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SURNAME Mc Cracken

FORENAME(S) Yvonne

DATE OF BIRTH 1.4.77

ADDRESS C/o 21A West Kirk St
Airdrie

TEL. NO.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (1)
(2) E. Dunn
(3)

CASE TRANSFER INFORMATION

14-9-94 Case transferred to E. Dunn

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Client Name : YVONNE MCCRACKEN

Ref : 8000084

Address : 10A NORTHBURN PLACE
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D.O.B. : 01-APR-1977

NI Number:

Telephone :

Ethnic Orig.:

Marital Status :

Doctor :

FAMILY DETAILS

REFERRALS

Client Name : YVONNE MCCRACKEN

Referral Ref : 8015122

Date Contact : 30-DEC-94

Dealt By : [redacted]

Client Group : 4 - GENERAL/OTHER

Ref Status : 1 - KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT

Living Group : 99 - OTHER

Referrer : 2 - RELATIVE/FRIEND

Method : 1 - TELEPHONE

Reason 1 : 99 - OTHER

Reason 2 : -

Outcome : 9 - OTHER

Benefit : 5 - OTHER

File At :

ALLOCATION HISTORY

DATE AL	DATE UNAL	WORKER NAME	ALLOCATED TEAM
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close case - E. Dun

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Name : YVONNE MCCRACKENClient Ref. No. : 8000084

Referral Ref.No. : 8015122

Referral Narrative

Mrs McCracken phoned to say that Yvonne went out yesterday and has not returned She is fed up with Yvonnes attitude and considring telling her to leave For info

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REFERRALS

Client Name : YVONNE MCCRACKEN

Referral Ref : 8013835

Date Contact : 28-NOV-94

Dealt By : [redacted]

Client Group : 4 - GENERAL/OTHER

Ref Status : 1 - KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT

Living Group : 99 - OTHER

Referrer : 3 - STANDBY

Method : 4 - AUTOMATIC NOTIFICATN

Reason 1 : 99 - OTHER

Reason 2 : -

Outcome : 9 - OTHER

Benefit : 5 - OTHER

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Name : YVONNE MCCRACKENClient Ref. No. : 8000084

Referral Ref.No. : 8013835

Referral Narrative

standby 134658 26-nov-94

FOR THE ATTENTION OF:

AREA TEAM CODE: JCA
ADDRESS:

DISTRICT:

Immediate Notification to Above YES/NO: YES

Previously known to STANDBY: YES/NO: YES

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CLIENT'S SURNAME: McCRACKEN

FORENAMES: YVONNE

AGE/DOB: 1.4.77

PRESENT ADDRESS: 10A NORTHBURN PLACE, AIRDRIE
PREVIOUS ADDRESS:

TEL NO:

CHILDREN NAME'S:
AGE/DOB:
SEX:

REFERRER'S NAME/ADDRESS: SELF

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

Yvonne staying by herself in "very damp" house, was broken into last night. It is going to cost money to board up window, but she doesn't want to stay there anyway. She has a child but she is staying with gran. She states she has social worker who is looking into housing situation but "no movement" as yet.

(b) Specific REQUEST of referrer.

Money for aternative accommodation/alternative accommodation.

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

SIGNED: [redacted] SOCIAL WORKER.
SEEN BY: [redacted] SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER.

2. Subsequent INVESTIGATION and Action by Standby Service.

Yvonne has friend of family who is willing to put her up (complete with rent book) for £45 p.w. paid up front. Client claims health problems - caught scabbies off bedding.

Advised that social worker/Housing Dept are already investigating. Unable to arrange alternative accommodation over week-end.

Advised to contact SWD (Monday) and DSS (out of hours) over week-end to see if they could be of assistance.

Boyfriend (William Pollok) not satisfied with "lack of assistance", very obstreperous.

N.B. Checked with SSW P McCluskey - confirmed child on 44 (1) A with a condition of residence with maternal grandmother.

13.10

Yvonne called requesting money to move to rented accommodation. Message passed to DSS 13.13. Last paid £67.00 18.11.94.

14.45

DSS called Yvonne McCracken was not in when they visited.

14.50

Yvonne called to say she had just returned home from the Police Station.

14.51

Called DSS, HTS again and relayed Yvonne's message.

14.59

Call back from DSS - no further visit will be made.

JULIE McCARTHY (ADMIN)

16.35

Client phoned and informed of no visit. DSS will not visit her again today.

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

(a) Info.

(b) Yvonne and her boyfriend seem to have difficulty in understanding that their every demand cannot be met immediately

(c)

(d)

SIGNED: M [redacted]

SOCIAL WORKER.
SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER.

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FAMILY DETAILS

REFERRALS

Client Name : YVONNE MCCRACKEN

Referral Ref : 8012350

Date Contact : 04-NOV-94

Dealt By : [redacted]

Client Group : 1 - CHILD CARE

Ref Status : 1 - KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT

Living Group : 9 - ADULT LIVING ALONE

Referrer : 1 - SELF

Method : 2 - CALLER

Reason 1 : 2 - DESTITUTION

Reason 2 : -

Outcome : 1 - REFERRAL STAGE - NFA

Benefit : 3 - OTHER BENEFIT

File At :

NFA.
S. Davie SSW.

ALLOCATION HISTORY

DATE AL	DATE UNAL	WORKER NAME	ALLOCATED TEAM
			JCA1 DUTY TEAM

Open Case to E. Dunn

Name : YVONNE MCCRACKENClient Ref. No. : 8000084

Referral Ref.No. : 8012350

Referral Narrative

Yvonne called to office today - no money. She usually receives £20 every Friday for food and power card. Money comes from Sect. 24. Worker spoke with S.S.W. Margaret McInnes who advised contact with D.S.S. to check if Yvonne had made claim for Hardship Allowance/Income Support. Telephone call to D.S.S. who advised that Yvonne had been awarded Hardship Allowance from 21.10.94 to 21.12.94 and that a Giro had been sent to her 2 days ago for £23.57. She is due to sign on at Unemployment Office on 9th November when she will be awarded another two weeks allowance. Advised Yvonne of above contact with D.S.S. and of decision by Senior not to make usual payment to her of £20. She informed worker that she had not received this Giro and was going to D.S.S. to advise them of Non-receipt of Giro. She may therefore return to Department at a later date requesting money for food and power card.

8.4.94

Michelle

Yvonne McCracken came in on duty. Sidey was then a friend from Kerelaw that stayed on Wednesday night & taken her bonefur book with him on Thursday morning. IV was due to be cannea on Thursday (surprise! surprise!)

[redacted]

Yvonne informed that she is 7 weeks pregnant. P. McC agreed to hold see 12. until the situation could be more fully assessed next week.

Yvonne said she will be in to see you on Monday / about hearing he can.

See you

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Tel 0236 769366

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Date 07/04/94

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letter, as you may need to refer to it again.

urs sincerely
A Reid
e Manager

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Referral Ref : 8013835

Date Contact : 28-NOV-94

Dealt By : [redacted]

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Ref Status : 1 - KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT

Living Group : 99 - OTHER

Referrer : 3 - STANDBY

Method : 4 - AUTOMATIC NOTIFICATN

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Reason 2 : -

Outcome : 9 - OTHER

Benefit : 5 - OTHER

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Name : YVONNE MCCRACKENClient Ref. No. : 8000084

Referral Ref.No. : 8013835

Referral Narrative

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Client's Surname Mc Cracken Forename(s) Yvonne
Present Address 10 A Northburn Place Age/DOB 1/4/77.
Airdrie.
Previous Address Telephone ...

Other Name ...
Age ...
Sex ...

Referrer: Name Kelly Address ... Telephone ...

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Money for alternative accomodation / alternative accomodation.

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

Signed Murray Brown Seen by ...
(Student S.W.) Social Worker Senior Social Worker

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

134658

Advised that (social worker / Housing Dept. are already investigating. Unable to arrange alt. acc. over weekend

Advised to contact S.W.D. (Airdrie) and D.S.S. (out-of-hours) over weekend to see if they could be of assistance.

Boyfriend (William Pollock) just satisfied with "Lack of assistance", very obstreperous

(N.B. checked with S.S.W. P. McCluskey - confirmed child on s4(1)(a) with a condition of residence with maternal grandmother)

(* William Pollock)

13.10 Yvonne called requesting money to move to rented accommodation. Message passed to DSS 13.13 Last point £67.00 18/11/94. Julie will call

While DSS called, Yvonne McCracken was not in when they visited. Julie McCann - she had just returned home from the police station. 14.50 Yvonne called to see if DSS had been again & was told Yvonne's 14.51 Called DSS. No further visit will be made. Julie

14.59 Call back from DSS - No further VISIT will be made.

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

(a) INFO

(b) Yvonne & Her Boyfriend Seen in Hse

Difficulty in understanding that there Every

(c) Demand cannot be met Immediately

DSS will not visit her again today. Hw.

(d) Client phoned + informed of no visit

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

(Student S.W.) Social Worker

Senior Social Worker

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FAMILY DETAILS

REFERRALS

Client Name	:		YVONNE MCCRACKEN
Referral Ref	:		8011096
Date Contact	:		20-OCT-94
Dealt By	:		DAVID COSTELLO
Client Group	:	1 -	CHILD CARE
Ref Status	:	1 -	KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT
Living Group	:	9 -	ADULT LIVING ALONE
Referrer	:	1 -	SELF
Method	:	2 -	CALLER
Reason 1	:	2 -	DESTITUTION
Reason 2	:	-	
Outcome	:	1 -	REFERRAL STAGE - NFA
Benefit	:	1 -	INCOME SUPPORT SOLE SOURCE
File At	:		

ALLOCATION HISTORY

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			JCA1 DUTY TEAM

Name : YVONNE MCCRACKENClient Ref. No. : 8000084

Referral Ref.No. : 8011096

Referral Narrative

Yvonne no money. She was due to come in on Monday or Tuesday to go with Pauline Jones, H/M, to buy television but did not appear. Yvonne said she was in Inverness. Discussed with Pauline, who advised against giving Yvonne money. Discussed with Richard Fowles, A.M., who agreed to 3.50 to tide Yvonne over until tomorrow when Pauline will buy food with her.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL NOTES/CONTINUATION PAGE

DATE 20.10.94 SOCIAL WORKER MICHELLE JOHNSON OFFICE AIRDRIE

NAME YVONNE McCRACKEN

ADDRESS

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July - December '92

Despite efforts to attempt to get Kerelaw to continue Yvonne's placement there until after the baby was born, she was still discharged on 14/12/92. At this time, she was made subject of a Home Supervision Requirement. At this time, her grandmother was agreeing to take over her care in the short-term. Yvonne was to apply for her own house when she is 16 years.

Yvonne, as usual being fairly unrealistic about her housing situation and talking of wanting a Wimpey home with her boyfriend, John.

