times.

6. Regular contact to be made between Social Work Department, Beech Avenue and Balrossie School.

Progress of Care Plan:

1. Mr. Pettigrew has continued his efforts with Donald although these are limited due to the irregular attendances at Balrossie by Donald.

2. Donald is encouraged to seek friendship outwith the home environment and to keep in mind that it would be prudent to stay clear of doubtful associates.

3. Donald has agreed to the plan of community parents and seems to be looking forward to being placed in a family home.

4. Donald is showing less commitment and interest in this area, but continued support may reverse this laspe on Donald's part.

Report for Internal Review - Donald Stewart.

5. Due to Donald's irregular attendance at Balrossie, little progress has been made in this area although extraction periods from class have happened when possible.

6. This is continuing to operate without any problems between all concerned.

Unit:

Prior to the summer holidays, Donald's behaviour was variable, generally, he was boisterous at times and enjoyed being involved in rowdy games. He can annoy other boys on occasion.
Hopefully with continued counselling this will be corrected.

Boy's View:

Donald's main thoughts are centred on community parents.

Areas for Discussion:

1. Donald's unco-operative behaviour in refusing to attend School on a regular basis using sickness as an excuse but on many occasions recovering quickly to roam around the town with some friend.

2. Donald's couldn't care less attitude when confronted about any mis-deeds, this is mainly regarding No. 1 above.

Written by : GERALD KEOGH.
RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE OFFICER.

Countersigned by: DAVID S.D. McCALLUM.
HEADMASTER.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.
GK/JBW.
21st August, 1992.

Donald Stewart - Attendance Record

| | Possible | Actual | Absences |
|---|---|---|---|
| From January to June 1992 | 104 | 69 | 35 |
| From August to Tuesday 6.10.92 | 34 | 7 | 27 |
| | 68 | 14 | 54 |

Moira Cunningham
MC/Sm.
6.10.92.

Mid - march decline in attendance

NAME DONALD STEWART. DATE 1st October, 1992.

D.O.B. 12. 9. 77.

D.O.A. 15. 4. 91. PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

AGE 15 years. CLASS: 8.

CLASS TEACHER: David Pettigrew.

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| EDUCATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PREVIOUS REVIEW OR ASSESSMENT | Remain at Balrossie for the present.<br>Monitor home situation and Review. |
| LANGUAGE SKILLS | I have seen Donald very rarely this term, therefore, it is difficult to comment on his academic progress. When in class he has been more co-operative and made attempts to continue his Scotvec module. |
| MODERN STUDIES: | Standard Grade - hardly ever at class.<br>Donald has a poor attitude to schoolwork.<br>Possibly capable student but no commitment. |
| NUMBER SKILLS | Following standard grade course foundation level - Green series.<br>Erratic attendance means he misses quite a lot of work.<br>Quite a capable pupil. |
| SCIENCE | I have only seen Donald on three occasions this term.<br>He has, therefore, made no progress in science.<br>On these occasions his behaviour has been reasonable. |
| ART | Donald is generally a well motivated creative worker in art, but there has been little or no progress this term due to his lack of commitment and many absences. |
| P.E./GAMES | |
| HOME ECONOMICS: | Donald only comes one period a week - good practical skills and knowledgeable at theory. |
| TECHNICAL SUBJECTS: | Donald showed a lot of potential last year but has lost interest since summer. His attitude towards the subject is very poor. |
| BEHAVIOUR ATTITUDE | Erratic attendance, lack of commitment - contribute to a less than positive attitude to Balrossie. |
| RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVIEW | Discuss options at Review. |

David Pettigrew

DAVID PETTIGREW - CLASS TEACHER.

DP/JBW. 1.10.92.

**Strathclyde Regional Council**
**Department of Social Work**
**Director: F E Edwards** RD BA MUniv FBIM

**Paisley Area Office**
8 Seedhill Road, Paisley PA1 1JS
Tel: 041-842 5151

Our Ref: Your Ref: Date: 22 July 1992

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Annette Barnes
Add. Child Care

Dear Ms Barnes

Re : Donald Stewart

There will be a review on Friday 21/8/92 at 3.00pm in Belrossie on the above child/~~ren~~ and you are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend, please telephone the above number.

Yours sincerely

Alison Carr

SENIOR CLERICAL ASST.

Cancelled

# Memorandum

Tel: 041 227 6044
Our Ref: RFFC/AN/AH
Your Ref:
Date: 14 July 1992

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From: Alex M Neil, Social Worker, Regional Family Finding Centre,
115 Wellington Street, GLASGOW, G2 2XT

To: L Watson, ADO (Child Care), Abbey House, Seedhill Road, PAISLEY

**SUBJECT:** LINKING MEETING - DONALD STEWART (12.9.77)

The linking meeting previously rescheduled for 21 July 1992 has unfortunately again been rearranged to take place on 29 July 1992 at 11.00 a.m.

Please accept my apologies for the inconvenience this may cause.

Looking forward to seeing you.

# Memorandum

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Tel: 041 227 6044
Our Ref: RFFC/AN/AH
Your Ref:
Date: 16 June 1992

From: Alex M Neil, Social Worker, Regional Family Finding Centre, 115 Wellington Street, GLASGOW, G2 2XT

To: L Watson, ADO (Child Care), Abbey House, Seedhill Road, PAISLEY

**SUBJECT:** LINKING MEETING - DONALD STEWART (12.9.77)

A linking meeting scheduled for 10 July 1992 has had to be rearranged to take place on 21 July 1992 at 10.30 a.m. in RFFC.

An information meeting between Donald's workers and the Lamonds has taken place and all were agreed that the placement offered Donald opportunities to meet his short and long term needs. If the placement goes ahead, Donald has already indicated his wish to continue as a Day Boy at Balrossie and transfer to mainstream latterly.

Please do not hesitate to call if there are issues you wish to raise with regard to the link.

Thank you for all your help.

Alex M. Neil.

**REVIEW PROCEDURE**

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD Stewart

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: Beach Ave Children's Home

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

Donald to remain resident in Beach Ave meantime

Education - Donald to continue to attend Balcossie on a daily basis meantime. Contact to be made with Lynn Townsend with a view to obtaining an educational assessment of Donald.

Plans to link in with Befrienders to be pursued

Community Parents - plans to be pursued, with family finding Team.

Access - To remain flexible as before and at discretion of Beach Ave Staff. Transport to be arranged by the latter for this.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

S44(1)B.

Any action indicated:

NO

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Mr & Mrs Irvine 80 Blackhall Court Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care:

Charles Stewart

(c) Siblings in care:

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3. Present situation with family since ~~reception into care~~/last review:

Donald continues to visit the family home on a regular basis. Mr and Mrs Irvine appear to have a reasonably good relationship, and are very pleased that Donald is maintaining contact. Mrs Irvine feels that community parents should still be sought for Donald as she does not feel that she could cope with Donald on a full time basis.



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## Form D continued (2 of 3)

D

4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

20/3/92, 3/4; 7/4; 22/4; 24/4.

Areas Discussed:

Community Parents :- Donald wishes to pursue this further. Alex Niel (Family finding) has visited Donald and this option continues to be explored.

Befriending :- Donald is due to have an overnight with K. Laing on 15/5. Future visits will be negotiated.

School :- Donalds attendance at school has been problematic. A monitoring meeting was held on the 1/5/92 to discuss this area. Lynn Townsend has been contacted and an Assessment of Donalds needs requested.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since ~~reception into care~~/last review:

18/3/92 7/4/92 22/4/92 6/5/92.

Areas Discussed

Donalds visits : Mr & Mrs Irvine are pleased that Donald visits the family home but feel that C.P. should still be pursued. Mrs Irvine is aware that Donald is visiting his befriender on Friday 15/5. Mr & Mrs Irvine appear to have a reasonably stable relationship which is positive for both Donald and Charles.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

7. Other agencies involved:

Psychological Services ( Lynne Townsend)
Family Finding ( Alex Niel)

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

Donald has regular contact with his mother and Charles.

It is proposed that Donald remain at Beech Avenue until C-Parents have been found. In the meantime, he has contact with his befriender at weekends. Although the level of this contact is still to be negotiated.



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## Form D continued (3 of 3)

D

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

Identify suitable community based

Daniels educational needs should be assessed to determine, whether or not, mainstream schooling should be pursued. Daniel feels that any change in school should wait until C.P. have been identified. Preventing two changes of school. Whilst, this is a very positive and sensible suggestion. Should CP not be identified by the beginning of the next school term. Then change of school may need to be pursued in order to meet Daniels educational needs.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

There has been no further concerns re Solvent abuse.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

Ann Docherty Senior Social Worker.
Ellen Finlayson Social Worker.

Signed: E. Finlayson

Designation: Social Worker.

Date: 12/5/92.

Strathclyde Regional Council

# EDUCATION REPORT FOR REVIEW

Balrossie School
Kilmacolm

NAME DONALD STEWART_ DATE 12th May 1992

D.O.B. 12.9.77

D.O.A. 8.3.90 PREVIOUS SCHOOL: Merksworth School

AGE 14 years 8 months CLASS: 8

CLASS TEACHER: D.Pettigrew

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| EDUCATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PREVIOUS REVIEW OR ASSESSMENT | a) Remain in Balrossie School for the present.<br>b) Review situation at next Review. |
| LANGUAGE SKILLS | Donald will be following a Scotvec Communications Module, this term. He has been working steadily so far this term and is capable of completing this course and gaining other Scotvecs. |
| Modern Studies | Covering living in a Democracy Unit. Donald shows reasonable aptitude and motivation. Capable pupil, will do well given reasonable circumstances. |
| NUMBER SKILLS | Donald continues to display quite a positive attitude to this subject. At present he is working on S.M.P. Foundation Level Green Book 6. Copies quite well on his own. Excellent when working on Nets of solids and model making. |
| SCIENCE | Donald is difficult to motivate. His diagrams and drawings are excellent, written work is variable. Usually pleasant but rather lazy. Still unable to accept any criticism. |
| ART | Donald continues to show a keen interest in art, he is generally well motivated and produces creative individualistic work. He has considerable practical skills and his work always shows good understanding - Rather unsettled recently. |
| P.E./GAMES | Lacks co-ordination in some areas. Does not display a positive attitude to this subject. |
| HOME ECONOMICS: | Before the Easter Holidays Donald went through a really bad period when his attitude and behaviour was appalling. However, since his return he is much more settled. He is a very capable boy in both theory and written work. |
| TECHNICAL SUBJECTS: | Donald has some good ideas and is willing to try new work. He is a positive influence on the other boys with the standard of his work. His behaviour is good but he needs to curb his language. |
| BEHAVIOUR ATTITUDE | Generally quite well behaved in most areas. Attitude fairly positive. |
| RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVIEW | (a) Discuss current situation and future plans. |

D Pettigrew

David Pettigrew Class Teacher.

Regional Council

From C. Robertson, Senior Clerical Assistant,
Paisley Area Team, Abbey House.

Tel 842.5198 Ext Our ref

To Annette Bonnar ADO.
Child Care Section, Abbey House. Your ref

Date 21/4/92

Subject Donald Stewart

There will be a review on the above child/ren on Wednesday 13/5/92 at 2-30 in Baltrosie and you are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend, please telephone the above.

C Robertson

C. Robertson
Senior Clerical Assistant

**REVIEW PROCEDURE**

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART.

Date of Birth: 12|9|77

Name of Home: Beach avenue

Date of admission: 8|3|90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate): 9|10|91

Access to be maintained on a flexibee basis. mum to be encouraged to visit Donald at Beech avenue and maintain contact.

Sheena to set up a meeting with Lynn Townsend, Merksworth and Balrossie to discuss possibee re-introduction to Merksworth.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

S44(1)B.

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: M-S h IRVINE 8 D BLACKHALL COURT HUNTERHILL

(b) Siblings not in care:

CHARLES STEWART

(c) Siblings in care:

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3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Since the last Review Donalds mother and brother have moved to 8D Blackhall court. Donalds mother has remarried and is now M-S. IRVINE. . Donald attended the marriage ceremony and has had some contact with both his mother and younger brother. Contact remains sporadic and it tends to be Donald that makes most of the effort to visit his family.



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# Form D continued (2 of 3)

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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

October to January ongoing contact by Sheena Mc Donagh.

13/2, 28/2 Ellen Fullarton at Beach Ave.

- Initial introduction to Donagh.
- Discussed Community Parenting, Befriending and forthcoming medical at the Panel Centre.
- 10/2; 19/2; 21/2; 26/2; 2/3/92 Telephone contact with Beach Ave & Ballochmyle

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

October to January Sheena Mc Donagh maintained contact with the family. Although Mrs Irvine had a tendency to miss appointments.

14/2 & 24/2 : Mrs Irvine was not at home.

2/3 - Home visit. Discussed - forthcoming Review

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

7. Other agencies involved:

Psychological Services (Lynn Townsend)
Family Finding (Alex Neil Linkworker).

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

Donagh has been accepted onto the waiting list for Community Parents. Mr Kenneth Laing has made an application to Befriend Donagh and his wife hopefully go before the Panel in the near future.

Donagh's needs appear to be met at Beach Avenue and it is likely that he will remain there for the foreseeable future. Donagh's contact with his mother and carers continues to be sporadic.



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## Form D continued (3 of 3)

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

Short term.

Donald should remain at Beach Avenue and Balrossie

long term.

Community Parenting will be pursued on behalf of Donald. Also the Befriending.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

Ann Docherty SSW.

Ellen Finlayson S.W.

Signed: E. Finlayson

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 5/3/92

Strathclyde Regional Council

CHILD CARE TEAM COMMENTS SHEET

Child's Name: Donald Stewart D.O.B: .....

Home Address: .....

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Placement: ..... Area Team: .....

Discussion with Ellen Finlayson re Donald Stewart - 25.2.92

Donald - d.o.b. 12.9.77
Brother Charles - d.o.b. 17.1.83

Case open 1989+ after mother attacked Donald with a knife as she could no longer tolerate his cheek. Donald sustained lacerations and he and his brother were received into care on a P.O.S. There has been an issue about her alcohol abuse, but she has never been drunk when workers have visited. Both boys were registered, and were deregistered in May 1990. They were in care for 3-4 weeks.

It became clear that mother was not coping with Donald, but was able to deal with Charles. Donald was received into care again in March 1990 under Sec 15 and was placed in Beech Avenue. Mother was claiming that she could not cope with his behaviour, and claimed that he was being cheeky etc. In Sept 1990 44 1(b) was made.

Access was to be one overnight and one day visit each week, but was never kept. There was no pattern, but it only happened if mum wanted it. She also stopped Charles form seeing Donald. Donald's father displayed interest, but began to backtrack as he was in a new relationship, and had a baby.

Donald was attendong Merksworth, but his attendance record was poor. He was at Hunterhill for a while, but it did not take off, and he is now in Balrossie, which he liokes. He does not mix well with large groups which has implications for him returning to mainstream school.

Donald has been accepted onto the C.P. list. His medical has been arranged, but there are no possible families identified. There is also a Befriender application which Ellen will follow up. The letter from the G.P. is still missing. Suggested that Ellen arrange to meet the prospective befriender prior to the Fostering Panel.

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Dr.J. Ireland
Panda Centre
Hawkhead Hospital
Hawkhead Road
PAISLEY PA2 7BL

Dear Dr. Ireland,

RE: DONALD STEWART (12.9.77)
BEECH AVENUE CHILDREN'S HOME

Donald has been referred for a permanent placement with Community Carers, and I would be grateful if you could arrange for the medical to be done. I have requested the B3 from Dr. Coutts and am enclosing a Form E.

With many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Watson (Mrs)
Assistant District Officer (Child Care)

Encl.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVE

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

Application to be made as Day Papil to Balrossie

Donald to begin Intervention Group

Donald to remain at Beech Ave

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Sec 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

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2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss L Stewart
5 Margery Drive Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care: Charles Stewart

(c) Siblings in care: 5 Margery Drive Paisley

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Miss Stewart continues to take little interest in Donald at Beech Ave, although she has phoned on several occasions.

Donald meets with Mum every Monday for a short while.



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## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

7/2/91 - Donald + Social Worke visited Balrossie
12/2/91 Visit to Beech Ave
19/2/91 Visit to Beech Ave - discussed Donald's Behaviour
11/3/91 Visit to Beech Ave.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

Miss Stewart to office on 25/1/91
26/2/91 - Home Visit to discuss Balrossie
12/2/91 Home Visit.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Miss Stewart continues to show little interest in Donald's progress and thus is having a bad effect on Donald

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

Donald's behaviour at Beech Ave is deteriorating. He usually becomes involved in trouble going on in the home.

7. Other agencies involved:

Lynn Townsend - Ed. Psychologist
Intervention Group

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

Donald desperately needs a stable school placement, and if this is successful, may settle his placement at Beech Ave



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## Form D continued (3 of 3)

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

It is vital that Donald has some full-time educational placement soon. If Balrossie can offer a structured placement, this may have a good effect on his behaviour at Beech Ave

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

Donald now seems unhappy in care and this is being displayed through his unacceptable behaviour.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

F Clarke - SSW

S McDonald SW

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 20/3/91



Strathclyde Regional Council

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM F

Date of Review: 15.11.90

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Admission: 8.3.90

Field Case Paper No:

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:

a. Family - Miss Stewart seems unable to accept that Donald's behaviour comes from her treatment of him.

b. Donald's persistant truancy is now cause for concern.

Summary of Discussion:

hairperson asked Mrs Hill, Donald's Houseparent, how he was getting on at Beech Avenue.
; Hill stated Donald's behaviour has deteriorated, he's not attending school and his
nguage is appalling. Ms Hill feels that it is the family situation which is behind
. He is seeing his father informally, but not at the home, he has also seen his mum
a couple of occasions on the street. He is receiving mixed messages from his mum
d this is confusing him. He also sees his grandmother every Saturday.

King said that Donald cannot cope with the rejection from his mother but the main
ıcern is school. He goes out in the morning and spends his dinner money on amusement
hines. Ms McDonald said that Mrs Stewart said there is no possibility of Donald going
e, she is not willing to make contact or able to accept her responsibilities re :
ald. Contact with his father is purely informal, he sees him at his Gran's every
tnight.

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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS cont'd...

Contact with his parents is very negative, he sees the situation as being very complicated and is finding it really difficult to cope with the pressures.

Mrs Bates said he had been making progress at school until October then truancy increased. Donald's behaviour when at school, is disruptive, he is very cheeky and has been caught smoking in the playground and in the school building.

Ms Townsend said that Donald was clearly not coping, the key is that mum won't change. On the one hand, bond is strong with his mum but there is no trust in the relationship.

Derek Bibby stated that it is unlikely that Donald is going home and he needs to accept this. If he was going to attend school he could stay at Beech Avenue and build on positives, perhaps Social Education Unit would be best.

Ms McDonald said that Donald wants to make things work but does not know how, he feels secure enough in Beech Avenue and it is vital that he stays in the area, so he can have contact with his parents.

Chairperson asked Donald how he would feel about going to the Social Education Unit.

Donald said that he was not going to the Social Education Unit but would go and have a look at it.

Ms McDonald to phone Liz Edwards at the Social Education Unit to discuss Donald's case and find out how long it would be before there is a vacancy.

Lyn Townsend asked what would happen to Donald's school work in the meantime, he cannot be allowed to do his own thing, perhaps work can be set for him to do at home.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVENUE

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1) TO PURSUE ACCESS FOR DONALD TO HIS FATHER.
2) TO GIVE DONALD HELP + SUPPORT AT SCHOOL

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

SEC 44(1)(B)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: MISS L. STEWART, 5 MARJORY DRIVE, GALLOWHILL
MR M BURGESS - FERGUSLIE PARK

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARLES - LIVES WITH MOTHER

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

MISS STEWART HAS STATED THAT SHE IS NOT WILLING OR ABLE TO HAVE DONALD HOME. SHE WILL NOT AGREE TO A REGULAR ACCESS PLAN.

MR BURGESS HAS NOW STOPPED VISITING DONALD AT BEECH AVE. AND HAS NOT MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS ACCESS.

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# Form D continued (2 of 3)

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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

5/10/90, 18/10/90, 26/10/90, 31/10/90, 28/9/90, 9/11/90 — VISITS MADE TO DONALD AT BEECH AVE. ON THESE DATES; ISSUES DISCUSSED WERE DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR AT BEECH AVE; DONALD'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE; DONALD'S FEELINGS AROUND HIS REJECTION BY BOTH HIS MOTHER AND FATHER.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

19/9/90, 20/9/90, 21/9/90 — TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH MRS BURGESS (SENIOR) TO TRY AND CONTACT DONALD'S FATHER

28/9/90 - ARRANGED VISIT TO MR BURGESS - NO REPLY

24/10/90 - VISIT TO MISS STEWART; 30/10/90 VISIT TO MISS STEWART — ENCOURAGED MISS STEWART TO VISIT DONALD BUT SHE INSISTS THAT THIS IS DONALD'S RESPONSIBILITY

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family — MISS STEWART SEEMS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THAT DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR COMES FROM HER TREATMENT OF HIM.

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review.)

DONALD'S PERSISTANT TRUANCY IS NOW CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

7. Other agencies involved:

MORSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL.

LYNN TOWNSEND - ED. PSYCHOLOGIST

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact etc.):

1). DONALD SEEMS UNABLE TO COPE WITH THE PRESSURES OF MAINSTREAM EDUCATION AS WELL AS THE OTHER PRESSURES IN HIS LIFE. AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PLACEMENT SHOULD BE SOUGHT

2) DONALD NEEDS TO HAVE CONTACT WITH HIS FAMILY, EVEN IF THIS IS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.

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# Form D continued (3 of 3)

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

1) A PLACEMENT AT THE SOCIAL EDUCATION UNIT WOULD SEEM MOST APPROPRIATE FOR DONALD

2) DONALD WOULD BENEFIT FROM A VERY STABLE, FAMILY PLACEMENT, BUT WOULD NEED THE FREEDOM TO GO TO GARNOCKHILL TO LOOK FOR HIS MOTHER

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? ~~Yes~~/No

10. Any further comments:

MOST OF DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR IS ATTENTION SEEKING AND STEMS FROM HIS MOTHER'S INABILITY TO MEET HIS EMOTIONAL NEEDS.

DONALD IS CAPABLE OF BEING A PLEASANT, FRIENDLY YOUNG LAD WHO CAN OFFER A GREAT DEAL TO ANYONE CARING FOR HIM

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

MR W EADIE (AREA MANAGER)
MR F CLARKE (SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER)
MISS S McDONALD (SOCIAL WORKER)

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: SOCIAL WORKER

Date: 18/12/90

Strathclyde Regional Council

CHILD CARE TEAM COMMENTS SHEET

Child's Name: DONALD STEWART D.O.B: 12.9.77

Home Address: 5 MARJORY DRIVE
GALLOWHILL PAISLEY

Placement: BEECHAVENUE Area Team: PAISLEY
DAY PUPIL - BALROSSIE

9TH OCT '91

CHILD CARE REVIEW HELD AT BALROSSIE SCHOOL
CHAIRED BY FRANK CLARK S.S.W.

Donald has now been accepted by Community Parents Scheme, a link worker has been identified. It was noted that it is likely to be some months before a family is identified At the last review (minutes not yet available) in August it was decided to explore the possibility of Donald's attendance for a few periods a week at Merkinwarth High School. As Lynne Townsend is sick at present it was suggested by Frank Clark that a meeting be set up outwith the review to explore this further.

In Balrossie School Donald works in fits + starts, if he is in a good mood his work is excellent. Every day Donald will work in class but some days he is more enthusiastic than on others One of Donald's difficulties is coping on a social level. At times he is extremely noisy in school, in the unit at Balrossie in Beech Avenue. Generally Donald has difficulty getting on with people, sometimes he comes across as cheeky and at times very aggressive in his attitude but he often does not realise, or intend to be. This affects Donalds ability to make friends in the local community, he gets into fights with local children. Donald used to go to a local, sacred Heart group but got bored with this, he's not interested in going to any local youth clubs or groups.

Miss Stewart attended the review but stated she only wished contact if Donald keeps out of trouble. Sheena McDonald said felt strongly that a formal contract of contact should not be drawn up as in the past this has failed. Donald does have visits to mum at home but these are not always successful. Miss Stewart was encouraged to visit Donald at Beech Avenue, given an open invitation to come + will be invited to tea. Sheena McDonald will facilitate these visits

## CHILD CARE TEAM COMMENTS SHEET

Child's Name: DONALD STEWART D.O.B: .....

Home Address: .....

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Placement: ..... Area Team: .....

9.10.91
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CHILD CARE REVIEW (continued)

It was decided that (1) Donald remain in Beech Avenue, (2) attending Jabrosse as a Day Pupil, (3) a meeting be set up to explore Donalds attendance for a couple of periods a week at Norkswood High School (4) contact with mum as appropriate Unfortunately Donald's Key worker from Jabrosse was absent due to taking another boy to hospital with a broken arm. Sheena McDonald is currently preparing a Befrienders Assessment, it is hoped this will be presented at the November adoption Panel.

Annette Jones (AJO Child Care)

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVE.

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Sec 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: MISS L STEWART, 5 MARSOM DRIVE, GALLOWHILL

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARLES STEWART, 5 MARSOM DRIVE.

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

MISS STEWART HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH DONALD SINCE THE LAST REVIEW, OTHER THAN INFORMAL CONTACT. DONALD VISITED HER ON 9/10/91 TO SHOW HER HIS SCHOOL REPORT AND SHE AGREED TO ATTEND TODAY'S REVIEW



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# Form D continued (2 of 3)

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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

27/8/91 - REVIEW
6/9/91 - MEETING FOR COMMUNITY PARENTS
24/9/91 - VISIT TO BEECH AVE.
25/9/91 ESCORT FROM BARROSSIE
26/9/91 ESCORT TO BARROSSIE
8/10/91 DONALD + SW TO MISS STEWART

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

20/9/91 - CHILDREN'S PANEL FOR CHARLES
3/10/91 - HOME VISIT
8/10/91 - HOME VISIT

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family MISS STEWART CONTINUES TO BE INCONSISTANT TOWARDS DONALD AND THIS MAY CONFUSE + UPSET HIM

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

DONALD IS PROGRESSING WELL SINCE STARTING AT BARROSSIE, AND BEGINING TO ACT IN A MATURE MANNER.

7. Other agencies involved:

BARROSSIE SCHOOL

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

DONALD HAS BEEN ACCEPTED ON THE COMMUNITY PARENTS SCHEME, AND A SUITABLE PLACEMENT IS NOW BEING SOUGHT FOR HIM.



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# Form D continued (3 of 3)

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

SHORT - TO REMAIN IN BEECH AVE.

LONG - TO MOVE TO COMMUNITY PARENTS

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? ~~Yes~~/No

10. Any further comments:

DONALD HAS RECENTLY STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE CONTINUED CONTACT WITH HIS MOTHER, AND THIS SHOULD BE ALLOWED WHERE POSSIBLE

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

F. CLARKE - SSW

S McDONALD SW

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: SOCIAL WORKER

Date: 9/10/91

Strathclyde Regional Council

CONFIDENTIAL:

HEADMASTER: David S.D. McCallum.
TELEPHONE NUMBER: Kilmacolm 2201.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.

1st October, 1991.

REPORT FOR INTERNAL REVIEW:

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| Boy's Name: | DONALD STEWART. |
| Date of Birth: | 12th September, 1977. |
| Date of Admission: | 15th April, 1991. |
| Home address: | Beech Avenue Children's Home, Paisley. |
| Field Social Worker: | Sheena McDonald. |
| School Keyworker: | Gerry Keogh. |
| Date of Review: | 9th October, 1991. |

Current Care Plan:

1. To encourage Donald to attend Balrossie School regularly by continuing to positively welcome him into the unit group each morning.