Jan. - June '93

Yvonne doing well throughout this time at her grandmother's with no overt problems. Her son, John, was born on 17.02.93. Yvonne appeared to be coping well with his care and seemed quite determined that she would do everything herself.

She was financially assisted in purchasing cot; pram etc via a S.12 payment of £552.00, she also received a S.24 payment of £250 to assist in purchasing clothes.

June - October '93

Yvonne's relationship with John Ward deteriorated to the extent that they ceased seeing each other. Yvonne alleged that latterly he had been physically abusive towards her.

This appeared to correlate to a deterioration in Yvonne's behaviour. She began to want to go out all the time and was increasingly leaving John in the care of his great grandmother (Ann McCracken).

Yvonne was allocated a tenancy at, 38 Whinhall Avenue. She was assisted in applying for a C.C.G. Initially, this was turned down and a budgeting loan of just under £500.00 awarded.

This latter was in October and marked a breakdown in the relationship.

Ann had agreed with Yvonne that she would care for John 2 evenings per week, one of which would be at the weekend. This proved insufficient for Yvonne who on 30.10.93., requested that Ann babysit for her in order she could go out.

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Ann refused this on the grounds that she had cared for John the previous evening and had plans to visit Yvonne's sister, Margaret-Ann, who was in hospital and then go to the Bingo.

Ann left the home at around 6.30 that day and returned around 8.40 having decided not to go the Bingo.

On her return, she found John alone in the house, he having been left there by Yvonne who had gone out.

Yvonne did not return back until around 3 a.m. on 1.11.93.

A fight ensued between Yvonne and her grandmother which precipitated Yvonne leaving later that day with John.

She left no forwarding address. There was no contact between Ann and Yvonne until 5/11/93 when Yvonne returned for more clothes. They again argued and Yvonne had allegedly stated that Ann would not see the baby again.

During this time, I had attempted to contact Yvonne at her new tenancy both via visiting and letters. She was known to be in the area, however, appeared to be avoiding all contact.

On 7.11.93, Ann received a phone call from John Ward's (baby's father) sister, in Ardrossan, stating she had care of John. She stated that he had been staying with her since tea-time on 01.11.93. She claimed that Yvonne had asked her to look after John until 3/11/93 to allow her to get some semblance of order to her new tenancy. However, Yvonne had not contacted her since that time and she stated she could not afford to keep him.

Ann offered to resume his care and the two of them met at Central Station to do this.

There was still no contact with Yvonne during this time. A referral was made to the Reporter with regards to John being abandoned.

Yvonne's Supervision Order also was due for Annual Review.

Yvonne attended her Panel on 10/11/93 and it was only at this time that she discovered that John was staying with Ann.

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Yvonne claimed that on the night of 30/1/93, she had waited until she saw Ann returning before leaving the house. She appeared to have no explanation for leaving John in Ardrossan nor any reasons why she had not even contacted the woman to check John was alright.

At Yvonne's Panel, her Supervision Order was terminated largely due to her lack of co-operation. It was also made clear to her that should she wish to resume John's care, then she would need to show more commitment to him via access that the writer was to arrange. Yvonne had also spent the £500 budgeting loan that was to have been used to help furnish her tenancy. This appeared to have largely been spent upon nights out and alcohol. On 6/12/93, a Children's Hearing was held in respect of John. At this time, Yvonne was having irregular access with John and she had (at this time) resolved her differences with Ann.

Yvonne denied the grounds of abandonment - the matter was therefore referred to Court to establish proof.

John to remain with his grandmother until the situation is resolved.

Yvonne had decided to transfer her accommodation with a woman staying at, 10(a) Northburn Place (Yvonne's current address). She was advised against this by both the writer and her grandmother but nevertheless went ahead.

Self had appealed the C.C.G. and remitted the matter to the Social Fund Inspector.

In the meantime, a S.24 application of £975.00 was awarded to help set up her first tenancy.

In December, I also attended a Social Fund Review (Yvonne failed to attend), where her original budgeting loan was changed to a grant. A further £900.00 was also awarded.

It was agreed that the S.W.D. would supervise the grant.

January '94

A mistake at D.S.S. was made in respect of Yvonne's grant. This had been sent directly to Yvonne. She was claiming that she had not received the money, however, it had been cashed.

Yvonne claims that a girl who had been staying with them (Jane Kelly) had taken the money. This is now subject of a Fraud enquiry.

Throughout January, Yvonne was difficult to get hold of. She was hardly seeing John at all, indeed she hadn't even visited when he had Measles.

She has a new boyfriend, 'Willie' and appears to be spending most of her time with him.

Visited Yvonne at her tenancy which was in a very run-down state due to internal damage and also dampness.

Yvonne denied that any of the damage had been caused by her although Pauline Jones (Homemaker), stated that her tenancy had not been in such a poor condition when Yvonne moved in. Additionally, both self and Pauline Jones, had been hearing reports from neighbours, friends etc of Yvonne that there were parties practically every night and also that both Yvonne and Willie, were regularly taking drugs.

Yvonne adamantly denied this. Notwithstanding her denial, she was visited by the Housing Inspector on 16.01.94 and issued a warning.

The Proof Hearing was arranged for 28/1/94 although Yvonne had been encouraged to attend and seek legal advice. She did not attend.

The grounds were established and the care resulted back to the Children's Hearing for a decision.

Feb. - April

There were ongoing problems with access in that Yvonne would be committed to regularly seeing John for only short periods but then wouldn't see him for weeks. She still was receiving Child benefit and I.S. for him and often did not give Ann any money to keep him.

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Yvonne similarly, when visited by Pauline and myself, would seem highly motivated to get her tenancy and life in order but subsequently was unable to carry this through to actually doing anything to change her lifestyle.

She and Margaret McInnes had a meeting with Ann in February to discuss John's future.

Ann herself admitted that she felt she would have problems caring for John in the long-term with regards to her health.

However, she also would not consider the option of foster-care for John.

It had been thought by workers that access was too easy to miss by Yvonne due to Ann being the carer and the two of them not sticking to formal access arrangements. It was also felt that Yvonne's long-term commitment to John was questionable and therefore John's future care in doubt.

This problem was discussed at the Panel on 11/4/94. The Panel imposed a 44(1)(a) Home Supervision Requirement with conditional residence with Ann.

It was also agreed that this should be seen as a short-term measure. Yvonne had agreed to co-operate more fully with the S.W.D. to sort out housing issues and would be more committed to seeing John on a regular basis with a view to him returning to her care.

Should this not occur, it was stated that John's future options would need to be looked at.

Subsequent to the Panel, Yvonne informed me that she was again pregnant to Willie. He did not appear to want the child. Yvonne also appeared to be being put under pressure from Ann to have a termination.

Offered Yvonne an appointment to discuss this on 12/4/94, however, she failed to keep the appointment.

May

Yvonne had a termination of her pregnancy. She then proved difficult to contact and was believed to be in Inverness with her boyfriend.

On 7/5/94, Yvonne's sister, Margaret Ann, died aged 19 yrs of a liver complaint.

Ann came to see me on 9/5/94 to inform me of this and also to request some respite for John until after the funeral.

Yvonne's whereabouts at this time were unknown.

John was moved to foster parents in Cumbernauld on 10.5.94 for 1 week's respite.

On 11/5/94, self met Yvonne at the funeral. She indicated that she wished to have access with John whilst in care. Self arranged to discuss this with her on 12.05.94, however, she failed to keep the appointment.

John was returned to his great grandmother's care on 16.05.94.

Shortly after, Yvonne had a major argument with her aunt Liz who also resides with Ann.

She again was unable to be contacted failing to respond to letters etc until 8/6/94.

At this time, Yvonne stated that she had been refused access by her aunt. Spoke with Yvonne about our ongoing concerns about John's future and her commitment to him.

Yvonne failed to take this on board in a meaningful way. Notwithstanding this, formal access arrangements were once again reinstated commencing 9/6/94 and to be reviewed on 22.06.94.

Yvonne indicating at this time that her relationship with Willie was deteriorating. She wasn't looking particularly well and claimed not to have been eating and sleeping properly.

22.06.94 - Yvonne failed to keep appointment.

July

20/7/94 - Yvonne came in as requested. She has been seeing John but again on her terms and not as agreed. Tried to stress the need for consistency but again this appeared to have little effect.

Yvonne at this time is seeing John fairly regularly, however, when her own needs supersedes his, then she appears to forget about him and do as she wants.

August

Yvonne in stating that she is pregnant (3 months) again. Willie still around but didn't appear happy about the situation and seems to feel Yvonne trapped him into it. Yvonne stating she wished to keep the child.

Throughout August, she applied twice for financial assistance stating that she was destitute - food parcels and Power Cards bought.

Yvonne came in again on 2/9/94. She stated that she wasn't pregnant and was having tests as to why she hasn't had a period. This could relate to the termination she had in April. Of concern, however, is that Margaret Ann had similar symptoms to Yvonne before her liver complaint was diagnosed.

Yvonne has also enlisted for a General Certificate at Coatbridge College.

Typically, she hadn't thought this through and now both her I.S. and Housing Benefit have ceased.

She as yet hasn't submitted a claim for a Bursary and cannot expect to receive this, if it is awarded, for a further 2 months. Additionally, there are concerns as to how she will manage to pay her Rent.

Discussed with Margaret McInnes the possibility of a S.24 payment to support over this period. Yvonne to come in on 5/9/94 to further discuss this.

Cont.

She has once again fallen out with Ann and claims that Ann had accused her of taking drugs which she denies.

Once again therefore, she is not having access with John.

Transfer Summary

Yvonne came into care on 10.10.90 and remained in care until 14/12/92.

There were ongoing concerns about alcohol and drug abuse, alongside absconding and generally, at risk behaviour.

Yvonne appears to have little thought about future consequences of her actions and appears to live for the moment.

With regards to her child John, she does appear able to give him adequate care for short periods, however, when her needs come into conflict with his, hers usually supersede John's.

The current arrangement whereby John remains with Ann and Yvonne has access, appears to suit her in terms of her seeing him when she wants and not when she doesn't.

All attempts to get Yvonne and Ann to adhere to formal access arrangements have to date been thwarted.

With regards to John and Yvonne, I have the following concerns :

1) The tenancy at, 10(a) Northburn Place, is still barely habitable despite attempts by both Pauline and myself to put this in order. This is partly attributable to the state of the house which is damp in every room. Housing have been formally contacted, there is also a Lawyer involved. Part of the problem is not just the Housing Departments slowness in acting but also because they have had as much trouble keeping in regular contact with Yvonne as the S.W.D.

   Additionally, some of the internal damage has occurred subsequent to Yvonne moving in. Yvonne denies that there has been regular parties at the flat to cause this, however, she has received at least one warning from the Housing Department with regards to her being considered an anti-social tenant.