2. To continue to develop the relationship between keyworker and Donald by using fortnightly extractions from class to allow him the opportunity to discuss progress or difficulties which may arise.

3. To keep weekly contact with keyworker at Beech Avenue Children's Home in order that we are more aware of Donald's situation in our respective establishments.

4. To help Donald if it is found to be appropriate to look at and deal with his family situation, in particular his relationship with his mother. (No. 3. would be essential if this part of Donald's care plan is in operation).

5. To help organise with Donald travel arrangements, school equipment etc. if and when the opportunity arises of returning to Merksworth School.

Progress of Care Plan:

1. Since Donald's Initial Assessment on the 22nd May, 1991, his attendances at Balrossie until the start of the summer holidays on the 28th June, 1991 were irregular.
   The period from his Granddad's death on the 11th June, 1991, was really poor resulting in non attendance at Balrossie for the remainder of the term. Although Donald had been encouraged to take part in any activities at Balrossie during the summer holidays through previous meetings with his keyworker of that time, he did not take advantage of this at anytime. Donald arrives at Balrossie in good time for assembly each morning and has

REPORT FOR INTERNAL REVIEW - DONALD STEWART.

settled in well.

2. Due to the recent change of keyworker, fortnightly extractions from class have not yet started, but daily contact for short periods are proving to be fruitful with regard to building a friendly relationship.

3. Beech Avenue keyworker is co-operating well with Balrossie, and both establishments are well aware of any possible problems that surface.

4. The problems between Donald and his mother are continuing. However, a birthday card was sent to him, and a chance meeting with her at a local fair proved successful. Although those two events only show some small interest it may be a basis for a better relationship between mother and son.

5. Travel arrangements and the provision of school equipment were trouble free from inception, but on the 16th September, 1991, an incident in the taxi which was investigated by the Social Work Department resulted in Donald's travel arrangements being reviewed.
It will be necessary to discuss this matter further at this Review.

AREAS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Donald's suitability for language course at Merksworth School and the need for alternative tuition for him.

2. Seek advice from Lynn Townsend on other education resources suitable to Donald's needs.

Written by: GERALD KEOGH.
RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE OFFICER.

Countersigned by: DAVID S.D. McCALLUM.
HEADMASTER.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.
GK/JBW.
1st October, 1991.

EDUCATION REPORT FOR REVIEW

Balrossie School
Kilmacolm

NAME DONALD STEWART. DATE 9th October, 1991.

D.O.B. 12. 9. 77.

D.O.A. 15.4.91.

AGE 14 years.

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: Merksworth High School.

CLASS: 4.

CLASS TEACHER: Mrs. G.T. Lamont.

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| EDUCATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PREVIOUS REVIEW OR ASSESSMENT | Donald to continue at Balrossie School.<br><br>Balrossie School to approach Oonagh Aitken as to availability of educational resources. |
| LANGUAGE SKILLS | Donald has adequate reading skills and his language work is fairly satisfactory. However, his achievements vary with his moods with the result that the quality of his work is not consistent. |
| ENVIROMENTAL STUDIES (HISTORY/GEOG) | Donald enjoys all forms of drawing and his jotters are full of excellent illustrations.<br>Written work is not up to quite the same standard but is satisfactory. |
| NUMBER SKILLS | Donald is working on level 3 of the maths programme and is making slow progress. He understands and can cope with the work on this level but his concentration and effort fluctuate. |
| SCIENCE | Donald's work is inconsistent. Varies very much with his moods. Evan at his best it is barely satisfactory. Responds poorly to any form of criticism. |
| ART | Donald continues to show a keen interest in art. He is developing his practical skills and has produced consistent quality work since the start of term. |
| P.E./GAMES | No information this term. |
| HOME ECONOMICS: | Donald works quite well at practical work and has good practical skills, unfortunately, he is sometimes quite easily distracted. Normally completes written work but of varying standards. |
| TECHNICAL SUBJECTS: | DOnald has lost some of his enthusiasm for working in technical. His bhevaiour is acceptable most of the time. He is capable of good work and is willing on most occasions to listen to advice and persevere with a problem. |
| BEHAVIOUR ATTITUDE | Donald can be very good in class but tends to be disruptive from time to time. Does not take kindly to criticism. |
| RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVIEW | To remain at Balrossie School for the present.<br>Try to improve his classroom behaviour. |

G.T. Lamont

GTL/JBW.
4.10.91.

Written by: G.T. Lamont – Class teacher.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Residential Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM C

Name of Home: Beech Ave.

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77.

Date of Review Meeting: 9 10.91

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

To remain in B.A.
To remain at Balrossie with a view to return to Merksworth School.
Follow up befriender situation

1. Physical development since admission/last review (include details of recent accidents or illness):

Donald is developing normally for a bay his age.

2. Emotional Development:

Donald is showing signs of a more mature attitude towards his situation. He accepts that he will not be returning to live with his mother and is interested in being considered for community parents.

3. Behavioural Problems:

Donald still has occasional outbursts of bad behaviour + tantrums but these are becoming less frequent of late

## Form C continued (2 of 3)

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4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

He has seen mum at the recent Childrens Hearing and casually in town a few times

5. Contact with siblings:

Brother Charles has visited Donald in B.A. and Donald is happy with these visits.

6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

Balrossie School

7. School attended: Balrossie School.

School report attached/~~not available~~

Educational observations:

8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home: Music, video, TV.

(b) Outwith home: Cinema, swimming

# Form C continued (3 of 3)

C

9. Relationships:

(a) Within home: He gets on well with other residents but occasionally bullies younger children.

(b) Outwith home: He has some casual friends locally.

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

His need for community parents as the next stage in his future. His future school prospects and his ability to maintain his attendance and progress.

11. Short, medium and long term objectives for child:

To be discussed at the review

12. Remarks:

Donald needs to feel there are some plans for his future as at times he feels he is drifting along without any prospects

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

P. Hill (Keyworker)

Signed:.....

Designation:.....

Date:.....

Strathclyde Regional Council

CONFIDENTIAL: FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY:

Headmaster: David S.D. McCallum.
Telephone Number: Kilmacolm 2201.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.

8th October, 1992.

Minutes of Review held on 6th Ocober, 1992 in Balrossie School.

Boy's Name: Donald Stewart, c/o Beech Avenue Children's Home, Paisley.

Date of Birth: 12. 9. 77.

Present:

H. Truesdale - Social Worker, Beech Avenue Children's Home.
A. Docherty - Senior Social Worker, Abbey House.
D. Rankine - Beech Avenue Children's Home.
A. Neil - Social Worker, Family Finding Group.
A. Bonnar - District Child Care Team. ✓
N. West - Residential Child Care Officer, Balrossie School.
M. Cunningham - Acting Senior Teacher, Balrossie School.

Apologies:

C. Regan - Senior Residential Child Care Officer, Balrossie School.
D. Hebenton - Keyworker, Balrossie School.
A. Wood - Field Social Worker.

Reports were circulated giving the current position in Beech Avenue Children's Home, Balrossie and Bute Unit to which Donald is attached.

Of major concern is Donald's non-attendance at school.

January, 1992 - June, 1992.
Possible - 104.
Actual - 69.
Absences - 35.

August 1992 - Tuesday 6.10.92.
Possible - 34.
Actual - 7.
Absences - 27.

This deterioration began around mid-March this year and has become steadily worse. There have been sick absences, suspensions, occasions of absconding and times when Donald simply refused to attend.

Minutes of Review - Donald Stewart.

Ms. Truesdale stated that Donald has experienced various set-backs in his life of late namely: other children in the Home moving on to community parents, etc. and the contact with his befriender having ended. However, she also said that there had been some improvement at Beech Avenue recently.

The moves to seek community parents for Donald have been held up by a technical hitch. Ms. Bonnar was unable to give a proposed time scale of finalising of plans.

Donald's explanation for non-attendance was that he does not like being at Balrossie and that he wants to go back to mainstream school. It was pointed out to him that this proposal would not be accepted by schools given his attendance record.

Discussion then took place around Donald's need to attend school for the next year. However, he subsequently reiterated his refusal to attend Balrossie.

RECOMMENDATION:

Without a commitment from Donald to take up his placement at Balrossie there should be contact initiated with the Educational Psychologist to seek an alternative place.

M. Cunningham

Written by: MOIRA CUNNINGHAM (MRS).
CLASS TEACHER.

Balrossie School,
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.
MC/JBW.
8th October, 1992.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Minutes of Review Meeting

PAT/LC/FM 04/08/93 FORM F

Date of Review: 21/07/93

Name of Home: BEECH AVENUE

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 08/03/90

Date of Birth: 12/09/71

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

Need to establish appropriate resource for Donald.

Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:

Mother's unwillingness to be pro-active in contacting Donald.
Inappropriateness of present placement.

Summary of Discussion:

Leslie Cameron opened this Review by referring to the situation at the last Child Care Review (11/02/93). At this point it was proposed that Hostel placements would be pursued and Reid Kerr Opportunities. It was evident at that time that although Beech Avenue had been Donald's home for a considerable time, as a result of a changing resident group it was not preparing him or assisting him in this development as a young adult.

The placement at Redheugh proposed and secured was subsequently lost as a result of their loss of funding. Attempts were then made to introduce Donald to Carsewood Semi-Independant Unit. However, due to the lack of other residents this Unit was not wholly functional and it was felt inappropriate to move Donald again. Contact was made with S.T.I.P.S but as a consequence of limited resources there is nothing available to meet Donald's needs.

Donald absconded with a friend to Manchester to Mr and Mrs Campbell. They contacted this Department and have established a good relationship with Donald. This experience proved to be very positive.

CONTINUED ON SEPARATE SHEET

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The family subsequently approached the Department to offer Donald a permanent home. Salford Social Services have undertaken a very thorough assessment and Mr and Mrs Campbell have fully co-operated with this. Donald has since then spent planned time with the family very successfully. He has made friends locally. Mr Campbell indicated Donald had settled into family expectations and routine reasonably well, given his lengthy time in care. He is negotiating willingly, and accepts guidance. He presented a very positive attitude and commitment to Donald. Donald himself sees this as a future home base.

Staff at Beech Avenue and Social Worker Angus Wood indicated that Donald is evidently benefiting from this positive experience. There are some physical alterations required to the family home to enable Donald to have his own space, ie a room divide. The local Housing Authority have agreed to this provided it meets safety standards.

Donald appears to get on well with the family children and they look forward to him coming.

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

Reid Kerr broke down following an incident involving Donald damaging a car in the staff Car Park. Since then attempts have been made to secure work experience, without success.

Mr Campbell, with Donald, has investigated options in the Manchester Area and there is an option similar to Reid Kerr, locally.

HOME

Contact with Mrs Irvine has been limited. However she is aware of proposals and recent situation and agrees.

HEALTH

Although Donald has slight asthma and hayfever he does not require to use his inhaler. There are no other health problems.

CONCLUSION

Mr and Mrs Campbell appear to have given serious consideration to offering Donald a home. They have fully co-operated with assessment and contact from Salford Social Services.

They are also aware of the financial implications as they are in receipt of income support.

Donald is clearly enjoying the positive family experience and showing signs of developing maturity. He is happier, behaviour consistently better and talking about the family.

It is therefore unanimously agreed that a move be proposed to Manchester through the Children's Hearing system. It was also proposed that the Department would attempt to meet the cost of this in terms of providing material needs and alteration to the family home. Leslie Cameron will request this via the District Manager.

# Memorandum

Strathclyde
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Tel: 041 842 5151
Our Ref: PAT/LC/GC
Your Ref:
Date: 23 July 1993

From: L Cameron, Senior Social Worker
Abbey House

To: L Watson, ADO Child Care
District Headquarters

**SUBJECT: Donald Stewart, (12/9/77), 44 (1) (b) Beech Avenue**

Please find attached Form F assessment in respect of the Campbell family, 49 Chepstow Rd, Clifton, Swinton, Greater Manchester.

Salford Social Services completed it and have given very positive reports of their contact with them. They have also been in touch while Donald was staying with the family.

Will you please present this at the next Fostering Adoption Panel for consideration of a regular payment to the Campbells in respect of their care of Donald.

A CCR held on 21/7/93 recommended that a Panel be convened with a view to Donald residing with the family in Manchester. I have also written to the District Manager requesting that he consider meeting the initial cost of a move in terms of material needs Donald may have.

L Cameron
Senior Social Worker

**Social Work Department**
Director: F E Edwards RD BA MUniv FBIM

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Date 2nd Sep 1991

DONALD STEWART D.O.B. 12.9.77

Donald Stewart was first admitted to Beech Avenue with his brother (Charles 17.1.83) on 27.20.89. Both children were released to their mother on 1.11.89.

Donald was readmitted to Beech Avenue on 9.3.90. The plan at that time was for Donald to eventually go back and reside in the family home with his mother and brother. Over the months that followed, the Social Work Department made stringent efforts to implement this plan. During these months, Donald spent much of his time trying to come to terms with the fact that mothers' interest in him was fading, and in fact Donald eventually realised that although he would search out his mother, she had no interest in him. At that point, Donald was attending Hunterhill Tutorial.

It would be fair to say that for the first year that Donald was in Beech Avenue that he refused to accept the fact that the relationship between himself and his mother was going no where. Subsequently his behaviour within Beech Avenue was understandably erratic where he found great difficulty in dealing with the pressures of ordinary life.

Over the last few months this young man has slowly coming to terms with the fact that if he wants a normal family life it must be without regular contact with his mother. During this period Donald has mooted the idea that community parents may be a good alternative and has talked at length to both his social worker and key worker about this possibility.