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2) Similarly, Yvonne denies that she is drinking or involved with drugs. Whilst she has not appeared under the influence of any substance when the writer has visited, both her friends and grandmother state they have knowledge of her regularly taking Acid, Ecstasy etc. Given Yvonne's past history, this is an area for ongoing concern.

3) Yvonne's commitment to John's future care is questionable. The current arrangements suit her as she basically sees him when she wishes. Attempts to formalise access have met with little success to date.

   Yvonne appears to have little insight to John's needs for consistency and also the importance of ensuring that he has adequate future care.

4) C.C.G. - the £900 awarded is still under investigation. Yvonne continues to maintain that she did not cash the money. The D.S.S. obviously believe that she did.

   Yvonne does have around £250.00 S.24 monies left. However, she keeps attempting to use this money inappropriately and has approached the writer and Pauline on a number of occasions claiming destitution.

5) Yvonne's current College Course might be viewed as fairly positive, however, the writer has doubt as to whether she will see this through.

   If she is awarded a Bursary, this could cause problems in terms of her having to repay the money.

   Additionally, should she manage to commit herself to the Course, she is liable to have financial hardship via lack of Housing Benefit etc.

   At present, the S.W.D. are considering S.24 payments to assist her until the Bursary is awarded.

With regards to John, there are concerns about his long-term picture. Whilst his great grandmother is able to care for him at present, her age and ill-health would indicate that there may be problems in the future.

DATE 20.10.94 SOCIAL WORKER [redacted] OFFICE AIRDRIE

NAME YVONNE McCRACKEN

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Ann herself, whilst able to acknowledge this, will not contemplate foster care for John even if this would put more pressure on Yvonne to demonstrate (her commitment or not) to caring for her son in the long-term.

The current living situation at Ann's is also concerning due to its overcrowding.

Ann's tenancy has only 2 bedrooms at present. Ann and John reside there alongside Yvonne's sister, Caroline and her father, John. Yvonne's aunt Liz also periodically stays there.

I have doubts as to Yvonne's ability to care for John in the long-term and therefore concerns about John's future care.

This was discussed at John's last Panel where it was stated quite clearly that alternative options may need to be looked at should the current status quo be maintained.

[redacted]
SOCIAL WORKER

YMCCNMJO:M.G.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL NOTES/CONTINUATION PAGE 3

DATE | **SOCIAL WORKER** P. Jones | **OFFICE**

NAME Yvonne McCracken

ADDRESS

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18.02.94	Collected Yvonne and took her to Holytown to purchase electrical equipment. Will havefridge/cooker delivered tomorrow morning.
01.03.94	Called at Holytown to purchase a washing machine for Yvonne. Called at Yvonne's home to let her know that washing machine being delivered tomorrow. Yvonne not at home, left note.
11.03.94	Sent letter to Yvonne arranging home visit for 18.03.94 at 11.45 am with Michelle Johnstone.

[redacted]
Homemaker

Could this be filed under

Yvonne McCracken
10A Northburn Place
Airdrie

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL NOTES/CONTINUATION PAGE 2

DATE | **SOCIAL WORKER** [redacted] | **OFFICE**

NAME Yvonne McCracken

ADDRESS

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16.01.94	Phoned housing inspector - [redacted] He has had reports of misbehaviour from neighbours, complaining about the noise, constant parties, constant people at home, kicking at the door to get in, fights within the home etc. [redacted] is going out today to give Yvonne a 1st Warning. He will report back to me, if he gets her in. Phone Yvonne and arranged for her to come into office on 19.01.94 at 2.00 pm.
19.01.94	Yvonne did not arrive at office for meeting arranged. Michelle will write to her with another date.
26.01.94	Home Visit with Michelle. Yvonne and boyfriend both at home. House was in a real mess. Took a list of repairs needing done. Some which Yvonne may have to pay for as these repairs have occurred since she took tenancy over. Michelle was told about court on Friday, 28.01.94, denies having received citation. Spoke with Yvonne about her current situation, re having care of the baby etc. Yvonne has been informed that while her home is unfit, and lifestyle continues as it has been, the chances of getting care of her child are slim. Yvonne's house is showing signs of dampness. The only room which doesn't seem to be affected is livingroom. Arranged to collect Yvonne on 01.02.94 to purchase carpet etc in order that she can have living room in reasonable condition.
01.02.94	Collected Yvonne - went shopping for carpet. Yvonne was not staying at her own home, but with neighbour across the landing. It seems her door was kicked in yesterday, late at night, by local youths. She intends to inform repairs as soon as possible.
o2.02.94	Collected Yvonne to collect carpets. Door still unreported but Yvonne insists she will do this herself. Yvonne seemed full of great intentions to improve her home situation and life style, in order that she can receive the full care of her child again. I have told her that she will be supported as much as is possible and that we will continue to encourage her. Yvonne said she saw baby yesterday. Was going to see him today, and had given Gran family allowance book for the child.
08.02.94	Home Visit. Yvonne not at home. Left a note arranging to collect her to purchase cooker, washing machine fridge etc.

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SOCIAL NOTES/CONTINUATION PAGE

DATE | SOCIAL WORKER [redacted] | OFFICE

NAME Yvonne McCracken

ADDRESS

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05.01.94

Yvonne came into office today. I was not in, so she spoke with Frances B. It seems that she was expecting a giro from D.S.S. as part of C.C.G. Yvonne had already received £500 and blown the lot.

Yvonne says that giro was sent to her home £900 and a girl who had stayed with her took the giro and spent it? Yvonne said she found her birth certificate in the girl's pocket. Yvonne went to D.S.S. but all they could tell her was that Giro was posted out on 29th December.

It was my understanding that giro should have been sent here, so that we could supervise, I will check this with Michelle on Monday.

Spoke to Michell re above, giro should have been sent to S.W.D. Mistake on their part. D.S.S. have contacted post-office where giro was cashed. They are going to check hand writing samples, but seem sure that giro was cashed by Yvonne.

07.01.94

Home visit - No one at home. Glass window on the front of the door is smashed. Wooden block over it and letter box so I couldn't even leave a note.
Phoned Gran to let her know. She wasn't at home so I left a message, asking her if she sees Yvonne over the weekend, to ask her to come in and see me.

Telelphone call from Gran to ask if I had seen Yvonne. Baby has measles and Yvonne has not been to see him since Sunday, even though she knew he wasn't well.
Also Gran annoyed that she doesn't receive any money to help her keep the baby. I suggested perhaps she should be getting the family allowance and that I would discuss this with Michelle.

Sent a letter today asking Yvonne to come in on Monday morning to discuss present situation.
Yvonne didn't appear although it is possible that due to damaged front door - she didn't receive the letter.

13.01.94

[redacted] and that her house was constantly full of young men. It seems she is having parties all the time. She has a girl called [redacted] staying with her at the moment.
Spoke with informer who said that [redacted]

16.01.94

Approached again by another concerned person. Saying that if Yvonne is not careful she would be evicted. Said that Police had been called out several times because of parties. Said that there is constantly people kicking, banging on the door to get into the house. Also stated that the glass on her front door was smashed by ex friend.

Contact Sheet

Name : Yvonne McCracken Address : 10A Northburn Pl. Airdrie

Social Worker : [redacted]

Date	Type	Breif Details of Contact
28.2.95	T/C	T/C from [redacted] at housing dept. asking if Yvonne was still staying at her home. Explained the Y was not staying there at moment, but would contact her Gran re the tenancy. Spoke with Gran. She has keys and would speak to Yvonne re terminating her tenancy.
6.3.95	T/C	Telephoned S. L at hausing. He has arranged to have boards removed from house, so that we can go and look at any items Gran may want.
7.3.95	H/V	Collected Gran. Went to Yvonne's home but were unable to get in because the security door was locked and we had no pass key.
	T/C	Again phoned S. L at hausing who arrged another time for us to go to the house.
9.3.95.	H/V	Collected Mrs McCracken. Called at Yvonne's home. She collected household items she wanted and will hand in the keys and sign termination of lease as soon as possible.
9.3.95	T/C.	Phoned S. L at housing. Have informed him of above and have asked him to contact me if Gran hasn't signed termination within the next week.

CONTACT SHEET

DATE OF CONTACT	TYPE OF CONTACT (Visits, Correspondence, Significant Phone Calls, Third Parties)
April '95	Summary of current situation. Yvonne has given up her house and has moved up north to be with her boyfriend. Her gran has signed all relivant forms giving up the right to this tenancy. Yvonne doesnit intend to return to Airdrie. Yvonnes son is presently living with grand mother. This situation is closely monitored by SW. Case closed. [redacted]

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Strathclyde SOCIAL WORK

Referral Form

Unit Code KKA

Ref. No. AT 42 73/94

Nat. Ins. No.

Date 21/01/94

Name: YVONNE MCCRACKEN Age DOB I Male 2 Female 2

Address: ~~10a NORTHUMBERLAND PLACE~~ 214 WEST KIRK ST Postcode ML06 0BX

Alias/Other name(s):

Date benefits check completed: If not completed, state reason:

Referrer: Referral method: Client aware of referral 1 Yes 2 No

Previous contact with department? 1 Yes 1 2 No Detail: Open to P. Jones & M. Johnson

[redacted]

For info Michelle

Childcare arrangement

Ella Brown

Referral completed by: 24/1/94 Date

Decision/Allocation: Michelle for info Date

Line Manager signature: M. M. Jones Date 26.1.94

Codes (see over)	
Client Group	1
Ethnic Origin	01
Referrer	01
Referral Method	2
Income	9
Living Group	01
Referral Reason 1	02
Referral Reason 2	00
Referral Reason 3	00
Outcome	1
Local Option 1	01
Local Option 2	02

CODES:

Client group

1 Child Care
2 Offender
3 Community Care
4 General/Other

Ethnic origin

01 White
02 Black, African
03 Black, Caribbean
04 Black, Other (Please describe):
05 Indian
06 Pakistani
07 Bangladeshi
08 Chinese
98 Not known
99 Other

Referrer

01 Self
02 Relative/Friend
03 Standby
04 Other social work staff
05 Other social work unit
06 GP
07 Health visitor
08 Community Nurse
09 Hospital Nurse
10 Hospital Clinician
11 Other health staff
12 Housing
13 Electricity supplier
14 Gas supplier
15 Court
16 Reporter/Panel
17 Voluntary organisation/community group
18 Prison
19 Anonymous
99 Other

Referral method

1 Telephone
2 Caller
3 Letter
4 Automatic notification
5 Report request
6 Personal inter-disciplinary
9 Other

Income

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06 Social fund enquiry
07 Enquiry re other benefit
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09 Homelessness, single person
10 Homelessness, other
11 Alcohol abuse
12 Drug abuse
13 Other addiction/abuse
14 Child care
15 Family relationship problem
16 Community care
17 Offender work
18 Other assessment
99 Other

Outcome

1 Dealt with at Referral Stage/NFA
2 Passed for Child Care Assessment/Allocation
3 Passed for Community Care Assessment/Allocation
4 Passed for Offenders Assessment/Allocation
5 Passed for Home Care Assessment/Allocation
9 Other

5.12.