Last August Donald was admitted to Merksworth Secondary School in Paisley. It was during this time that the major upsets with mother were taking place. Instead of going to school on a Monday morning, Donald would search out his mother at the local post office and with the money she gave him he did not botherto attend school, eventually not attending at all. At a subsequent case conference it was decided that if Donald was to catch up with the work he had missed by his non attendance at Merksworth and the large gaps in his basic education he should attend Balrossie List "D" School as a day boy and benefit from the small classes and the excellent remedial work that is carried out at that school. Donald eventually attended Balrossie on 16 April 1991. Initially he had problems settling in but eventually went on to do extremely well. This continued until the family contacted Donald on the 8th June informing him that his maternal grandfather had passed away. Although Donald was not allowed to attend the funeral he was allowed to attend the viewing. From then until the end of the term Donald refused to attend Balrossie School.

Over the summer a lot of work and councelling was done with Donald which resulted in him going back to Balrossie at the start of this term. At the time of writing, he has been attending regularly and receiving excellent reports from the school.

D.M. RANKIN Officer in Charge.

Been Ave.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Child In Care Review

Carer's Report - Part 1 FORM

DATE OF REVIEW

DETAILS OF CHILD

Name of Child (Ref): DONALD STEWART

Known As: DRUCY

Dates of Birth: 12-9-77

Ages: 15

Religion:

Current Legal status: 44'A

Date of this Placement: 11-1-93

PLACEMENT DETAILS

RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS ONLY

Name of Unit and Address BEECH AVE CHILDRENS HOME 11 BEECH AVE 1 PAISLEY

Telephone: 041 889 7375

Description of Res. Unit: 9 Bedded

Current Composition of Child Unit (e.g. nos. ages)

GIRLS aged 5 2x9 12

BOYS aged 6 7 9 13 15 (Subject)

Key Worker: } RUTH GOOLD

Senior }

Time Limits Applicable (if any):

Special Features of Placement (if applicable):

DONALD HAD LIVED HERE FOR 3 YEARS UNTIL HE MOVED TO COMMUNITY PARENTS. WHEN THIS BROKE DOWN DONALD RETURNED, HOWEVER, THERE ARE MUCH YOUNGER RESIDENTS HERE NOW AND DONALD A FINDS THE CHILDREN FRUSTRATING.

FOSTER PARENT PLACEMENTS ONLY

Name & Ages of Foster Parents

Address:

Relationship to Child (if any):

Telephone:

Type of Placement (e.g., temporary, contract, emergency etc.)

Members of Household (excluding foster parents)

| Name | Age | Relationship to Foster Parents |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

Description of Accommodation

Foster Parents' Social Worker & Office Address:

Time Limits Applicable (if any):

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LAST REVIEW OR MEETING AT P.L.C.

Were you Present?

Date of Last Review:

Date Minutes Received:

Decisions of Last Review (Please note them below, indicating whether decisions have been carried out)

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PARENTAL ACCESS

Is there a formal written access arrangement (P.A.1)? Please "✓" below

| YES | NO |
|---|---|
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If yes, does access take place as agreed?

What access takes place and where?

If no, what is the pattern of contact/access?

ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS ARE THAT DONALD STAYS OVERNIGHT WITH MUM

Please note any difficulties for you an/or help required for access. ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

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ACCESS AND CONTACT BETWEEN CHILD AND MEMBERS OF NATURAL FAMILY, FRIENDS, PREVIOUS CARERS ETC.

| | Who? | Details of contact (inc. letters, phone calls, etc.) |
|---|---|---|
| BROTHERS/SISTERS | BROTHER CHARLES | SEES WHEN VISITING MUM |
| OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS | | NO RECENT ACCESS |
| ADULT FRIENDS | | |
| SAME AGE FRIENDS | SPECIAL FRIEND TOM CAMPBELL | SEES AT WEEKENDS |
| OTHERS | | HAS NUMEROUS FRIENDS + AQUAINTANCES (MOSTLY FEMALE) SPENDS A GOOD DEAL OF TIME ON C.B RADIO & PHONE |

COMMENTS: (e.g. how much does child enjoy contact: any problems for child or you? etc.)

DONALD CONTINUES TO HAVE "NO GO AREAS" WHERE HE FEARS TO GO AS OTHER YOUTHS WANT TO ASSAULT HIM

CONTACT BETWEEN CHILD'S SOCIAL WORKER AND CHILD (how often? who arranges this? what happens?)

VERY REGULAR CONTACT, WHENEVER NECESSARY, USUALLY ARRANGED BY SOCIAL WORKER.

Comments

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CONTACT BETWEEN CHILD'S SOCIAL WORKER AND CARERS (how often? who arranges this? what happens, etc.)

GOOD COMMUNICATION BOTH VISITS AND PHONE CONTACT

Comments

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FOSTER PARENTS ONLY

Contact with Support/Link Social Worker (how often, who arranges this?, what happens, etc.)

Comments

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(PRE) SCHOOL PROVISION

| (PRE) SCHOOL & ADDRESS | CONTACT PERSON | CLASS | EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST (if appropriate) |
|---|---|---|---|
| READ KERR COLLEGE AFTERNOONS | BILL MARTIN<br>JIM HODGE | BRICKWORK<br>AUTO MECHANICS | NO CONTACT WITH LYN TOWNSEND SINCE BALROSSIE |

| FREQUENCY & TYPE OF CONTACT WITH CARER | COMMENTS (i.e. Special Features or Difficulties) |
|---|---|
| / | HE APPEARS TO ENJOY COLLEGE AND ATTENDS WELL |

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Health

Present Doctor: DR I. S. MASON Tel: 041 889 5505

Health visitor: — Tel:

Other Medical Staff: — Tel:

Tel:

Tel:

Tel:

Child's General Health:

NO ILLNESS SINCE RE-IMMUNISATION

Formal Medical Examinations

| Type of Medical | Date | Comments |
|---|---|---|
| Reception first date | | |

[illegible] (not mentioned elsewhere)

| AGENCY TITLE & ADDRESS | CONTACT PERSON | FREQUENCY, TYPE & PURPOSE OF CONTACT |
|---|---|---|

A. INFORMATION

Please "✓" below if you have the following:

| RIC 1 | RIC2 | RIC3 | PARENTAL ACCESS FORM | INFORMATION FROM SWD ON CHILD | LEGAL AUTHORITY TO KEEP CHILD | WRITTEN PLACEMENT AGREEMENT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |

| BIRTH CERTIFICATE | BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE | FOSTER PARENTS HANDBOOK |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

Comments - Please indicate if you have had difficulty in getting information, if information is inaccurate or if you require further information.

WE HAVE PLENTY OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON DONALD ALTHOUGH DUE TO HIS RECENT EMERGENCY ADMISSION SOME PAPERWORK APPEARS TO BE MISSING –

B. RESOURCES - Please indicate below what additional resource you may need to care for the child, e.g. extra money, clothing, etc.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS (but please use the narrative report for detailed information & resources)

ISSUES FOR REVIEW (Please indicate below the main points you would like discussed at the review)

FUTURE PLANS

APPROPRIATENESS OF THIS PLACEMENT FOR DONALD

CARERS

Foster Parents

Signed:

Date:

Signed:

Date:

Residential Social Work Staff

Key Res. S.W.

Signed:

Date:

SNR Res. S.W.

Signed: R.H. Coold

Date: 10-2-93

Who will attend review?

# CARERS' REPORT FORM

## Part 2

### (1) Profile of Child

(include how (s)he feels about the past, present and future, who (s)he gets on with, who not how (s)he comes across to you, how (s)he gets on at school, outside the home and how (s)he gets on with his/her social worker. Indicate areas of progress and concern)

DONALD RESIDED IN BEECH AVE FOR 3 YEARS UNTIL HE WAS PLACED WITH COMMUNITY PARENTS ON 22-12-92 THIS PLACEMENT BROKE DOWN AND HE RETURNED HERE ON 11-1-93.

DONALD IS A TYPICAL ADOLESCANT WHO LACKS SELF CONFIDENCE IN SOME AREAS IN LIFE AND IS CONSTANTLY TESTING HIS BOUNDARIES. AFTER A HISTORY OF DIFFICULTIES AT SCHOOL HE NOW ATTENDS REID KERR COLLEGE PART TIME AND SO FAR THIS APPEARS TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

DONALD HAS A KNACK OF UPSETTING PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE HOME AND THIS CONTINUES TO LIMIT HIS FREEDOM AS HE IS AFRAID OF ASSAULT. HOWEVER HE HAS DISAPPEARED ON 4 OCCASIONS DURING THE NIGHT, RETURNING HIMSELF WITHIN A FEW HOURS. HE ALSO TALKS ON THE CB DURING THE NIGHT IN SPITE OF OBJECTIONS FROM STAFF.

DONALD IS FINDING BEECH AVE RESTRICTIVE AS THE AGE GROUP IS NOW LOWER. HE IS NOT PART OF THE GROUP WITHIN THE HOME, ALTHOUGH HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH STAFF HAS ALTERED LITTLE. DONALD HAS NO PATIENCE WITH THE YOUNGER CHILDREN AND ON OCCASION REACTS AGGRESSIVELY TOWARDS THEM.

### (2) Circumstances of Natural Family

(Include whatever information you have on how the family lives, works and plays, who gets on with who, who seems closest to the child, how well access is used and how able/willing they are to look after the child. Indicate particular progress and concern)

DONALD HAS WEEKLY VISITS WITH HIS FAMILY, SOME OF THESE ARE BETTER THAN OTHERS. HE GETS ON WELL WITH HIS STEP-FATHER BUT DOES NOT SEE HIM AS A FATHER FIGURE

### (3) Child's Relationship with Members of Natural Family, Friends and Previous Carers

(Include: who he gets on with best and why, whether he wants to go back home and how, how well access works for the child, who else he sees and who he misses, what changes might be necessary for access. Indicate issues of particular concern and progress)

DONALD DOES NOT SEE HIMSELF RETURNING HOME AND ENJOYS PRESENT ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

## (4) Summary and Conclusions

(Include, what are the most important things that happen (and don't), the links between events, development and where you think you are now)

DONALD AGREES WITH BEECH AVE STAFF THAT HE HAS OUTGROWN HIS PLACEMENT HERE. HIS BEHAVIOUR CAN STLL CAUSE PROBLEMS AND HE HAS SOME DIFFICULTH FITTING IN WITH THE RESIDENTS AND STAFF HERE. HE IS CONTENT TO CONTINUE WITH ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS BUT DOES NOT SEE HIS FUTURE HERE.

## (5) Proposals for Child's Future

(Include: What's best for the child; how does he react to this and how do other members of his family, what effects this will have and what kinds of action and support you and your child will need in the future; how well does current placement suit your thoughts for the future)

DONALD NEEDS A NEW HOME THAT IS BETTER EQUIPPED TO WORK WITH ADOLESCENTS. HE WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE HIS INDEPENDANCE, BUT I FEEL THAT HE NEEDS A LOT OF SUPPORT FROM ADULTS. DONALD IS TAKING AN INTEREST IN HIS FUTURE PLACEMENT AND HOPEFULLY, WILL HAVE A GOOD SAY IN WHERE THIS IS TO BE. I FEEL, AS DONALD DOES, THAT THE SOONER AN APPROPRIATE PLACE CAN BE FOUND THE BETTER FOR DONALD AS HE NEEDS A SETTLED ENVIROMENT IN WHICH TO WORK THROUGH HIS PROBLEMS.

Signed: Signed:

Date: Date:

N.B. Please attach to the part 1 report and return to the district office in the S.A.E. provided. If you need help with the form, please ask child's or link/support social worker.

**REVIEW PROCEDURE**

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM **D**

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12-09-77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 08-03-90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1) Donald to reside at 59 Glen Shee Avenue, Neilston, c/o Community Parents, Mr & Mrs Lamond.
2) Donald to attend Reid Kerr College part time, and to be supported by Social Education unit.
3) Donald to continue regular access at his mother's home.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

44 (1)(a) with Community Parents' address named by Children's Panel on 22/12/92. Returned to Beech Avenue on a respite basis on 11/1/93.

Any action indicated:

Reporter's Department informed of Donald's return to Beech Avenue. Hearing scheduled for 2-30 on Monday 15th February.

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Mother, Lorraine Irvine, 8d Blackhall Court, Paisley PA2 7ES.

(b) Siblings not in care: Brother, Charles Stewart, address as above.

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Donald and his mother continue to have a poor relationship. Mrs Irvine's husband, Mr Steven Irvine, has indicated extreme annoyance at the disturbance caused by the police visiting his home when Donald has absconded lately. He has expressed some hostility to Donald on this account.

Mrs Irvine and her husband are currently unwilling to have Donald back on a long term basis.

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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since ~~reception into care~~/last review:

Approximately weekly contact, initially at Community Parents', and then at Beech Avenue, Social Education Unit and Reid Kerr College. Recent visit to Redhough Hostel, Kilbirnie.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since ~~reception into care~~/last review:

Home visit and attendance at Children's Hearing 22/12/92.
Home visit after breakdown of C.P. placement.
Home visit to discuss Child Care Review.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Donald's relationship with his mother is still such that a permanent return home must be ruled out in the foreseeable future.

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review) Donald's c.p. placement broke down, apparently irrevocably, on 11/1/93. He feels he has "outgrown" Beech Avenue, and Beech Avenue's population is significantly younger than Donald. A change of environment is needed to help Donald develop towards maturity and independence.

7. Other agencies involved:

Social Education Unit (on consultative basis).
Reid Kerr College.
Regional Family Finding Team.

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

Continuing access to Mrs Irvine as appropriate. Contact as appropriate between Donald and Charles.
Continued support in education or training.
Donald needs a setting which makes demands of him as a developing young adult, but which provides security and room to take some backward steps. A six-month placement in a semi-independent unit may be appropriate.

## Form D continued (3 of 3)

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

A planned move out of Beech Avenue and into a semi-independant setting. Donald has expressed interest in supported lodgings and in hostel accommodation.
A trial period in such a setting would be appropriate, in view of the fact that Donald is relatively untested outwith the children's home.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? ~~Yes~~/No

10. Any further comments:

Donald has recently demonstrated that he is committed to courses of action which he has positively opted into. Reid Kerr College is an example of this.