Airdrie East Area Social Work Office, Adam Avenue, Airdrie

Intake/Referral Form

Name [redacted] D.O.B. or Age [redacted]			[redacted]			
			[redacted] AM/PM 5/1/19 93			
			Intake Worker m McGinn			
Household Composition At present staying at [redacted]			Allocation ___/___/19 Senior			
			Action N.F.A. F.A. S.T. L.T.			
Referred self Letter/Phone/Office Call			Date		Michelle	
Previous Referrals: None/N.F.A./Closed Case/Open Case			Allocated To		Johnson.	
Admin. MICHELLE JOHNSON						

1. Mgt Anne's flat at Merrick Crt. destroyed by fire on Sunday evening. Presently staying at H.P.U.

2. She applied to D.S.S. for Grant to cover cost of new clothes & was informed that decision would be made A.S.A.P.

Also [redacted] for food & power food had been destroyed in [redacted].

3. [redacted]

[redacted] Fuel Turned-on leaving [redacted]

5. [redacted] power leaving on water [redacted] day & night.

P.T.O.

6 Discussed case with [redacted]
S.S.W. who advised that Mgt. Amt did not come within a category in which we could assist her.

M. F. A.

BENEFIT CHECK

	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS
NT			
NER			
IDANTS			
RS			

AL PROBLEMS IN FAMILY

I.S. £33·60 p.w.

Power £17·00 p.w.

E AND OUTGOINGS (SEE OVER) D.S.S. Loan £2·00 p.w

Poll Tax £2·00 "

Balance left £11·00 p.w

TAKEN

thorising the Social Work Department to act on my behalf, with m. claim for Social y Benefits. Would you please ensure that my representative is formally advised of isions which you make in this connection.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME	Client	Partner	Dependan
Wages	£	£	£
Unemployment Benefit	£	£	£
Income Support	£	£	£
Invalidity Benefit	£	£	£
Sickness Benefit	£	£	£
Maintenance	£	£	£
State Pension	£	£	£
Employment Pension	£	£	£
Widows Pension	£	£	£
Widowed Mothers Pension	£	£	£
Child Benefit	£	£	£
Single Persons Child Benefit	£	£	£
Guardians Allowance	£	£	£
Maternity Pay	£	£	£
Maternity Allowance	£	£	£
Industrial Injuries Benefit (29)	£	£	£
Independant Living Fund	£	£	£

OUTGOINGS

	Weekly	Total D
Rent	£	£
Rent Arrears	£	£
Poll Tax	£	£
Buildings Insurance	£	£
Home Contents Insurance	£	£
T.V. Rental	£	£
T.V. Licence	£	£
Electricity	£	£
Gas	£	£
Housekeeping (including expenditure cushion)	£	£
Fine	£	£
Maintenance	£	£
Clothing	£	£
School Meals	£	£
Travelling Expenses	£	£
Catalogue Debt	£	£

John Robèrt Ward or McCracken (17.2.93)

STATEMENT OF FACTS (Contd.)

4) On 7th November 1993 the Great Grandmother was advised that on 1st November 1993, the child was left in the care of a friend and that the mother had not contacted the friend to resume the care of the child. The Great Grandmother resumed the care of the child on 7th November 1993 and the mother was unaware of the child's whereabouts until 10th November 1993.

5) During all material times the mother neither made material provision for the child nor did she contact the child.

AREA REPORTER
16 NORTH BRIDGE STREET
AIRDRIE, ML6 6NE
TEL: 765694
FAX: 769601

26th November, 1993

Niall McGrow

for Reporter

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S.R.C.—S.W.D. REFERRAL ANALYSIS—Monklands, Cumbernauld

Transaction Type	Referral Year	Referral Month	Area Team	Post Code	Sex	Age	Referral Status	Living Group
C	93	01	JCB	ML 006 RS	2	1P	2	05

Referrer	Ref. Method	Reason(s) for Referral	Allocation	Worker	Benefit	Local Option Boxes A	B	C	D	E	F
01	2	03 0000	01	1	2	00	00	00	00	00	00

SEX
1 Male
2 Female

AGE
Code actual age (00-97)
Code 98+ years as 98
(Estimate if not known)

REFERRAL STATUS
1 Not known
2 Known to the section it is being referred to but not an active case
3 Not known to the section being referred to but known to another section in the team
4 Known and an active case but **new** reason for referral

REFERRER
01 Self
02 Relative/friend
03 GP
04 Health visitor
05 Nurse
06 Other health personnel
07 Hospital Social Work staff
08 Social Work staff from another unit
09 Other Social Work staff within area team
10 Housing
11 Education
12 DSS
13 SSEB/NSHEB
14 Gas
15 Police
16 Courts
17 Reporter/panel
18 Standby
19 Voluntary organisation/community group
20 Industry
21 Trade unions
22 Prison
23 Councillor
24 MP
25 Drop-in centre/alcohol advice
26 HO or District staff
27 Residential or day care staff
28 Anonymous
29 Other

LIVING GROUP
Own Household
01 Family group with child(ren) one or more under 5
02 Family group with child(ren) under 17 but none under 5
03 Single parent with child(ren) including one or more under 5
04 Single parent with child(ren) under 17 but none under 5
05 Single adult not pensioner
06 Couple (not pensioners)
07 Family with children 17 or over still in household
08 Pensioner living alone
09 Pensioner couple
10 Pensioner living with other pensioner not spouse
Someone Elses Household
11 Family group with child(ren) one or more under 5
12 Family group with child(ren) under 17 but none under 5
13 Single parent with child(ren) including one or more under 5
14 Single parent with child(ren) under 17 but none under 5
15 Single adult not pensioner
16 Couple (not pensioners)
17 Family with children 17 or over still in household
18 Single pensioner
19 Pensioner couple
20 Pensioner living with other pensioner not spouse

21 Single homeless hostel
22 B & B accommodation (DSS)
23 Residential accommodation
24 Single person—no fixed abode
25 Other e.g. young people in shared accommodation
26 Not known

REFERRAL METHOD
1 Telephone
2 Caller
3 Letter
4 Automatic notification
5 Report request
6 Other

For reason for referral see over

ALLOCATION
1 Information/Advice NFA
2 Counselling NFA
3 Advocacy NFA
4 Financial Material NFA
5 Report/Assessment
6 Allocate/Refer to Social Worker
7 Allocate/Refer to senior
8 Allocate/Refer to WRO
9 Allocate/Refer to Home Help
10 Allocate/Refer to OT
11-19 Screening/resource assessment group (see unit list)
20-35 Service provided without screening (see unit list)
36 Refer to another Social Work team, group or section
37 Refer to community group
38 Refer to another agency
39 Other

WORKER
1 Duty worker
2 Long Term Team
3 Welfare rights
4 Home support and day care
5 OT
6 Home help
7 Admin.
8 IT/day assessment group
9 Other

BENEFIT
1 Not known
2 Income support (sole source)
3 Family credit/housing benefit and wage
4 Housing benefit and wage
5 Wage/grant/ + no state benefit
6 Retirement pension
Sickness/invalidity benefit/statutory sick pay
Severe disablement allowance
Widows benefit
Unemployment benefit
(With income support & housing benefit)
7 As 6 with income support without housing benefit
8 As 6 without income support with housing benefit
9 As 6 without income support or housing benefit

REASON(S) FOR REFERRAL

FINANCIAL
1 General money advice
2 Destitution due to late/non payment of GIRO/benefit
3 Destitution for another reason
4 Debt rent
5 Debt rates/poll tax
6 Debt mortgage
7 Debt electricity
8 Debt gas
9 Debt Provident/Style/Access/VISA
10 Debt catalogue
11 Debt finance company/HP
12 Debt money lender
13 Income support enquiry/problem
14 Housing benefit enquiry/problem
15 Family credit enquiry/problem
16 Social fund enquiry/problem
17 Enquiry re other benefit

HOUSING
20 Homelessness single person
21 Homelessness family
22 Request for transfer/housing
23 Repairs/dampness
24 Threatened eviction arrears
25 Threatened eviction others
26 Other housing problem

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/ADDICTION
29 Alcohol
30 Illegal drugs
31 Prescribed drugs
32 Solvent/substance abuse
33 Gambling

OFFENDERS/VICTIMS
35 Parole
36 Aftercare
37 FSO
38 Probation
39 CSO
40 Support for offenders family
41 Compensation order
42 Victim support
43 Other offence related

REPORTS
46 Request for panel report-initial
47 Request for panel report-review
48 Request for court report
49 Request for means enquiry report
50 Request for adoption report—adoptive parent(s)
51 Request for fostering report—foster parent(s)
52 Request for childminding report
53 Request for matrimonial proceedings report
54 Request for mental health report
55 Other external request for report (not listed above)

CHILD CARE/FAMILY
58 Home Supervision order
59 Child abuse sexual
60 Child abuse physical
61 Child abuse neglect
62 Child abuse failure to thrive
63 Child behaviour referral as grounds for hearing excluding truancy
64 Truancy/exclusion
65 Other child behaviour problem
66 Child parent relationship
67 Family relationship
68 Spouse assault

PHYSICAL HANDICAP
70 Physical handicap
71 Blind
72 Deaf

MENTAL HANDICAP
73 Mental handicap
74 66E referral for assessment

MENTAL/PHYSICAL HEALTH
75 Attempted suicide
76 Mental stress
77 Diagnosed mental illness
78 Senile dementia
79 Social isolation
80 Physical health
81 Risk behaviour counselling (Drugs, Sex)
82 Hospitalisation short term illness
83 Chronic long term illness
84 Terminal illness
85 Bereavement
86 Pregnancy and associated problems
87 Infertility
88 Pre-adoption
89 Termination counselling

SERVICE ENQUIRY
90 Enquiry re domestic care problems
91 Enquiry re mobility problems
92 Enquiry re local authority residential care
93 Enquiry re voluntary/private residential care
94 Enquiry re respite care
95 Enquiry re holidays
96 Enquiry re daycare
97 Abscondee

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COPY TO MICHELLE

S12 - no children.

Strathclyde
SOCIAL WORK

Unit Code UCA

Ref. No. A13297-90

Nat. Ins. No.

Date 09.11.93

Name: [redacted] MARGARET [redacted] Age 19 DOB 1 Male 2 Female 2

DAD + GIRLFRIEND'S [redacted] EN STREET (AND 13 PENTLAND CT) Postcode WILO6 9AY

Alias/Other name(s):

Date benefits check completed: If not completed, state reason:

Referrer: DR HAMILTON, BANK HOUSE, ARDRIE 06 Referral method: 01 Client aware of referral 1 Yes 1 2 No

Previous contact with department? 1 Yes 1 2 No Detail: OPEN TO MICHELLE JOHNSON

Reason(s) for referral: [redacted]

Action taken:

Codes (see over)	
Client Group	1
Ethnic Origin	
Referrer	06
Referral Method	1
Income	2
Living Group	07
Referral Reason 1	13
Referral Reason 2	14
Referral Reason 3	15
Outcome	2
Local Option 1	
Local Option 2	

Referral completed by: [signature] Date 9.11.93

Decision/Allocation: Refer to Michelle Date

Line Manager signature: [signature] Date 9/11/93

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06 Pakistani
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08 Chinese
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99 Other

Referrer

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03 Standby
04 Other social work staff
05 Other social work unit
06 GP
07 Health visitor
08 Community Nurse
09 Hospital Nurse
10 Hospital Clinician
11 Other health staff
12 Housing
13 Electricity supplier
14 Gas supplier
15 Court
16 Reporter/Panel
17 Voluntary organisation/community group
18 Prison
19 Anonymous
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Strathclyde Social Work Department

Client Information

Tel No. .....

Social Work Unit .....

Client Details

Surname: _____ Other Names: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

Ethnic Origin: _____ (see codes overleaf)

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____ Tel. No.: _____

Any special requirements, language or other communication difficulties:

_____

_____

Living Group: _____ (see codes overleaf)

Name	Relationship	Birthdate. Age	* Comments

* Comments: identify disabilities, health problems, etc. where relevant.

Significant Other if not mentioned above: e.g. main carer, next of kin, keyholder:

Name	Address and Tel. No.	Birthdate. Age

Other Services Involved:

General Practitioner	Address:	Tel. No.
_____	_____	_____
Consultant	Hospital:	Tel. No.
_____	_____	_____
School/Nursery:	Address:	Tel. No.
_____	_____	_____

Current services/agencies involved (e.g. Home Help, Day Care, ATC, Health Visitor. Indicate level of service (if known)).

Previous contact with Social Work Department: Known ☐ Not known ☐

NAME	AGE	ADDRESS

	YES	NO	NEW MEDS

ensuring the Social Work Department is acting on my behalf, with my claim for Social Benefits. Would you please ensure that my representative is formally advised of any steps which you take in this connection.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL NOTES/CONTINUATION PAGE

DATE | SOCIAL WORKER Michelle Johnson | OFFICE

NAME YVONNE McCRACKEN

ADDRESS

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June /July

Home leave that has been facilitated has worked well with no overt problems. Yvonne's boyfriend has also been with Yvonne at her grandmothers. In general their relationship is being supported and monitored by staff e.g. he being allowed to visit Yvonne at Kerelaw and she being allowed on trips out with him. In general they appear to be adopting a mature attitude towards the pregnancy although it is the writer's impression that they have no real notion as to what having a baby will entail for them in terms of responsibility.

[redacted]

Kerelaw School.

A child in care Review was held on 21.7.92. (see report Minute) where it was recommended that Yvonne remain at Kerelaw for as long as possible (until after the baby is born) with a view to her applying for a tenancy in Airdrie when she is 16 years old. It was acknowledged that Kerelaw School would probably object to this - [redacted] management and in the meantime Ken Rance to check out alternative resources.

MICHELLE JOHNSON.
SOCIAL WORKER.

29th July 1992

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL NOTES/CONTINUATION PAGE

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April-May 1992

Again over this period the main problem with Yvonne has been her absconding or rather failing to reach her grandmother's home when out on leave. She generally appears to be with her boyfriend in Ardrossan.

Family planning issues were addressed with Yvonne although it appears clear from her review on 16.4.92. that Yvonne sees her future in terms of marriage and motherhood.

When Yvonne has been grounded at Kerelaw following an absconsion she generally accepts this without any great difficulty and rarely absconds from Kerelaw itself. This may also be due to her boyfriend being a day pupil at Kerelaw's that she has opportunities to be with him although this will change at the end of May when John (boyfriend) is due to leave school.

Home leave arrangements have been tentative and sporadic due to Yvonne's absonding and her grandmother's perceived inability to cope with her behaviour. Despite saying on numerous occasions that she [redacted] the grandmother generally is open to home leave arrangements being made.

June 1992

8.6.92. Telephone call from Kerelaw to advise self that Yvonne is 5/6 weeks pregnant. The father of the child is said to be her boyfriend John from Ardrossan. Yvonne at this stage was claiming that she wishes to keep the baby and at present appears supported in this by John. Arranged that I would visit with Yvonne's grandmother on 13.6.92.

13.6.92. Visit with grandmother to Kerelaw where Yvonne informed her that she was pregnant. John was also there to support her and took a verbal haranguing from Ann very well. Although shocked about the news Ann did indicate a willingness to support Yvonne, however, she did not feel that she could offer a home to both Yvonne and her baby. She did not feel that she would be able to cope full time with Yvonne's behaviour plus the sheer practical issue of lack of space (i.e.) she lives in a 2 bedroom house where John (Yvonne's father) also resides.

Arranged for both Yvonne and John (boyfriend) to visit Yvonne's father next week to talk to him about the baby. Also agreed with John Muldoon (keyworker) that a child in care Review needs to be held in the near future. John Muldoon felt that the schools position would be that Yvonne would need to be moved to an alternative resource when she was 7 months pregnant.

Michelle

SWD/7

Strathclyde

DEPARTMENT OF REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

Reporter:
F. J. Kennedy, LL.B.

MEMORANDUM

From AREA REPORTER
16 NORTH BRIDGE STREET
AIRDRIE ML6 0NE
TEL: 762324
FAX: 769501

To Department of Social Work,
Waddell Street,
Airdrie.

Subject: Reporter's Duties, etc. (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 5

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on Monday, 6th December, 1993

at 4.30 p.m. within Hearing Centre,

16 North Bridge Street, Airdrie.

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

Name	*Time of Case*	*Reason for Appearance*
[redacted]		New Referral S.W. - M. Johnson ✓ MCT
[redacted]	6.00 p.m.	Advice to Sheriff S.W. - V. McCartney. ✓ PMT.

SOCIAL WORK OFFICE 29 NOV 1993

c. Mrs. K. Gibson,
Mr. J. Battersby,
Mr. K. McKirdy.

Date 26th November, 1993

for Reporter

W8608

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

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

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26th November, 19 93

AREA REPORTER
16 NORTH BRIDGE STREET
AIRDRIE, ML6 6NE
TEL: 766894
FAX: 769601

Robert McGraw
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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AIRDRIE AREA OFFICE
22 NOV 1993
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Strathclyde

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Reporter:
Frederick J. Kennedy, O.B.E., LL.B.

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To Department of Social Work
Waddell Street
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Date of Hearing	*Name:*	*Decision:*
10th November 1993	[redacted]	To terminate supervision requirement Sect. 44(1)(a).

S.W. M. Johnston

Date 18th November 1993

I Mackenzie
for Reporter

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Form 13

Instrument terminating supervision requirement.
Rule 24

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

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

At[1] The Hearing Centre, 16 North Bridge Street, Airdrie
on 10th November, 1993
Yvonne Mc Cracken (1.4.'77)

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region hereby terminate the supervision requirement attached and docqueted with reference hereto as from[2] 10th November, 1993

Jessie Eadie
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Chairman of the children's hearing

1 Place and date

2 Date which termination is to take effect

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Michelle

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Strathclyde

DEPARTMENT OF REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

Reporter:
F. J. Kennedy LL.B.

MEMORANDUM

From AREA REPORTER
16 NORTH BRIDGE ST
AIRDRIE ML6 0HE
TEL: 66694

To Department of Social Work,
Waddell Street,
Airdrie.

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Date of Hearing	*Name:*	*Decision:*
14th December, 1992	Yvonne McCracken (1.4.77.), 21a West Kirk Street, Airdrie.	To vary supervision requirement from Section 44(1)(b) in Kerelaw School to Section 44(1)(a) to reside with grandmother.

SOCIAL WORK DEPT
NORTH AIRDRIE
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S.W. - J. McCreanor.

Date 16th December, 1992

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pp for Reporter

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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

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subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated[2] 9 . 4 .1992

is herby revoked.

Maureen S. Hall
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.~~ [redacted]

Maureen S. Hall
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.
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Social Work Department

Strathclyde Regional Council

Discharge Form

FOR CHILD IN CARE

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AREA TEAM: Ardrossan

UNIQUE NUMBER OF CHILD:

NAME OF CHILD: [illegible] McCracken

DATE OF BIRTH	01 04 77
DATE OF DISCHARGE	14 12 92
DATE ADMITTED TO PRESENT PERIOD OF CARE	28 05 71

SEX ☐ Male ☐ Female

B ACCOMMODATION

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

PLACEMENT DISCHARGED FROM

Residential Residential School Stevenston

FOSTERING WITH RELATIVES
- ☐ 01 Temporary
- ☐ 02 Permanent

FOSTERING UNRELATED
- ☐ 03 Temporary
- ☐ 04 Permanent
- ☐ 05 COMMUNITY PARENTS

CHILDREN'S HOME
- ☐ 06 Local Authority
- ☐ 07 Voluntary
- ☐ 08 LIST 'D'
- ☐ 09 SECURE ACCOMMODATION
- ☐ 10 LIST 'G'
- ☐ 11 ASSESSMENT CENTRE
- ☐ 12 HOSPITAL
- ☐ 13 AT HOME
- ☐ 14 SUPPORTED LODGINGS, ILU, etc.
- ☐ 19 OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)

C REASON FOR DISCHARGE

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- ☐ 3 Reached appropriate age
- ☐ 4 Death
- ☐ 5 Decision of hearing
- ☐ 6 Other (specify)

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- ☐ 01 Supported Accommodation (Incl. ILU)
- ☐ 02 Hostel
- ☐ 03 Parental Home
- ☑ 04 Relatives Home
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- ☐ 06 Living in at Work
- ☐ 07 Homeless Accommodation including Bed and Breakfast
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E LEGISLATION DISCHARGED UNDER

	Main	Secondary
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21 Other (Please Specify)

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

If YES—(See Sect. B for details)

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Signed [signature]

Designation Social Worker

Area Office Ardrossan Date 14 12 92

Countersigned Admin

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Social Work Department

Strathclyde Regional Council

Discharge Form

FOR CHILD IN CARE

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AREA TEAM: North Airdrie

UNIQUE NUMBER OF CHILD:

NAME OF CHILD: Yvonne McCracken

DATE OF BIRTH	
DATE OF DISCHARGE	14/12/92
DATE ADMITTED TO PRESENT PERIOD OF CARE	

SEX ☐ Male ☐ Female

B ACCOMMODATION

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

PLACEMENT DISCHARGED FROM

Kerelaw Residential school.

FOSTERING WITH RELATIVES
- ☐ 01 Temporary
- ☐ 02 Permanent

FOSTERING UNRELATED
- ☐ 03 Temporary
- ☐ 04 Permanent
- ☐ 05 COMMUNITY PARENTS

CHILDREN'S HOME
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Kirkalow Residential school.