Any plan must take into account Donald's fear of change, and apprehensiveness with other teenagers, although at present he appears willing to take some risks.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

Lesley Cameron (S.S.W)
Angus Wood (S.W.)

Signed: A. Wood

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 11/2/93

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# Memorandum

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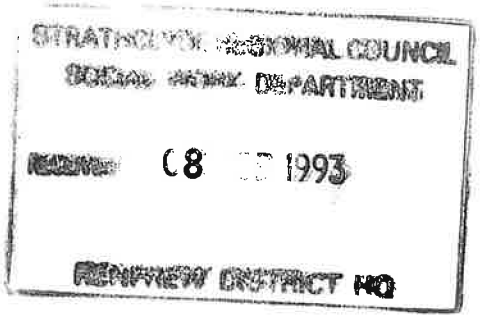
Tel: 041 842 5151
Our Ref: PAT/WE/FMcK
Your Ref:
Date: 05/02/93

From: Angus Wood
Social Worker
Paisley Area Office

To: Lesley Cameron, Lesley Watson, Annette Bonnar
Donny Rankin, Sandy Bryce, Jackie Kerr

**SUBJECT: DONALD STEWART - CHILD IN CARE REVIEW**

Please note that there will be a workers' meeting, to which you are invited, at 4.00 pm on Thursday 11th February 1993 at Abbey House. This will immediately precede the Child Care Review, which is scheduled for 5.00 pm.



# PLANNING OF INTRODUCTIONS

## MR & MRS LAMMOND & DONALD STEWART - 17.11.92

**Present Circumstances :**

Donald : Impresses as being more settled in Beech Avenue and generally spends a lot of time with an older lad in the area and often remains in home during the day when not at school. He recently met a lad previously in care of Beech Avenue - now with foster carers. Overall messages were positive. Donnie explained also that Donald has been in care of home for 2 years and presently finding life difficult sharing with much younger children (i.e. pre-fives, etc).

Donnie stated that he felt Donald was ready to begin to consider moving on; even though the plans for this had been disrupted some time ago.

Donald is not getting on so well with his mother. This maybe a feature through the placement. It was noted that his behaviour appears more settled when he is not seeing his mum.

[redacted]

**School :**

Donald has not attended Balrossie for several weeks. Psychologist stated that mainstream schools are not appropriate for Donald and suggests college. Angus Woods is currently investigating the possibility of work experience through Reid Kerr College.

In general it was felt that Donald required some form of full-time experience during the day for the Community Parent placement to work.

**Access :**

Access has been haphazard, given the proximity of Beech Avenue to Donald's mum's home. Apart from this it has broken down. It was agreed that access should be renegotiated.

**Befriender :**

Donald has had contact with befriender recently. The lad seems to now be more settled in Erskine. Currently trying to find employment in residential care. Ongoing contact to be re-negotiated after move to Community Parents.

**Moving In :**

Angus Woods stated that he had the opportunity to speak to Donald regarding moving onto a placement. Donald acknowledged to him that he would have to work at it.

**Conclusion :**

There was agreement that both Donald and Mr and Mrs Lammond are ready to move onto the next phase of planning i.e. introductions.

**A.O.C.B. :**

(i) Angus, Donnie and Alex meet to tell Donald of the proposed introductions on Friday 18.

(ii) Angus and Anne to organise Children's Hearing re : placement transfer.

(iii) Donnie to liaise with Annette Bonnar re : Beech Avenue keeping Donald's place free for first 6 weeks.

(iv) Beech Avenue to provide clothing for Donald to move into placement.

(v) Prior to placement Beech Avenue to arrange transfer medical.

(NB. Plan of Introductions - sent previously).

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVE

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

Application to be made as Day Pupil - to Balrossie

Donald to begin Intervention Group

Donald to remain at Beech Ave

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1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Sec 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

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2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss L Stewart
5 Marjory Drive Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care: Charles Stewart
5 Marjory Drive Paisley

(c) Siblings in care:

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3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Miss Stewart continues to take little interest in Donald at Beech Ave, although she has phoned on several occasions.

Donald meets with Mum every Monday for a short while.

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## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

7/2/91 - Donald + Social Worker visited Balrossie
12/2/91 Visit to Beech Ave
19/2/91 Visit to Beech Ave - discussed Donald's Behaviour
11/3/91 Visit to Beech Ave

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

Miss Stewart to office on 25/1/91
26/2/91 - Home Visit to discuss Balrossie
12/2/91 Home Visit.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Miss Stewart continues to show little interest in Donald's progress and this is having a bad effect on Donald

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

Donald's behaviour at Beech Ave is deteriorating. He usually becomes involved in trouble going on in the home.

7. Other agencies involved:

Lynn Tounsend - Ed. Psychologist
Intervention Group

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

Donald desperately needs a stable school placement, and if this is successful, may settle his placement at Beech Ave



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## Form D continued (3 of 3)

D

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

It is vital that Donald has some full-time educational placement soon. If Balrossie can offer a structured placement, this may have a good effect on his behaviour at Beech Ave

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

Donald now seems unhappy in care and this is being displayed through his unacceptable behaviour.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

F Clarke - SSW

S McDonald SW

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 20/3/91

Strathclyde Regional Council

# DRAM PROFORMA

**NAME OF CHILD:** Donald Stewart **DATE OF BIRTH;** 12.9.77

**ADDRESS:** c/o Beech Ave **SCHOOL:** Motsworth

**SOCIAL WORKER:** Sheena McDonald **AREA OFFICE:** Abbey House

**DATE OF MEETING:** 18-1-91

**PRESENT:**

C. U.
L. E.
J. C.
J. B
Don.
Shee.
Frank

**AREAS OF CONCERN**

1) Care - Beech Ave C.H. - March '90 - am to re-hab at home with Mu. Was at H/hill but they felt he could attend to M/Worth. - he is not attending (Last time Oct '90)

2) His behaviour at Beech Ave is appalling - (Review just before Xmas - to seek place at Soc. Ed) Donald wants to stay in Beech Ave - Soc Ed. would hopefully help him back to m/stream.

3) Mother visits infrequently & attempts so far to improve this has not worked

## PREVIOUS WORK UNDERTAKEN

Lynn Townsend, psych. has been involved.
At Gallowhill Primary he had psych. support.

## ANALYSIS

Are too many people / factors involved? Would Soc. Ed provide stability? Perhaps need for a total regime — Balrossie?
Some discussion re the principles of Soc. Ed & keeping youngsters out of res. care, whereas Dan. is in res. care ...
Donald is in the 'Intervention Group' list
Frank C. still convinced that Donald should return to mainstream eventually.

## SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Liz could offer a place, but not until March at least.
In the meantime, there is a place in the Intervention Group for next week — would give June time to assess Donald's ability for m/stream.

## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1) Day place — perhaps a visit to B/Rossie?
Intervention Group — starts next week & poss. Soc. Ed Unit.

2)

3)

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVENUE

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1) TO PURSUE ACCESS FOR DONALD TO HIS FATHER.
2) TO GIVE DONALD HELP + SUPPORT AT SCHOOL

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

SEC 44(1)(B)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: MISS L. STEWART, 5 MARJORY DRIVE, GALLOWHILL
MR M BURGESS - FERGUSLIE PARK

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARLES - LIVES WITH MOTHER

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

MISS STEWART HAS STATED THAT SHE IS NOT WILLING OR ABLE TO HAVE DONALD HOME. SHE WILL NOT AGREE TO A REGULAR ACCESS PLAN.

MR BURGESS HAS NOW STOPPED VISITING DONALD AT BEECH AVE. AND HAS NOT MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS ACCESS.



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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

6/10/90 VISITS MADE TO DONALD AT BEECH AVE. ON THESE
18/10/90 DATES; ISSUES DISCUSSED WERE DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR AT
26/10/90 BEECH AVE; DONALD'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE; DONALD'S
31/10/90 FEELINGS AROUND HIS REJECTION BY BOTH HIS MOTHER
28/9/90 AND FATHER.
9/11/90

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

19/9/90, 20/9/90, 21/9/90 } TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH MRS BURGESS (SENIOR) TO TRY AND CONTACT DONALD'S FATHER

28/9/90 - ARRANGED VISIT TO MR BURGESS - NO REPLY

24/10/90 - VISIT TO MISS STEWART } ENCOURAGED MISS STEWART TO VISIT
30/10/90 VISIT TO MISS STEWART } DONALD BUT SHE INSISTS THAT THIS IS DONALD'S RESPONSIBILITY

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family MISS STEWART SEEMS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THAT DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR COMES FROM HER TREATMENT OF HIM.

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review.)

DONALD'S PERSISTANT TRUANCY IS NOW CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

7. Other agencies involved:

MEXSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL.

LYNN TOWNSEND - ED. PSYCHOLOGIST

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact etc.):

1). DONALD SEEMS UNABLE TO COPE WITH THE PRESSURES OF MAINSTREAM EDUCATION AS WELL AS THE OTHER PRESSURES IN HIS LIFE. AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PLACEMENT SHOULD BE SOUGHT

2) DONALD NEEDS TO HAVE CONTACT WITH HIS FAMILY, EVEN IF THIS IS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

1) A PLACEMENT AT THE SOCIAL EDUCATION UNIT WOULD SEEM MOST APPROPRIATE FOR DONALD

2) DONALD WOULD BENEFIT FROM A VERY STABLE, FAMILY PLACEMENT, BUT WOULD NEED THE FREEDOM TO GO TO GARNOCKHILL TO LOOK FOR HIS MOTHER

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? ~~Yes~~/No

10. Any further comments:

MOST OF DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR IS ATTENTION SEEKING AND STEMS FROM HIS MOTHER'S INABILITY TO MEET HIS EMOTIONAL NEEDS.

DONALD IS CAPABLE OF BEING A PLEASANT, FRIENDLY YOUNG LAD WHO CAN OFFER A GREAT DEAL TO ANYONE CARING FOR HIM

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

MR W EADIE (AREA MANAGER)
MR F CLARKE (SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER)
MISS S McDONALD (SOCIAL WORKER)

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: SOCIAL WORKER

Date: 18/12/90

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REVIEW PROCEDURE ML

# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Section 15/44(1)a.

Any action indicated:

Due to length of time Donald has been in Beech Avenue, should this now be varied to 44(1)b.

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss L. Stewart, 5, Marjory Drive, Paisley.

(b) Siblings not in care: Charles Stewart, 5, Marjory Drive, Paisley.

(c) Siblings in care: -

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Soon after the last Review, both Donald and his mother both stated that home visits were not working and would not continue.

Donald was encouraged, however, to continue twice weekly overnights and these seem to working well.

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Form D continued (2 of 3)

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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

Weekly at Beech Avenue.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

Weekly at home.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Miss Stewart is still worried about approaching Court case (27th July).

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

Donald continued to state that he does not wish to return home.

7. Other agencies involved:

C.S.P.

Hunterhill Tutorial Centre.

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

Donald needs a placement that will give him support in returning home and that will set strict limits.



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## Form D continued (3 of 3)

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

Long term - to return home.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Frank Clarke | - | Senior Social Worker |
| Sheena McDonald | - | Social Worker. |

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: Social Worker

Date: .....

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REVIEW PROCEDURE

# Residential Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review FORM C

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Date of Review Meeting:

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

1. Physical development since admission/last review (include details of recent accidents or illness):

Donald is developing normally for a boy his age .

2. Emotional Development:

Donald appears to be coping well emotionally.
His self esteem is slightly higher than at his last review.

3. Behavioural Problems:

Donalds behaviour alternates between being fairly good, ,or extremely stupid. On one occassion, he shaved off his eyebrows . On another, he shaved the back of his head. When taken om an outing, Donald climbed on top of the bus shelter and only climbed down when he realised he would not get out with others if he didn't behave. For all of these attention seeking antics, Donalds' bed time was drastically altered.

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4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Monday from 3pm until school Tue
Wednesday from 3pm to school Thur
Saturday 10am to 4pm.
Donalds access visits appear to be progressing favourably apart from the incident on 14th May when Donald reported to the O.I.C. that he hadn't remained on access as his mother was "steaming". As his young brother is in the care of Ms Stewart. the O.I.C. contacted Social Work stand-by who investigated the allegation. However, Ms Stewart was considered to be in a fit condition to have Charles in her charge.

5. Contact with siblings:

Donald sees his brother Charles while on access to mum.

6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

Donald was attending West Yonderton and although at first reluctantly, he soon accepted the ruling that he attend the I.T. Gropp. Unfortunately, due to staff shortage at West Yonderton, they have cancelled Donalds visits there at present.

7. School attended: Hunterhill Tutorial

School report attached/not available

Educational observations:

8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home: Music - keyboard, T.V. videos, reading.

(b) Outwith home: Swimming, disco, fishing trip planned.



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# Form C continued (3 of 3)

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9. Relationships:

(a) Within home: Relates fairly well with staff and two of the other residents.

(b) Outwith home: Friends from school, and one from Bishopton. Also friends from his home area.

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

We are still concerned at Donalds tendancy to be led astray by other residents, however since his last review, he has succeeded in avoiding trouble.

11. Short, medium and long term objectives for child:

Remain in Beech Avenue, attend school on a regular basis, continue with access visits with an aim to re-unite him with his family.

12. Remarks:

Donald is still likeable and takes his sanctions well when knowing he is in the wrong. He can identify when his behaviour is not acceptable to others and there have been fewer incidencies of unsociable behaviour. This is most encouraging as Donalds own standards are now a lot higher than previously stated at last review.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

Mrs V King D.O.I.C.

Signed: Vera King

Designation: DOIC

Date: 25-6-90.

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# Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVENUE.

Date of admission: 27/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1) ACCESS TO BE MAINTAINED AT 2 OVERNIGHTS THROUGH THE WEEK AND 2 FULL DAYS AT THE WEEKEND.