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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		
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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

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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: North Airdrie

UNIQUE NUMBER OF CHILD:

NAME OF CHILD: Yvonne McCracken

DATE OF BIRTH	
DATE OF DISCHARGE	14/12/92
DATE ADMITTED TO PRESENT PERIOD OF CARE	

SEX: ☐ Male ☐ Female

B ACCOMMODATION

PLACEMENT DISCHARGED FROM

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

Kerelaw Residential school.

FOSTERING WITH RELATIVES
- ☐ 01 Temporary
- ☐ 02 Permanent

FOSTERING UNRELATED
- ☐ 03 Temporary
- ☐ 04 Permanent
- ☐ 05 COMMUNITY PARENTS

CHILDREN'S HOME
- ☐ 06 Local Authority
- ☐ 07 Voluntary
- ☐ 08 LIST 'D'
- ☐ 09 SECURE ACCOMMODATION
- ☐ 10 LIST 'G'
- ☐ 11 ASSESSMENT CENTRE
- ☐ 12 HOSPITAL
- ☐ 13 AT HOME
- ☐ 14 SUPPORTED LODGINGS, ILU, etc.
- ☐ 19 OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)

C REASON FOR DISCHARGE
- ☐ 1 Care taken over by parent or guardian
- ☐ 2 Adopted
- ☐ 3 Reached appropriate age
- ☐ 4 Death
- ☐ 5 Decision of hearing
- ☐ 6 Other (specify)

D TICK TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION BEING DISCHARGED TO
- ☐ 01 Supported Accommodation (Incl. ILU)
- ☐ 02 Hostel
- ☐ 03 Parental Home
- ☑ 04 Relatives Home
- ☐ 05 Flat/Bedsit/Digs
- ☐ 06 Living in at Work
- ☐ 07 Homeless Accommodation including Bed and Breakfast
- ☐ 08 Other (Please specify)
- ☐ 09 Unknown

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		
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Yvonne McCracken
10a Northburn Place
AIRDRIE

Our Ref: ED/NMcD
Your Ref:
Date: 17 November 1994

Dear Yvonne

Your lawyer has been in touch re the dampness in your house.

I would like to come and visit you about this.

I will call on Monday 21st November at 11am. If this is inconvenient please let me know.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

Director of Housing
Thomas McKenzie, F.I.H.

195 Main Street
Coatbridge
Lanarkshire
ML5 3BW

Telephone: (0236) 441200
Fax: (0236) 421260

When calling ask for
Direct Line: (0236) 441

MONKLANDS
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Your Ref:
Our Ref: SL/AO/676
Date: 6th September 1994

Miss Yvonne McCracken
10/A Northburn Place
AIRDRIE

IMPORTANT: THIS NOTICE AFFECTS YOUR PROPERTY

Dear Madam

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF SECURE TENANCY
10/A Northburn Place, Airdrie

Your Landlord, Monklands District Council, has reason to believe that your above dwellinghouse is unoccupied and that you do not intend to occupy it as your home.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that you must inform the District Council's Director of Housing IN WRITING within 29 days of the date of posting of this Notice if you intend to occupy the dwellinghouse as your home.

IMPORTANT: If you reply to this Notice by post, you must post your reply by Recorded Delivery Postal Service. This must be addressed to the Director of Housing, Department of Housing, 195 Main Street, Coatbridge. Any written reply which is not posted by Recorded Delivery Postal Service will be deemed not to have been properly served on the District Council for the purposes of any time limit which may be imposed on the District Council by the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1987.

TAKE WARNING that, if it appears to the District Council that at the end of the period of 29 days from the date of posting of the Notice that you do not intend to occupy the above dwellinghouse as your home and that the above dwellinghouse is unoccupied, YOUR SECURE TENANCY OF THE ABOVE DWELLINGHOUSE WILL BE TERMINATED IMMEDIATELY.

The District Council do not need to take you to Court to end your tenancy in this way and may take possession of the dwellinghouse and remove your furniture and effects at the end of the 29 days as specified in the immediately preceding paragraph. Any storage charge in respect of furniture may be charged to you.

Yours faithfully

S. [illegible]

Authorised Officer

Yvonne McCracken
10a Nothburn Place
AIRDRIE

12th September 1994

Monklands District Council
Director of Housing
195 Main Street
COATBRIDGE
Lanarkshire
ML5 3BN

Dear Sir

I am writing to you in reply to your letter dated 6th September 1994.

I would like to confirm that I am still the resident at my present address 10a Northburn Place, Airdrie, and wish to continue this tenancy.

I intend to occupy this dwelling house as my home.

I hope this matter is now resolved.

Yours faithfully

Yvonne McCracken

Yvonne McCracken

Monday 12th Sept

Eleanor,

Yvonne McCracken was in today. She was taken for £5.00 food provisions and £5 electricity power card. (Weekly arrangement till bursary comes through).

She had also received letter from M.D.C (see attached).

I have typed reply on her behalf which has to be signed by Yvonne and posted recorded delivery.

I have left it with you, as Yvonne plans to come in on P.T.O.

Thursday or Friday to discuss the possibility of getting lodgings - rather than her own tenancy?

If she doesn't come in before the end of next week, I'll take the letter to her home to be signed.

Pauline.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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756181

Your Ref:
Our Ref: SL/AO-677
Date: 26th October 1994

Ms. Yvonne McCracken
10/A Northburn Place
AIRDRIE

Dear Madam

NOTICE OF TERMINATING SECURE TENANCY
10/A Northburn Place, Airdrie

On behalf of Monklands District Council, I hereby give notice that your SECURE TENANCY of the above dwellinghouse HAS BEEN TERMINATED as at the date of this Notice (or one date thereafter if this Notice has been served by the postal service).

YOU NO LONGER HAVE ANY RIGHT TO OCCUPY THE ABOVE DWELLINGHOUSE.

Any furniture or effects left by you in the said dwellinghouse will be stored for you or disposed of by the District Council at the Council's sole discretion.

All enquiries should be made to the above address.

Yours faithfully

pp
T. McKenzie
Director of Housing

9 months ago

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Ann McCrackan
2a West Kirk Street
AIRDRIE

Our Ref: MJ/NMcD
Your Ref:
Date: 12 September 1994

Dear Ann

Sorry I didn't get to see you during my last week and was not able to introduce you to your new social worker [redacted]

I wish you all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]
Social Worker

CLIENT DETAILS - REFERRAL SHEET

Client Name :	YVONNE MCCRACKEN	Ref :	8000084
Address :	10A NORTHBURN PLACE AIRDRIE ML6 6QB	D.O.B. :	01-APR-1977
		NI Number:	
Telephone :			
Ethnic Orig.:		Marital Status :	
Doctor :			

FAMILY DETAILS

REFERRALS

Client Name	:
Referral Ref	:
Date Contact	:
Dealt By	:
ient Group	:
Ref. Status	:
Living Group	:
Referrer	:
Method	:
Reason 1	:
Reason 2	:
Outcome	:
Benefit	:
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Open Case - Michelle Johnston.

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FAMILY DETAILS

REFERRALS

Client Name	:	YVONNE MCCRACKEN
Referral Ref	:	8008093
Date Contact	:	25-AUG-94
Dealt By	:	[redacted]
lient Group	:	[redacted] - [redacted]/OTHER
Ref Status	:	1 - KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT
Living Group	:	99 - OTHER
Referrer	:	1 - SELF
Method	:	2 - CALLER
Reason 1	:	1 GENERAL FINANCIAL/DEBT ADVICE
Reason 2	:	-
Outcome	:	9 - OTHER
Benefit	:	1 - INCOME SUPPORT SOLE SOURCE
File At	:	

ALLOCATION HISTORY

DATE AL	DATE UNAL	WORKER NAME	ALLOCATED TEAM
			JCA1 DUTY TEAM

Name : YVONNE MCCRACKENClient Ref. No. : 8000084

Referral Ref.No. : 8008093

Referral Narrative

Yvonne came into the office seeking advice on what she should do about obtaining money to buy a bus pass as she is starting college on Monday and her bursary money won.t be through for 6 to 8 weeks. Said she had been to the citizen,s advice bureau and they told her to go to the D.S.S. Yvonne said that theD.S.S. wont,give her any money. She then went on to say that Pauline had money in the office. Told Yvonne she would have to discuss this with Pauline. She said she would call back tomorrow. n.s advice and they told her to go to D.S.S. but she said she wouldn.t get any money from them. YVONNE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT PAULINE HAD MONEY BELONGING TO HER. TOLD YVONNE SHE WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH PAULINE.

Client Name	:	YVONNE MCCRACKEN
Referral Ref	:	8000084
Date Contact	:	24-JAN-94
Dealt By	:	[redacted]
Client Group	:	1 - CHILD CARE
Ref Status	:	1 - KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT
Living Group	:	98 - NOT KNOWN
Referrer	:	99 - OTHER
Method	:	9 - OTHER
Reason 1	:	14 - CHILD CARE
Reason 2	:	-
Outcome	:	2 - CHILD CARE ASS/ALLOC
Benefit	:	5 - OTHER
File At	:	

ALLOCATION HISTORY

DATE AL	DATE UNAL	WORKER NAME	ALLOCATED TEAM
31-MAR-94		M JOHNSTON	JCA5 CHILDREN & FAMILIES M.MCI

Name : YVONNE MCCRACKENClient Ref. No. : 8000084

Referral Ref.No. : 8000084

Referral Narrative

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Monklands/Cumbernauld District
Area Office, Waddell Street Airdrie ML6
Tel: (0236) 760263 Ext
Our Ref:
Your Ref: Michelle Johnson
Date: 29/9/94
If phoning or calling please ask for: Michelle Johnson
Eleanor Dunn

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Further Education Bursaries
Coatbridge College
College.

Dear Sir, Re: Higher Rate Bursary for Yvonne McCracken
D.O.B. 1/4/77

I am writing to request Ms McCracken's request for award of higher rate bursary.

Ms McCracken was in the care of the local authority from her 13th to her 16th birthday. She has little contact with her parents and is not in touch with her grandmother. Education to date was looked after by her grandmother.

Yvonne became pregnant aged 15 years the subsequent birth of her son (she resides with her grandmother) mean she was unable to sit her exams at that time.

At present Yvonne has her own tenancy at 10(a) Main Street, Airdrie and little contact with her family. She is keen to return to full time education with a long term plan of working in the social care sector.

Yvonne has no help from other relatives and will be unable to continue with her education plans should she not receive the higher rate of bursary.

If you have any further queries please contact me at the above address.

Yours faithfully

Michelle Thorn

written on behalf of Yvonne McCracken

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Yvonne McCracken
10a Northburn Place
AIRDRIE

Our Ref: MJ/MG
Your Ref:
Date: 12 July 1994

Dear Yvonne

As you may remember we had arranged to meet on 22.06.94., to discuss how access was progressing.