2) REQUEST PAPER TO VARY 44(1)a TO 44(1)b

3) SHEENA TO EXPLORE WEST MIDDERTON AND PLAYSCHEME PLACING FOR DONALD

4) SHEENA TO DISCUSS CHILD MANAGEMENT TEACHING WITH MS STEWART

5) MARKSWORTH TO BE INVITED TO NEXT REVIEW

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Sec 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: 5 MARTORY DRIVE, GALLOWHILL

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARLES LIVES AT HOME WITH HIS MOTHER

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Miss Stewart has made little attempt to keep to access arrangements ie she did not stay at her own home for a few weeks during the summer, and was not at home on several access days.

She has now made it clear that she does not wish this access to continue, nor has she made efforts to see Donald at Beech Ave.



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4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

30/6/90 - 7/7/90 - DONALD ON HOLIDAY WITH BEECH AVE.
11/7/90 - VISIT TO BEECH AVE
25/7/90 - VISIT TO BEECH AVE - DISCUSSED ACCESS WITH DAD
6/8/90 VISIT TO BEECH AVE
20/8/90 SW AND DONALD TO AMUSMENT ARCADE!
29/8/90 VISIT TO BEECH AVE - DISCUSSED DONALD'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
3/9/90 CHILDREN'S PANEL
5/9/90 VISIT TO BEECH AVE.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

11/7/90 - CONTACTED MISS STEWART AT HER BOYFRIENDS HOUSE TO DISCUSS ACCESS

26/7/90 MISS STEWART KEPT OFFICE APPOINTMENT
9/8/90 MISS STEWART TO OFFICE
24/8/90 MISS STEWART TO OFFICE - STATED THAT SHE COULD NOT COPE WITH DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR AND SIGNED AGREEMENT TO MR BURGESS HAVING ACCESS

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family MISS STEWART DOES NOT WISH TO WORK AT GETTING DONALD HOME AND CONTINUES TO BLAME HIM FOR HIS BEHAVIOUR.

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR SEEMS TO BE A DIRECT RESPONSE TO MUM'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS HIM.

7. Other agencies involved:

MEXBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

DONALD NEEDS A ~~SE~~ SETTLED AND SECURE PLACEMENT WITH A LOT OF INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION AND LOVE.



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# Form D continued (3 of 3)

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

PLANS FOR DONALD TO GO HOME HAVE BEEN SEEN NOT TO HAVE WORKED.

ACCESS TO FATHER HAS GONE WELL AND THIS CONTACT SHOULD INCREASE.

ALTERNATIVE PERMANENT PLACEMENT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE REVIEW.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments: DONALD HAS JUST BEEN LINKED WITH THE SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROJECT AND HE SEEMS TO BE RESPONDING WELL TO THIS.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

F. CHARNE - SSW

S McDONALD - SW

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 13/9/90

Strathclyde Regional Council

REPORT ON DISTRICT RESOURCE ALLOCATION MEETING
HELD AT ABBEY HOUSE
FRIDAY 11 MAY 1990

NAME OF CHILD: DONALD STEWART (d.o.b. 12.9.77)
5 Marjory Drive,
Paisley

Presently residing in Beech Avenue Children's Home

PRESENT:
S MacDonald, Social Worker, Paisley Area Team
L Edwards, Senior I.T. Officer, Social Education Unit
A Kellet, Senior I.T. Officer, West Yonderton
W McCarthy, Senior Assessment Officer, Newfield
J Brown, Depute Principal Psychologist
C Warbrick, Assistant District Officer (Child, Care)
D J Bibby, Assistant District Officer (Child Care) - Chair
B Clark, Student observer

Summary of Discussion
The attached report details Donald's current situation. He was admitted to Beech Avenue on 8/3/90. A subsequent Child Care Review recognised the need for plans to be made for Donald to return home. In this respect, there have been a number of visits undertaken by Miss Stewart and a number of home visits undertaken by Donald throughout March and April. Although accepting that she has problems in coping with Donald's behaviour, Ms Stewart, mother, has in the past been somewhat reluctant to accept external supports such as groupwork and befriending. Progress regarding the full time return home has been slow, and there is a recognition that there is some danger that Donald will become too comfortable in the care situation unless attempts are made to encourage both Donald and his mother to look at realistic supports within the community.

DRAM would therefore recommend that Donald be included in the Community Support Programme on a phased contact with a view to full time attending which should continue at the point of Donald returning home.

D J BIBBY
Assistant District Officer (Child Care)

DJB/SS
29.5.90

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FORM D

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Name of Home: BEECH AVENUE

Date of admission: 8.3.90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1st Review since R.I.C.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Section 15. - DONALD ON CHILD ABUSE REGISTER.

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss. L.Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care:

Charles Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley.

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Family situation seems to have settled down slightly. Miss Stewart continues to state that she needs time before Donald returns home. On home visits she states that Donald's behaviour has not changed and that she finds this difficult to cope with. Miss Stewart awaits Court appearance on 27.7.90 for charges surrounding Donald's last R.I.C. when Miss Stewart caused him injury and left the boys unattended.

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te's and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care; last review

14.3.90 Visit to Beech Avenue - Miss Stewart also seen at this time.

23.3.90 Visit to Beech Avenue

10.3.90 Visit to Beech Avenue.

Date's and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care; last revie

15.3.90 Home visit to discuss Donald's possible return home.
23.3.90 Home Visit
28.3.90 Home visit - Donald at home on access visit
3.4.90 Home visit
12.4.90 Home visit

Areas of Concern:

Family Although Miss Stewart states that she is having problems coping with Donald's behaviour, she is unwilling to accept help for this i.e. Groupwork, befriender etc., as she sees this as a REWARD for Donald

Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care; last revie

Donald states that he does not wish to return home. he has not kept some access visits (planned for overnight Wednesday and daytime Saturday) Miss Stewart accepts this and makes little attempt to encourage Donald to return home if he does not want to.

Other agencies involved:

Hunterhill Tutorial Centre

Sacred Heart Youth Club.

leeds of child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies stimate nature of parental contact etc):

Donald needs to return home soon before he becomes more used to being in care.

He needs support in returning home - the best type of support should be discussed at the 'Review'.

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

To return home.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

11. Persons who will atttend review (from area team):

WILLIAM EADIE

S. MCDONALD.

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: Social Worker

Date: .....

Strathclyde Regional Council

D.A.S.U. Meeting of 20th march 1990

Donald Stewart

Present: Mr Patrick Gray (Chairperson)
Miss Noreen Gethin
Miss Grace Scott
Mr Derek Bibby
Ms Christine Bell - Senior Social Worker

Donald and his younger brother had a period in care October/November '89. The children were returned to their mother's care with a groupwork programme as support for all of them. The incident leading to Donald's reception into care occurred at the groupwork programme when Donald indicated to the social worker that he did not wish to return home, stating that his mother was drunk and was shouting at him.

A home visit was made, where it was found that Miss Stewart had been drinking. She too was stating that she did not want Donald at home. It was therefore felt appropriate to receive Donald into care at Beech Avenue Children's Home. Donald attends Hunterhill School and is continuing with the groupwork programme from Beech Avenue. He is a boy who seeks and needs approval, and who is always anxious to please,

Senior Social Worker feels that both Donald and his mother require time out but that he will return home fairly soon. Access is high, both by telephone and visiting. Charles not thought to be at risk.

Conclusion: Child Care Review to be scheduled :

GS/CM

23rd March 1990

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RENFREW DISTRICT

D.A.S.U. REFERRAL FORM

This form should be completed on all children who have been received into care or for whom reception into care may be a consideration and forwarded to D.A.S.U. by noon on Friday prior to case discussion on Tuesday a.m.

SECTION A: FACTUAL DETAILS

| Name | D.O.B | Religion |
|---|---|---|
| Donald Stewart | 12.09.77. | Protestant |

Home Address

5 Marjory Drive
Gallowhill

Previous periods in care

1.04.86-8.04.86 - Due to physical illness of mother.
28.11.77-7.11.78 - Due to mothers lack of accomm.
27.10.89-1.11.89. - Mother physically injured Donald

Present Address

Beech Avenue Children's Home

Child's current Legal Status

Sec 15/441a

Date of R.I.C.

8.03.90.

Significant Medical Details including G.P.

Donald suffers from asthma

School attended prior to R.I.C.

Hunterhill Tutorial Centre

Proposed School

Hunterhill

Details of parents/carers

Lorraine Stewart - 5 Marjory Drive
Patrick Harkins - 3 Cowal Drive, LINWOOD

| Siblings | D.O.B. | Previous periods in care |
|---|---|---|
| Charles Stewart | 17.01.83. | 27.10.89-1.11.89. |

**SECTION B: HOME CIRCUMSTANCES**

**Identify the factors which led to the reception into care (or proposed reception into care**

After the previous RIC, Donald's name was placed on the At Risk Register. The situation was monitored through weekly social work contact and by the workers at Sacred Heart Youth Club. The relationships between Miss Stewart and her son remained volatile. On 8.03.90 Donald asked permission of groupwork staff to go to a boxing club. THis was granted but Donald returned to the group later that evening stating that he was not returning home as his mother had shouted at him. He stated that on returning home to collect his boxing shorts she had accused him of not attending school that day. Donald also stated that his mother was 'steaming'.

He stated that he had had enough of rows and being blamed for things that he did not do and that he refused to return home.
Workers visited the home and ascertained that although Miss Stewart had been drinking she was not unfit to care for Donald or Charles.

**What resources/initiatives have been employed to keep the child in the community? Please give details of any previous discussions/meetings held**

Donald's previous return home was seen at the time as a high risk strategy and this situation was monitored closely. Donald attends Sacred Heart Youth Club, other groupwork or a befriender was not seen as appropriate at this time as neither Donald or hismother wished this. Miss Stewart was encouraged to attend a Womens Group and alcohol counselling but this was not taken up by her.

**SECTION C: PLACEMENT DETAILS**

**What is the recommended placement for the child?**

Short term care.

**What are the objectives of the placement? (particularly with reference to rehabilitation)**

To return home. Both Miss Stewart and Donald state that they need a 'breathing space' and Donald's returnhome will have to be carefully planned. A Child Care Review has to be arranged. Acces has been arranged to suit Donald and his mother.

**Any other comments** (use additional sheet if necessary)

SOCIAL WORKER..Sheena McDonald..... DATE....16/3/90.....

Ann McAdam

SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER...p.p. CHRISTINE BELL..... DATE....16/3/90.....

AREA TEAM....ABBEY....House..... Tel.No:..842 5757.....

MINUTES OF DISRUPTION MEETING HELD ON 25TH MARCH, 1992

RE: DONALDS 12/9/77 WITH MR & MRS L NEILSTON

Present: Sandra Paterson, Manager, RFFC, Chair person
Dominic Gillan, Resource Worker, Renfrew District
Lesley Cameron, Senior Social Worker, Area Team
Donnie Rankin, Beech Avenue Children's Home
Jacqueline Kerr, Social Worker, RFFC
Mrs Lammond, Community Carer
Mae Henderson, Senior Social Worker, Minutes

Apologies: Angus Woods, Social Worker, Area Team
Lesley Watson, ADO, Renfrew District
Mr Lammond, Community Carer

Disruption Report, compiled by Jacqueline Kerr, was distributed and read.

Purpose of the meeting

1. To review the background and needs of the child and to re-examine the reasons why the placement was made.

2. To consider what happened during the placement, the events leading to disruption and could any action have been taken to prevent the situation occurring.

3. To identify what has been learned about Donald, in order to use this knowledge to formulate future treatment plans.

4. To discuss with Mr & Mrs L, their future plans in relation to the fostering task.

Personal History

Donald's mother, Miss Lorraine Stewart and his father, Mr William Burgess, do not appear to have resumed their relationship after Donald was born, and Miss Stewart claimed that she never received any support or financial assistance from him and there appeared to be a lot of ill feeling on her part towards Mr Burgess and his family.

Shortly after Donald's birth, he was placed in foster care for around 4 months, due to Miss Stewart's accommodation difficulties and then he moved with his mother to London, where they stayed with relatives for approximately 2 years.

On her return to Scotland, Miss Stewart set up home with the father of her second son, Charles, and this relationship appears to have been fairly stable, and lasted for about 8 years, the couple parting on good terms. He now lives near Paisley and in fact Donald and Charles had contact with him until around 1990, when Donald was received into care again for the fourth time.

Personal History (Cont'd)

His second reception into foster care had been when he was 9 years of age for one week due to his mother being ill. The next occasion was in October 1989, when he was 12 years old. At this point Donald moved to a children's home as a result of a physical attack by his mother with a knife and this incident helped to confirm that Donald and his mother had a poor relationship, exacerbated by alcohol consumption on her part. It appeared that over the years she had no real commitment to Donald and a closer bond with Charles, whom she found more manageable However, both Donald and Charles who had also been received into care at this point, were returned home after 5 days and their names placed on the Child Abuse Register, and frequent contact maintained with the family.

However, Donald's relationship with his mother did not significantly improve over the next few months and as previously stated, Donald's final reception into care came in March 1990, when he was 13 years and he was admitted to Beech Avenue Children's Home.

Situation within Beech Avenue

Following a "honeymoon period" of a few months, from August 1990 until April 1991, Donald's behaviour was described as "deplorable" ranging from bullying, vandalism, theft, glue sniffing to alcohol abuse. It was felt that the pressure of mainstream education was to blame and the situation greatly improved when Donald moved to Balrossie School as a day pupil.

It was noted that, although felt to be somewhat "disturbed", reflecting his emotional instability and lack of consistent care, Donald could respond well, on a one to one basis.

The structured and routine school day was viewed as much more positive than allowing Donald "free rein" and he enjoyed many of the activities on offer.

It was felt he could be obstinate, but if given time to think things through - he could express his own opinions and could be talked round.

Donald was noted as finding it difficult to relate to his peers and as having little trust in adults.

It was noted that Donald blamed himself for the problems with his mother, especially initially, but it was felt that work with him in Beech Avenue had led to his being more accepting of his mother's role in his reception into care.

Also, although the bond was there with his mother, she was emphatic that he was not returning home and it was felt, that again with help, Donald was more accepting of this situation.