As I still haven't seen you, I would like to re-arrange this meeting for Wednesday 20th July at 2.30 p.m. at this office.

If this doesn't suit, please contact me to make alternative arrangements.

Yours sincerely

MICHELLE JOHNSON
SOCIAL WORKER

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Mrs A. McCracken
2(a) West Kirk Street
AIRDRIE

Our Ref: MJ/MG
Your Ref:
Date: 12 July 1994

Dear Ann

I would like to arrange a meeting with yourself and Yvonne to discuss current access arrangements.

I have arranged a meeting at this office on Wednesday, 20th July at 2.30 p.m.

If this doesn't suit you, please contact me to make alternative arrangements.

Yours sincerely

MICHELLE JOHNSON
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Yvonne McCracken
10a Northburn Place
AIRDRIE
ML6

Our Ref: MJ/AC
Your Ref:
Date: 26th May 1994

Dear Yvonne

I have not seen you yet since 11.05.94 at which time you stated your intention to visit me at this office to discuss access arrangement on 12.05.94.

You did not contact me as agreed and I understand that you have had no recent contact with your son John.

Should you wish access arrangements to continue with a view to John returning to your care it is imperative that you contact me as soon as possible to discuss.

Pauline Jones from this office has also been trying to contact you with regards to housing issues. I would suggest that it is also in your best interests to make contact with her.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Johnson
Social Worker

benefits agency

An Executive Agency
of the Department of
Social Security.

Your reference is ZP018867C /003
Please tell us this number
if you get in touch with us

Mrs A McCracken
2a West Kirk St.
Airdrie
Lanarkshire
ML6 0BW

AIRDRIE ILO
86 GRAHAM ST
AIRDRIE
LANARKSHIRE
ML6 6AT

Our phone number is
0236 769366

Date 13 MAY 1994

Dear Mrs McCracken,

About your application for a payment from the social fund

On 03/05/94 you applied for a payment of £465.00 from the social fund. After considering your application, the social fund officer has decided that we cannot pay you a COMMUNITY CARE GRANT.

This is for the following reason(s):

x we can pay community care grants to help people in certain circumstances. For example:

- to return to, or stay in, the community rather than having to be in "care". By "care" we mean places like hospitals, nursing homes and old people's homes

- to return to the community from places like detention centres

- to cope with exceptional pressures on themselves and their families, such as disability, long term illness or family breakdown

- to visit someone who is ill or for another urgent reason.

After looking at your application and personal circumstances, the social fund officer has decided that the qualifying conditions for the payment of a community care grant are not satisfied.

Now go to the next page

After looking at your application and personal circumstances, the social fund officer has decided that the qualifying conditions for a payment from the social fund are not satisfied.

Your right to ask for a review

If you disagree with this decision you have the right to ask the social fund officer to look at it again. If you wish to do so, you must write to us **within 28 days from the date at the top of this letter,** saying why you think the decision is wrong.

Help and advice

If there is anything that you want to ask us about your application, please get in touch with us. Our phone number and address are at the top of this letter. An advice centre like the Citizens Advice Bureau or a local law centre can also give you free advice.

Please keep this letter, as you may need to refer to it again.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Reid

The manager.

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Our Ref:
Your Ref:
Date: 24/5/94
If phoning or calling please ask for: Michelle Johnson

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The Income Support Section
Benefits and Examinations Agency
Cruachan St
Airdrie

Dear Sir

Subject: John Robert Ward or McCracken
d.o.b 17-02-93 - 2(a) West Kirk St
(formerly 21(a) West Kirk St, Avonbridge)

In relation to the above named I would appreciate a processing income support on John's behalf to be given to his great grandmother Mrs Jean McCracken at 2(a) West Kirk St.

Essentially Mrs McCracken has had care of John since October 1993 however on 4/5/94 a Children's Hearing decision imposed that by imposing home supervision under section 44(1)(A) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. John's mother Yvonne McCracken of 10(a) Northburn Place at this time still receives money for John - recently she has not visited him at all nor provided any money for his upkeep.

An order for John's upkeep to be maintained by his great grandmother and prevent him being removed into care it is imperative that Mrs McCracken be awarded Income support on his behalf. If you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely
Michelle Johnson

Mrs A McCracken

REF: ZP018867C /003

REPLY SLIP - IN CONFIDENCE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
SECURITY
AIRDRIE ILO
86 GRAHAM ST
AIRDRIE
LANARKSHIRE
ML6 0BR

2a West Kirk St.
Airdrie
Lanarkshire
ML6 0BW

What this **reply slip** is for

Please use this slip if you need to

* send back your order book
* send back a signed declaration, to accept the loan
* write to us about anything else

FOLD-LINE

How to use this **reply slip**

* Please fold this page along the **Fold-line** so that our address shows through the envelope
* Use the envelope we have sent you. It does not need a stamp.

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Ann McCracken
2a West Kirk Street
AIRDRIE

Our Ref: MJ/NMcD
Your Ref:
Date: 22 April 1994

[redacted]

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Yvonne McCracken,
10a Northburn Place,
Airdrie.

Our Ref: MJ/MR
Your Ref:
Date: 22nd April, 1994.

Dear Yvonne,

You may remember our brief discussion formalising access arrangements between you and John.

I would like you to attend a Meeting at this Office with your grandmother on Friday 29th April at 10 am.

If this does not suit you please contact me to make other arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Johnson,
Social Worker.

Yvonne McCracken
10a Northburn Place
Arbroath

Dear Yvonne,

You may remember our brief discussing formalising access arrangements between you and John.
I would like you to attend a meeting at this office with your grandmother on Friday 29th April at 10am.
If this doesn't suit you please contact me to make new arrangements.

Yours.

A Gabriel

Please PP & send to 1st Class.

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Yvonne McCracken
10A Northburn Place
AIRDRIE

Our Ref: PJ/EMN
Your Ref:
Date: 15 June 1994

Dear Yvonne,

Called today, but there was no one at home.

Myself and your Gran called up to Margaret Anne's home to see if there was any items tha the family could use.

There are some sheets, pillows and blanket, and a small kitchen table which may be of use to you. But you will have to let me know if you want these items soon.

Also, your Gran has asked me to collect John's high chair, so perhaps you could let me know when we can do this.

I would be obliged if you could call into the office as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Pauline Jones
Homemaker

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Agnes Hunter
45 Agnew Avenue
Coatbridge
ML5 3QD

Our Ref: PJ/AJL
Your Ref:
Date: 13th June 1994

[redacted]

Pauline Jones
Homemaker

* Please file under Yvonne McCracken (file 2)
10A Northburn Place.
Airdrie.

Yvonne McCracken

21(a) Westland St

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Yvonne McCracken
10A Northburn Place
Airdrie

Our Ref: PJ/SN
Your Ref:
Date: 7th January, 1994

Dear Yvonne,

I believe you were in the office yesterday as there was a problem with a giro you should have received from D.S.S.

I tried to contact D.S.S. on your behalf but they cannot tell me if giro has been cashed unlesss I can give them your National Insurance number. Can you call into the office with this information.

I would also like to meet you on Monday 10th January at 9.00 a.m. and hopefully we can go and purchase some household items.

If this time is not suitable, please contact me at this office.

Yours sincerely,

P

Pauline Jones
Homemaker

INDEPENDENT
REVIEW
SERVICE
For the Social Fund

4TH FLOOR, CENTRE CITY PODIUM, 5 HILL STREET, BIRMINGHAM B5 4UB. TELEPHONE 021-631 4000 (EXT. 229). FACSIMILE 021-631 2831

MS M JOHNSON
SOCIAL WORK DEPT
AIRDRIE AREA OFFICE
WADDELL STREET
AIRDRIE
ML6



Your Reference MJ/JR

Our Reference 2711/221508/51

Date of Issue 17 DEC 1997

Dear Ms Johnson

MISS Y McCRACKEN'S APPLICATION TO THE SOCIAL FUND - REVIEW BY A SOCIAL FUND INSPECTOR

I have completed my review.

I have decided that the Social Fund Officer (Higher Grade) should look at Miss McCracken's case again.

The Social Fund Officer may decide to change the decision. Alternatively, he may decide that the original decision should stand. Whichever way, the Officer will let Miss McCracken know. You can ask a Social Fund Inspector to look at the new decision if you disagree with it.

I have set out my decision fully on the attached paper. It explains why I came to my decision. The Social Fund Officer should consider what I have said when looking at the case again.

On the back of this letter is some information about the way decisions have to be made under the Social Fund. I hope this will help you understand what I say in my decision.

I am sending a copy of this letter and my decision to Miss McCracken's social security office. I am also sending back to them all the forms and other papers I looked at during my review.

If you need to contact the DSS about my decision, please leave enough time for the papers to get there in the post.

I have not sent a copy of this letter to Miss McCracken. Please inform her of my decision.

Yours sincerely

S. Rhodes

S RHODES
SOCIAL FUND INSPECTOR

Some General Information

Decisions on applications for a payment from the fund are made by Social Fund Officers (SFOs) and by Social Fund Inspectors (SFIs) when a further review is asked for.

They must decide whether you can get a payment, how much you can get and whether you have to pay the money back. They should look at everything you tell them and anything else that is relevant.

Their decisions must be reached fairly, in the correct way, and must follow the rules laid down by the law and directions. There is also written guidance that may help.

The Law is in two Acts of Parliament.

* The Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992.

* The Social Security Administration Act 1992.

They cover the way the Social Fund is set up and how it works. SFIs may refer to them as "the Act" and the "Administration Act".

Directions are given to SFOs and SFIs by the Secretary of State. The law allows for this and says that the directions must be followed. They lay down some basic rules about payments from the fund. They also say how to carry out reviews and how to manage the budget. The SFI will give the direction number of any directions that are important in your case.

Guidance is also given by the Secretary of State and by the Social Security Office District Manager for your area. The law says SFOs and SFIs must take account of guidance. But they must decide for themselves whether to do as it suggests.

Budget Allocations or **The Budget** are often mentioned in decisions. This is the amount of money given to your Social Security District from the Social Fund to pay grants and loans. SFOs and SFIs have to work within the budget.

More Information ?

This page is only a guide to social fund decisions. It is not intended to provide full details of the law, directions or guidance.