It was noted that Donald took time to adapt to new circumstances and was rather apprehensive about a move to a family, outwith his "home" area, but it was felt that he would be willing to give a placement a try.

Community Parents:- Mr & Mrs L - Neilston

Mr & Mrs L were approved as Community Carers on 12th March, 1992.

Given that the couple were older and had a wealth of experience of teenagers, in the form of providing supported lodgings to a number of young people prior to applying as Community Carers, they were used fairly quickly. [redacted]

[redacted]

The couple were committed to the Community Parenting task and were keen to take on a older child.

Linking Meeting - 27th July, 1992

At the Linking Meeting, it was felt that the placement was a suitable one.

The main issues raised were Donald's relationship with his mother, the befriender, current situation in Beech Avenue Children's Home and his education. In relation to Donald's relationship with his mother, it was noted that prior to January 1992, there had been little contact, however then his mother re-married Mr W, a sergeant in the T.A. and following this, Donald's access to the family increased. It was felt that Mr W had a calming effect and the home situation became more positive and in fact contact became almost daily. Apparently, Donald was aware that despite this change, his mother did not want him to return home on a permanent basis and he was treated as more of a "visitor" than a family member. Contact at the time of the Linking Meeting had cooled somewhat to around twice per week and it was felt that Donald was able to acknowledge that he would not be returning home, but he still felt disappointment every time the access broke down. In relation to his befriender, it was stated that this was a gamekeeper from Cumnock and that Donald greatly enjoyed this contact, which was expected to take place every 4-6 weeks, on a weekend basis, as well as telephone calls in between. While in Beech Avenue, it was stated that he had become more mature, tolerant and able to talk through his problems. His appearance had improved as had his hygiene and he was now interested in "girlfriends".

In respect of education, Donald was in Balrossie School as a day pupil and on the whole, it was noted that he coped well. It was felt that he should be able to make the transition to mainstream education, however, it was stated that it would be preferable for him to remain at Balrossie until due to leave school in the summer of '93, and possibly then attend a college.

There were no health issues, apart from Donald suffering from asthma and being a smoker and there were no legal considerations as such.

In conclusion, it was felt that Mr & Mrs L were an active couple and this combined with their social networks and supports, would provide Donald with plenty to do in terms of leisure activities, if he wished, integration into the local community, and a number of positive role models.

It was felt that he would have a fair degree of independence and his own room and private personal space, but the opportunity to be nurtured if and when required.

The placement at Balrossie would continue until further education was required and access posed no difficulties for Mr & Mrs L who were happy to encourage Donald to maintain links with his own family and community.

Foster Panel - 20th August, 1992

At the REFC Foster Panel, the placement of Donald with Mr & Mrs L was recommended however, due to the existence of Daniel, with Mr & Mrs L on an emergency basis, the placement of Donald was not approved and it was requested that Daniel's situation be clarified before Donald's placement went ahead.

This was undertaken, in that a Linking Meeting was held in respect of Daniel D and Mr & Mrs L and it was agreed that the placement should be pursued on a Community Parent basis.

Final approval was given in October 1992 for Donald's placement to go ahead, however, in interim certain aspects of Donald's situation had altered.

It was stated that Donald had given up believing that the placement would go ahead. He saw other children moving on, while he remained in Beech Avenue.

Secondly, the contact with his befriender fell through. Apparently, the man concerned gave up his job as a gamekeeper and was unable to take Donald for weekends. Donald had viewed the contact as a "big adventure" and was very disappointed. Also prior to the placement, Donald's social worker changed, and obviously this was rather difficult for Donald, given that it occurred at a rather crucial time in relation to Donald moving to a new situation.

Finally, Donald lost interest in his school work at Balrossie. His original goal had been to transfer to a new family and to make the transition either to mainstream or some sort of college provision. However, everything else having fallen through, he refused to attend Balrossie and instead spent his time languishing around Beech Avenue and no alternative education was arranged. Also Donald's behaviour given all these other factors, deteriorated and he became apathetic and generally uninterested.

When RFFC were made aware of Donald's attitude, in the absence of Donald having a new social worker at that point, social worker Alex Neil did visit Donald and explained that the delays were in no way a reflection on himself, but due to another lad who was with Mr & Mrs L on an emergency basis and this seemed, at least at that point, to reassure Donald, somewhat.

The situation with Daniel was clarified, in that Mr & Mrs L and Daniel were linked on a Community Panel basis, at a Linking Meeting on 19th October, 1992, and then the minutes in respect of Donald and Mr & Mrs L were approved.

Planning of Introductions Meeting - 17th November, 1992

At this meeting in November, it was noted that within Beech Avenue, Donald appeared more settled, he had accepted the delays and the reasons for them and was now in a better frame of mind for moving on. Another factor, regarding his behaviour appeared to be that access with his mother had "tailed off" as apparently he was not getting on so well with her and it was stated that Donald was always more settled, in terms of his behaviour, when he was not having access with his mother.

In relation to schooling, it was stated that Donald was no longer attending Balrossie. Apparently, due to his non-attendance over a continuous period of six weeks, Balrossie had formally withdrawn their day placement.

Mr & Mrs L had been unaware of this until this point and as mainstream school was not considered appropriate, the social worker for Donald, who had recently been appointed, Angus Woods, was investigating the possibility of work experience through Reid Kerr College.

It was felt that as it was hoped to place Donald fairly quickly due to the previous delays, that to attempt to organise education provision in time for Donald moving in with Mr & Mrs L would be fairly difficult. However, the couple made it clear that they would find it difficult to have him around the house all day, and were insistent that some form of educational package should be arranged.

It was agreed that an access agreement with his mother should be re-negotiated as well as contact with his befriender, after his move to Mr & Mrs L.

Introductions then took place and were successful.

Interim Planning Meeting - 7th December, 1992

At this point, all was going well and in relation to the main issue, ie. - the education provision, it was stated that it was hoped that Donald would gain a place at Reid Kerr College in January 1993, but if not, that the Social Education Unit in Paisley would accommodate him, until such times when Donald could commence college.

Donald officially moved in with Mr & Mrs L, following a Children's Hearing on 22nd December, 1992.

The Placement - 22nd December, 1992 - 11th January, 1993

Following successful introductions, there were no major difficulties within the placement until the 11th January, 1993. Donald appeared to interact fairly positively with Daniel and apparently the boys played music together and in fact it was Daniel who seemed more jealous of Donald, but Donald handled this well.

Donald re-established contact with his mother and it was planned that he had weekly access on an overnight basis. Access seemed to increase and it was noted that Donald often had access three times per week and his mother apparently used him to babysit for his younger brother.

In relation to Mr & Mrs L they had no objection to Donald having frequent contact with his mother and were flexible in allowing him to visit her and his friends and provided bus fares for him.

Possibly, because he was older and maybe because Mr & Mrs L were older, Donald had the notion that the placement was more on a supported lodgings basis.

The placement was never explained to Donald on this basis, but possibly he may have known that Mrs L had been a supported landlady in the past. However, for whatever reason, he did refer to the placement as his "digs" and appeared to operate with the couple on a more detached basis, as is generally the case in that particular scheme. It was felt that possibly due to these factors that the couple also began to view the placement along these lines.

Other points during the short period the placement operated was, that Donald felt he got less pocket money than Beech Avenue and that Mrs L had "pulled him up" about his mode of dress and his "slang" language.

Mrs L felt that money was never an issue, but did agree that at times she was embarrassed by Donald's dress sense and mode of speech and did speak to him about it. Mrs L saw this as her way of attempting to get Donald to "improve" himself and be more acceptable socially.

It was felt that, although early days, placement was promising and that although there were a few points to be picked up on, with regard to both Mr & Mrs L and Donald, that these could be worked through.

Factors leading towards disruption

During the period with Mr & Mrs L, Donald went for 2 interviews at Reid Kerr College and was selected for a part-time skills course which gave him experience of various different trades and he appeared very enthusiastic.

For the remaining time, it was agreed that he could attend the Social Education Unit in Paisley. It was stated that Donald was very reluctant to attend this Unit, but it was made clear to him the importance of attending, both for himself, in that they provided support in terms of his college placement and for Mr & Mrs L and their requirements, and the smooth running of the placement.

Apparently, Donald had attended this Unit prior to the day pupil placement at Balrossie and did not like it and stated that he had fallen out with various individuals there and was reluctant to return.

Mr & Mrs L suspected that he was leaving their home to attend the Unit and College and in fact not attending.

However, on 11th January, 1993, Donald left to go to the Unit but failed to attend.

He returned to the L's home, claiming that he had been assaulted by a gang of youths and was therefore unable to attend the Unit. When Mrs L questioned Donald about the alleged assault, obviously dubious that it had actually taken place, he became extremely verbally aggressive and maintained that he had no intention of attending the unit, and that he did not wish to remain within the placement.

Mrs L then made it clear to Donald that he had to attend the Unit and then it apparently became a verbal confrontation between them, with neither side willing to step down.

Mrs L indicated that she was shocked at Donald's aggressive manner towards her and the threats he was making about her husband and she initially thought he had been abusing alcohol or glue in that he appeared "high".

Mrs L's son Alan who just happened to visit the home at this point, attempted to intervene and reach some form of compromise, however eventually his involvement further aggravated the situation and Donald barricaded himself into his bedroom and refused to negotiate further.

At this point Mrs L felt very angry towards Donald and that she was being taken advantage of as someone who was "soft", by his refusal to attend the Social Education Unit and his subsequent aggressive behaviour, and was unable to move from the stance she had taken and consequently contacted the Social Work Department and requested Donald's removal.

Despite various telephone discussions, followed by social work visits, neither Mrs L, Mr L (who later became involved in the situation when he returned home) or Donald wished to continue with the placement and Donald was removed to Beech Avenue Children's Home, that evening.

During discussions with the couple afterwards, they expressed their feelings that they had been unfairly placed in a difficult position regarding Donald's education provision.

However, once they were able to look at the situation more naturally, they were able to recognise Donald's difficulties in returning to full time education again, and although still feeling that given the lengthy time in Beech Avenue, prior to placement, with no education provision that this issue could and should have been resolved at that stage they were prepared to be more open and flexible about this area.

They agreed to work again with Donald, towards returning to the placement and in assisting him with his educational difficulties.

However, by this point, Donald stated that he had no wish to return to the placement and wished to remain in Beech Avenue Children's Home.

He expressed the view that it was too difficult for him to go back and that he was too embarrassed to return to face the couple again after being so verbally aggressive and after all the names he had called them.

Factors leading towards disruption

Although the placement ended over an argument in relation to Donald's attendance at the Social Education Unit, it was felt that there may have been other factors, although of lesser importance, that may have contributed, even in a small way, to the disruption of the placement, such as:-

1. The length of time involved in making the placement, due to the existence of the emergency placement with Mr & Mrs L, Daniel D. The long wait unsettled Donald, and there was a period where he had given up believing that the placement would go ahead.

2. There was a change in Donald's situation from the Linking Meeting in July 1992 to the Planning Meeting in November, 1992, namely that of the education provision. In July, 1992, it has been stated that Donald would continue at Balrossie , but by November, this facility had gone, leaving a package to be put together of further education.

   This package was new to Donald, who obviously found it very difficult to return to full time education provision, especially given that he had not been receiving any education at all on a considerable period of time, and also that his previous experience of the Social Education Unit had not been a positive one.

   Mr & Mrs L expected that any child placed would be in full time education and when they were informed of Donald's situation at the time of the Planning Meeting, they had expressed some doubts, about the placement, as obviously at that point, the education provision had not been fully clarified.

3. Mr & Mrs L did exhibit a somewhat unrealistic approach towards Donald's education situation and did have difficulty in appreciating the reasons why he may be reluctant to attend the Social Education Unit, at the time. With hindsight, they were able to view the difficulties more appropriately but felt that they had been left to deal with the problems of the operation of the education package with little support and assistance, and it was felt that this exacerbated their attitudes. They maintained that had Donald been attending the Unit for some months and then difficulties had arisen, they would have attempted to help him work through the problems, but they felt that his education was not addressed until the onset of the placement, and they felt that it was unfair both to themselves and Donald.

4. Given that Donald was only in the placement a matter of weeks, it was acknowledged that no relationship had been built up between himself and Mr & Mrs L, therefore when the problems arose, their was no attachment and commitment on either side to work through the difficulties.

   Each side became locked in their own viewpoint and there was no alternative at that point, but to end the placement.

5. The loss to Donald of his befriender prior to the commencement of the placement was a blow which did not help his confidence or self esteem.

6. Although Mr & Mrs L supported Donald in relation to the access and his mother did voice her support of the placement, he had very frequent access to his mother during the placement ie. 3 times per week. It was felt that his strength of feelings for his mother could have been underestimated. Although rejected, Donald still loves his mother and wishes he was back home and possibly being in a family re-activated his feelings and led to the increased access.

7. The argument between Mrs L and Donald, resulted in both of them losing their temper and saying things which were regretted later.

   Donald's language and threats and the vehemence of his outburst also shocked Mrs L, who then felt vulnerable, and the situation escalated from there in that both became so angry that neither was willing to move from their entrenched positions.

   When the situation had calmed down some time later, the couple were able to consider that their attitudes to Donald attending the Unit had provoked the argument and that they should not have lost their temper and they were willing to try again.

   However, Donald felt unable to face them after what he had said and the placement ended.

<u>Present situation with Donald</u>

Donald returned to Beech Avenue, where he continues to reside.

There has been no contact since the day of the argument, 11th January, with Mr & Mrs L.

Donald was able to tell his mother what happened, with the support of his Social Worker and the situation with the placement appeared to have reawakened his interest in his natural father and this was to be pursued.

It had been hoped to move Donald onto Redheugh, however, this also fell flat as Redheugh was closing down and it was stated that although fairly resilient, Donald felt let down again and did lose his faith in the Social Work Department and the staff's ability to help him plan for his future.

This was noted as being a difficult period for Donald, especially the month of January when he had cut his hair and absconded. It was felt that he had since worked through these more negative feelings and his situation appeared more positive again.

Beech Avenue have agreed to let Donald continue to reside there until he can move on some form of independence. It was felt that Beech Avenue could provide the stability he requires at present and although he resents the younger children within the home at times, it was noted that he was becoming tidier and not wearing his black beret so much, now that his hair was growing in again.

His Social Worker had been spending a lot of time with him and following up areas of his interest to give him a feeling of worth. Also a holiday had been arranged for him with family friends in Manchester, and he has not been spending so much time alone and is starting to mix with his peers again.

It was stated that those working with Donald appreciated that he had come through a difficult period, pre, during and post placement, but were hopeful that life would pick up again for him and that his future would be more positive.

Situation with Mr & Mrs L

Given that there were quite a few issues to be dealt with, in relation to Mr & Mrs L, it was agreed that a Foster Parent Review would be held in the near future.

Conclusion

It was felt that the matching of Donald and Mr & Mrs L appeared appropriate, given that Donald had close ties and loyalty towards his mother and brother and was not looking to replace this with another family.

It was stated that Donald was in the main wanting out of the Children's Home and did actually refer to the placement as his "digs". Mr & Mrs L were older and they accepted the placement on this basis and were not a threat to Donald and his mother.

It was felt that the delay in the placement had led to various issues, which although not major in themselves, had caused disruption prior to the placement and obviously had an unsettling effect on Donald.

The delay in itself also caused stress for Donald, in that he had given up believing that the placement would take place.

It was also stated that following the delay, the placement introductions themselves were possibly rather quicker than they could have been.

It was felt that Donald could have a stubborn nature and that Mrs L was also determined by character and that when they clashed, it became somewhat of a battle of wills with neither side willing to give way.

Finally, the education situation was basically viewed as the main issue, in that given his history, previous education experience, the placement at Balrossie ending and Donald having no education provision for some considerable time, that he would obviously find any move to full time education again, difficult to handle. It was appreciated that attempts should have been made to address Donald's position earlier, prior to the onset of the placement but also that Mr & Mrs L's insistence on full time education, although understandable, was unrealistic given Donald's situation, and the couple showed a lack of flexibility in this area. It was felt that this issue would possibly always have been an issue and had it not arisen so early in the placement, it would have surfaced sooner or later, given the strength of feeling on both sides.

To conclude, it was stated that, hopefully the lessons learned will be of benefit in respect of Donald and planning for his future and that a Foster Parent Review will be held in the near future to consider the issues highlighted in respect of this case, in relation to Mr & Mrs L.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Donald Stewart (dob 12.09.77)
c/o Mr & Mrs Campbell, 49 Chepstow Road, Clifton, Swinton, Greater Manchester

I write to advise that on 20th January 1994 authority was given in terms of Section 44(6) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 for the emergency transfer of the above named from Mr & Mrs Campbell, 49 Chepstow Road, Clifton, Swinton, Greater Manchester to c/o Patrick Harkins (father), 3K Cowal Drive, Linwood.

D. Bowie

David Bowie
Assistant District Manager

# REPORT FOR DISRUPTION MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PARENT PLACEMENT OF DONALD STEWART, DATE OF BIRTH 12.9.77 AND MR & MRS LAMMOND, 59 GLENSHEE AVENUE, NEILSTON, GLASGOW

## Background to Placement :

On 27 July 1992 a Linking Meeting held at the Regional Family Finding Centre, recommended that Donald be linked to Mr and Mrs Lammond on a Community Parent placement. At that time Donald was resident within Beech Avenue Children's Home, and was a day pupil at Balrossie List 'D' School.

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This Linking was ratified at a Community Parent Panel on 20 August 1992, however, due to difficulties surrounding Daniel's placement with Mr and Mrs Lammond, final approval for the placement was not given until October 1992. During this time Donald's situation had changed, his behaviour within Beech Avenue had begun to deteriorate, and the more significant change was that his educational needs were now no longer being met at Balrossie. Donald stopped attending Balrossie and no other educational provision was provided for him. He spent all of his days within Beech Avenue Children's Home.

As a result, at the placement Planning Meeting Mr and Mrs Lammond were first made aware of Donald's lack of education provision and at this time Mrs Lammond made it specifically clear her difficulty in dealing with this. Social Work staff present at the meeting assurred Mrs Lammond that some form of education provision would be provided in order that the placement could commence. The educational provision that was hoped to be made would be a part-time course at Reid Kerr College supplemented by Donald's attendance at the Social Education Unit situated within the Paisley area.

It was consequently agreed that introductions to the placement should commence due to the importance of placing Donald within the placement very quickly. It was recognised by all involved that Donald had been through a difficult period, and that he should be placed as quickly as possible.

## The Placement :

After a very successful introductory period Donald was placed with Mr and Mrs Lammond on 18 December 1992.

There were no apparent difficulties within the placement until the disruption date on 11 January 1993. Donald seemed to settle well within the Lammond's home, and Mr and Mrs Lammond did seem to be fairly flexible with Donald in terms of his access to his mother and contact with his friends.

The main area of contention continued to be Donald's education and Mr and Mrs Lammond's insistance that he have education provision. During this time Donald did successfully gain a place at Reid Kerr College, and at the Social Education Unit in Paisley. He was, however, very reluctant to attend this unit, but it was made clear to him the importance of going to this unit in order that he gain support with his college placement and also to assist the smooth running of the placement.

On 11 January 1993, however, Donald was sent out to go to the Social Education Unit in Paisley and he decided not to attend. He returned to the Lammonds home claiming that the had been assaulted by a gang of youths and was unable to attend the Social Education Unit. When Mrs Lammond questioned him about this alleged assault, Donald became extremely aggressive and began to maintain that he was not going to attend any education unit, and that he did not wish to remain within the placement. It was clear from descriptions that this contact between Mrs Lammond and Donald developed into a "battle of wills", with neither of the two able to step down.

Shortly after Donald's return home Mrs Lammond's son, Alan, (who was visiting the family home) tried to intervene but it was clear that he was unable to make any compromise between his mother and Donald. Donald consequently barrackaded himself into his bedroom, and refused to negotiate any further. Mrs Lammond at that time felt very angry and "put upon" by Donald's reluctance to go to the Social Education Unit and his subsequent aggressive behaviour. In his argument with Mrs Lammond he threatened Mr Lammond, and it was clear that Mrs Lammond was very shocked and angry at Donald's sudden change in behaviour when confronted with a difficult issue. As a result Mrs Lammond found difficulty in moving from her stance and consequently contacted the Social Work Department to request Donald's removal. Despite discussions by various members of the Department, it was clear that neither Mrs Lammond, Mr Lammond (who later became involved in the situation), or Donald wished to continue with the placement. As a result Donald was removed to Beech Avenue Children's Home that night.

During discussions with the Lammonds after the disruption, it was clear that Mr and Mrs Lammond found themselves in a difficult position, and one which they felt they had been unfairly placed in. During discussions after the placement disruption Mr and Mrs Lammond were able to recognise the difficulties that Donald in being able to return to any educational provision, and although they had quite clear views that his educational difficulties should have been resolved prior to the placement, they were able to look more realistically at this situation and were prepared to work with Donald towards returning to the placement and assist him with his educational difficulties.

However, Donald was now maintaining that he did not wish to return to the placement, and wished to remain in Beech Avenue Children's Home. It was consequently clear that the placement could not be salvaged.

**Reasons for Disruption :**

It was clear that the main reason for disruption was Donald's lack of educational provision, and the difficulty Mr and Mrs Lammond had in dealing with this. Mr and Mrs Lammond did make it clear from the onset of the placement that the placement would not succeed if Donald did not have appropriate educational provision and they still quite clearly feel that at the time of linking, Donald's situation was radically different from the boy described to them at the onset of the placement. They also continued to maintain that if Donald's difficulties with his education had begun within the placement, they would have attempted at all costs, to help him work through this but they feel that this situation should have not been left until the onset of the placement and should have been dealt with prior to the commencement of the placement.

It was clear that Mr and Mrs Lammond did have difficulty in understanding the reasons for Donald's reluctance to attend the Social Education Unit on 11 January, but it is recognised that they quite clearly felt that they had been left to deal with Donald's educational difficulties and were receiving little support and assistance with this.

Mrs Lammond also in particular found difficulty in backing down from a situation that she and Donald had found themselves in , and it was quite clear that she felt very threatened by his aggressive behaviour towards herself and her husband.

There is also some concern at that time about Donald's commitment to the placement, and his wish to perhaps end the placement. After disruption, and despite Mr and Mrs Lammond's willingness to discuss reinstigating the placement, it was very clear that Donald did not wish to return to the Lammond's home and wished to look at alternative placements for him in the future.

In conclusion it is clear that there are several areas that have to be addressed regarding this disruption :

- the length of time it took to make the placement
- the change in Donald's situation from the Linking Meeting to the onset of the placement
- the lack of preparation into planning educational provision for Donald prior to the placement
- the lack of support which Donald received in recommencing his education
- Mr and Mrs Lammond's difficulty in dealing with Donald's reluctance to attend school

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From: Sandra Paterson, Family Finding Manager, 115 Wellington Street, GLASGOW.

To: Child's District Officer, Family's District Officer, Area Manager for Foster Parents.

**SUBJECT:** PLACEMENTS ARRANGED THROUGH REGIONAL FAMILY FINDING FOSTER PANEL

THIS IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Regional Family Finding Foster Panel discussed the matching of

Name of Child : Donald Stewart Date of Birth : 12.9.77

Name of child's Social Worker : Frank Clark

Area Team : Abbey House
Seedhill Road
PAISLEY

AND

Name of Family : Mr & Mrs Lamond

Address : 59 Glenshee Avenue
NEILSTON

Family's Social Worker : Jacqueline Kerr

Foster Panel date : Thursday 20 August 1992

The matching has been approved.

Where a matching has been approved introductions will now begin.

**DONALD STEWART**

However, learning from past experience, it was felt that this should be time limited. One of the major difficulties in the move to Community Parents was the time delay. Redheugh has been visited and Donald is keen to pursue this option. Redheugh have vacancies.

S.T.I.P.S outlined their expectations and resources and offered to organise a meeting between Donald and Supported Lodging placement if he wished.

There are no Supported Lodgings placement at present but support/contact could be offered via their Drop-In for semi independent young people.

The home situation remains much the same and contact is informal.

At present Donald is attending Reid Kerr College 4 half days weekly and is evidently enjoying this. The course ends in May 1993. Social Worker Angus Woods will pursue future responsibilities for employment with Donald.

There are no health issues.

**SUMMARY**

It was generally agreed that the present period of respite in Beech Avenue was not appropriate for Donald's longer term needs.

Donald requires to move to a more semi independent placement. He requires to be prepared for this but also requires a move in the foreseeable future. Redheugh has vacancies, Donald is interested and has been invited for a second visit.

Experience of his college placement indicates Donald can succeed in a situation which he opts into.

W Cameron
SSW 8/3/93

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Mrs Lesley Watson
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Abbey House
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Dear Mrs Watson

The placement of Donald Stewart (dob : 12.9.77) and Mr & Mrs Lamond, 59 Glenshea Avenue, Neislton, Glasgow.

A disruption meeting will be held on the above placement at the Regional Family Finding Centre, 115 Wellington Street, Glasgow G2 2XT., on Thursday 25 March at 3.00pm. I would be grateful if you could contact me before hand if you are unable to make this date.

Yours sincerely

Jacqueline Kerr
pp. Social Worker

c.c. Angus Woods, Social Worker, Abbey House, Seedhill Road, PAISLEY
Lesley Cameron, Senior Social Worker, Abbey House, Seedhill Road, PAISLEY
Donnie Rankin, O.I.C., Beech Avenue Children's Home, Beech Avenue, PAISLEY

REVIEW PROCEDURE

# School Report

CONFIDENTIAL

E (2)

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12. 9.77

School attended: Merksworth H.S.

Date of Commencement at School: 20 AUGUST, 1990

Class: 1K1

Education Performance:

DONALD HAD ~~BEEN~~ MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN MOST OF HIS SUBJECTS UP UNTIL THE OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY. UNCOOPERATIVE IN P.E. REGULARLY FAILED TO BRING P.E. KIT IN AN ATTEMPT TO BE EXCUSED FROM TAKING PART. AS HIS TRUANCY BEGAN TO INCREASE IN EARLY OCTOBER, SO DID HIS EFFORT & APPLICATION IN SCHOOL DECREASE.

Relationships with Peers:

SATISFACTORY - BUT RARELY MERE

Relationships with Staff:

ON THE WHOLE SATISFACTORY BUT CHEEKY WHEN REPRIMANDED.

Areas of Difficulty, Concern or Special Treatment:

DONALD HAS NOT ATTENDED SCHOOL SINCE 22ND OCTOBER 199 (after school October week)

Continued ▶

## School Report continued (Confidential)

E (2)

Any recommendations which would assist staff of the Social Work Department to assist the child while in school:

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Further comments or information to be considered by the Review Panel:

DONALD CAME ON SUPPORT ON 20TH September 1990.

After a promising start, lasting 2 weeks, Donald's attendance and time-keeping went into a decline.

He seemed unconcerned about his truancy.

His behaviour in class became unsettled and, at times, disruptive.

He seemed to have lost interest.

Could not cope with ~~the~~ Secondary School routine.

Name of Staff Member who would be interested and able to attend all or part of the Review:

Miss Margaret Bates - P.T. Guidance on behalf of Mrs Irene Edwards. - Support Teacher.

Signed: M Bates

Designation: P.T.G.

Date: 19/11/90

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Date 17 November 1989

Noreen Gethin
District Officer, Child Care
District

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: CASE CONFERENCE MINUTE DATED ON DONALD AND CHARLES STEWART**

Following the receipt of the above Minute, Dr Haran would like the enclosed amendment noted. Please attach the amendment to your copy of the Minute.

Yours faithfully

Mr W Eadie
Area Manager