You can see a copy of the Acts of Parliament and the Social Fund Guide at any Social Security Office. The Guide contains all the Secretary of State's directions and guidance. Advice Centres and Public Libraries may also have copies.

irs SOCIAL FUND INSPECTOR'S DECISION

APPLICATION FOR REVIEW FROM: **REF:** 2711/221508/51

MISS Y McCRACKEN **DATE OF ISSUE:** - 7 DEC 1993

1. On 21 September 1993, Miss McCracken applied for a payment from the social fund. She said that she needed £1,980 for: a cooker £250, suite £350, 2 beds £130 and £80, bedding £50, carpets £320, washing machine £250, fridge £100, curtains £150, wallpaper and paint £100, pots/pans £50, towels £20, wardrobe £50, chest of drawers £50 and cutlery/dishes £30. The Social Fund Officer (SFO) decided that a grant could not be made. A Higher Grade Social Fund Officer (HEO(SF)) carried out a review. He agreed with the decision to refuse a grant and decided that a budgeting loan of £480 could be awarded. On 12 November 1993, Miss McCracken's representative asked on her behalf for a review by a Social Fund Inspector (SFI).

2. I have completed my review. I cannot confirm the decision. This is because I am not satisfied that the law has been applied correctly. In particular, I am not satisfied that all the relevant considerations have been taken into account, and given the appropriate weight, in making the decision. I do not think sufficent information is available to enable a decision to be properly reached. I have decided that the HEO(SF) should consider the application again. My reasons are explained in the paragraphs that follow.

3. Direction 4 makes provision for grants to be awarded to promote community care, where certain conditions are met. The SFO has decided that the third part of the Direction is satisfied in Miss McCracken's case. This provides for a payment to ease exceptional pressures on the applicant and their family.

4. The SFO has decided that the application does not meet the conditions imposed in any other part of the Direction. I am not satisfied that this decision is right. The second part provides for a payment to help the applicant, or a member of their family, to remain in the community rather than enter institutional or residential care. It has been said on Miss McCracken's behalf that:

   - she was in residential care for about 2 years, until December 1992;

   - she was then discharged to her grandmother's care because she was pregnant and in those circumstances the move was considered appropriate;

   - she is still the subject of a care order;

- if she is unable to set up home successfully for herself and her young child, there is a danger that she and the child will be taken into formal care.

5. The HEO(SF) should look at all the evidence and consider again whether the applicant or a member of her family needs assistance to help them to remain in the community rather than enter institutional or residential care.

6. Where the conditions for a grant are met, the SFO has to go on to determine whether a payment is merited. In accordance with the Act, the nature, extent and urgency of the need have to be taken into account, along with the fact that the funds available are limited. Each district is given an allocation of money for a year. Priority has to be given to high priority needs throughout the year (Direction 40). Guidance on priorities issued by the Area SFO should be taken into account but it is not binding; discretion should be used freely.

7. The decision about which parts of Direction 4 are satisfied may have relevance here because a prime consideration must be: to what extent will a payment fulfill the aims of the Direction.

8. I do not think sufficient information is available to enable a soundly based decision to be reached. Is the applicant's child ready to have a bed of his own? Does the applicant have a cot and bedding for him that she can take to the new home? What bedding is the £50 requested intended to cover? What is the state of the floors? Is the applicant able to wash by hand or use a launderette? What is the state of the decor? If redecoration is needed, will the local authority help with the cost?

9. A budgeting loan can be considered for any needs that remain unmet when a fresh decision has been made about a grant. Again the merits of the application have to be weighed; and so the outcome of the suggested enquiries will be relevant here. The HEO(SF) will need to bear in mind the restrictions imposed by Directions 10 and 11. Direction 10 states that the most that can be owed to the Fund at any time is £1,000. Direction 11 requires the SFO to be satisfied that the applicant is likely to be able to repay the loan.

10. The HEO(SF) will also need to have in mind that the state of the district's budgets may have changed since the original decision and his review. He has to have full regard to any relevant change of circumstances.

11. If an award is based upon prices other than those suggested by the applicant, the SFO should say why; and he should say where the applicant can buy items of serviceable quality at the substituted prices.

12. The HEO(SF) should note that Miss McCracken's representative asked for any payment to be made directly to the Social Work Department. It is not clear whether this was done when the budgeting loan award was paid.

13. The HEO(SF) will consider the application afresh; and he will issue a new, written decision. Miss McCracken or her representative will be able to ask for a further review by a Social Fund Inspector if she is not satisfied.

S. Rhodes

S RHODES
SOCIAL FUND INSPECTOR

INDEPENDENT
REVIEW
SERVICE

For the Social Fund

4TH FLOOR, CENTRE CITY PODIUM, 5 HILL STREET, BIRMINGHAM B5 4UB. TELEPHONE 0121-631 4000 (EXT.) FACSIMILE 0121-631 2831

This is important. It concerns your Social Fund application.
If you do not understand it please ask someone to help you.

এটা গুরুত্বপূর্ণ । এটা আপনার সোশাল ফান্ডের আবেনপত্রের সংগে জড়িত । আপনি যদি এটা বুঝতে না পারেন তাহলে দয়া করে কাউকে জিজ্ঞাসা করবেন আপনাকে সাহায্য করতে ।

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ਇਹ ਬਹੁਤ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਹੈ । ਇਸ ਦਾ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਸੋਸ਼ਲ ਫ਼ੰਡ ਦੀ ਅਰਜ਼ੀ ਨਾਲ ਹੈ । ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਸਮਝ ਨਾ ਆਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਤੋਂ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕਰੋ ।

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اگر آپ کو سمجھ نہ آئے تو مہربانی کرکے کسی اور سے مدد حاصل کیجئے.

這份通知非常重要。它跟你的社會基金(Social Fund)申請有關。如果你不懂它是甚麼意思，請向人請教。

Elinizdeki belge önemlidir. Soşıl Fand başvurunuz ile ilgilidir.
Anlamakta zorluk çekiyorsanız lütfen birisinden yardım isteyiniz.

Tani waa muhiim. Waxay ku Saabsantahay Arjigaaga. Haddii anad fahmin fadlan la kaasho cid ku caawisa.

Αυτό είναι σημαντικό. Αφορά την αίτησή σας Σόσιαλ Φαντ. Εάν δεν το καταλαβαίνετε παρακαλείστε να ζητήσετε από κάποιον να σας βοηθήσει.

Điều này rất quan trọng. Vì nó có liên quan đến đơn xin Trợ Cấp Xã Hội của Quý vị. Nếu không hiểu rõ, xin Quý vị hãy nhờ một ai giúp Quý vị.

هذا موضوع هام . فهو يتعلق بإستمارة طلبك لالسوشيال فاند . الرجاء طلب المساعدة اذا كان هناك شئ غير مفهوم .

AIRDRIE AREA OFFICE
- 5 NOV 1993
SOCIAL WORK DEPT.

Strathclyde

SWD/7

DEPARTMENT OF REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

Reporter:
F. J. Kennedy, LL.B.

MEMORANDUM

From AREA REPORTER
16 NORTH BRIDGE STREET
AIRDRIE, ML6 6NE
TEL: 766894
FAX: 769601

To Department of Social Work,
Waddell Street,
Airdrie.

Subject: Reporter's Duties, etc. (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 5

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on [redacted]

at 2.00 p.m. within [redacted]

16 North Bridge Street, Airdrie.

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

Name	*Time of Case*	*Reason for Appearance*
[redacted]	[redacted]	48(3) Review S.W. - M. Hawthorn.
[redacted]	[redacted]	New Referrals S.W. - M. McInnes.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]		

Date 1st November, 1993

for Reporter

MJ

Memorandum

AIRDRIE AREA OFFICE
1 - 8 NOV 1993
SOCIAL WORK DEPT.

Strathclyde
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Tel: 0236 754611
Our Ref: CH/KR/LK
Your Ref:
Date: 4/11/93

From: District Officer [Child Care], Monklands/Cumbernauld District
Grahamshill House, 7 Forrest Street, Airdrie

To: George Pennell, Area Manager
(for attention of Michelle Johnston, SW)

SUBJECT: YOUR REQUEST FOR SECTION 24 PAYMENT

Name: Yvonne McCracken
Date of Birth: 1/4/77
Date of Request: 28/10/93
Amount: £975
Social Worker Involved: Michelle Johnstone
Reason for Request: Yvonne now in own tenancy.

The above request has been approved, and is now being progressed through to the Finance Department for payment.

You should expect to receive a cheque for £975 payable to Area Social Work Office General Fund
Date by which payment should have been made is _____

Ken Lawrie
ATSO
5/11/93

RSECT24

Strathclyde Regional Council
Social Work Department

Director: Miss Mary C. Hartnoll CBE, BA

Airdrie Area Office,
Waddell Street, Airdrie ML6
Tel: (0236) 760263 Fax: (0236) 748464

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Social Fund Inspector,
Benefits & Contributions Agency,
Graham Street,
AIRDRIE.

Our Ref: MJ/JR
Your Ref:
Date: 2 November 1993

Dear Sir,

Re: Yvonne McCracken, 21A West Kirk Street, Airdrie.
Ref No: 2711/158994

I act on behalf of the above named and would like to request a review of the decision not to award a Community Care Grant in this instance in order to set up a first tenancy. I would refer to my previous letter requesting a review of the original decision and would stress that; Yvonne is subject to a Section 44 (1)(a) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and is therefore subject to compulsory measurers of care. Prior to this she had been in care for over 2 years on a Residential Supervision Order Section 44 (1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

Yvonne also has a child aged 8 months. Should Yvonne be unable to cope with her first tenancy and caring for a child then there is a danger that both she and her baby could be received into care. A Community Care Grant could help relieve the initial stress of setting up a tenancy and allow her to concentrate on caring for her child.

I hope you will treat this situation as urgent and I would appreciate being informed of your decision.

Yours faithfully,

Michelle Johnson
Social Worker.

Written on behalf of Yvonne McCracken.....

Photo copy.

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Social Fund,
Benefits & Contributions Agency,
Graham Street,
AIRDRIE.

Our Ref: MJ/JR
Your Ref:
Date: 29 September 1993

Dear Sir,

Subject:- Community Care Grant Application
of Yvonne McCracken Ref:

I act on behalf of the above named and would like to request a review of your decision not to award a grant in this instance.

In support of this I would offer the following information:-

(1) Yvonne had been in care for over two years this was on a compulsory residential supervision order Section 44 (1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 because of problem behaviour.

(2) She was discharged from the residential establishment on 14.12.92 into her grandmothers care primarily because she was pregnant and the residential school deemed it appropriate for the needs of a mother and child.

(3) Yvonne is still subject of compulsory measures of care in terms of a home supervision order Section 44 (1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. She is visited regularly by the writer in order to monitor and support the situation. As such she is still within the child-care system and theoretically could be received back into care should the situation deteriorate.

(4) Yvonne sought her own tenancy for a number of reasons not least of which is the current overcrowding within the home. At present she shares a very small room with her son. This had led to pressures in the relationship with her grandmother and increased Yvonne's wish to have her own independent home.

The home situation is further exacerbated by her grandmother's ill-health which includes arthritis of most of her joints and also more recently Yvonne's older sister Margaret Ann moving in the them due to her serious ill-health and need for care.

(5) Yvonne has had a troublesome background and there has been concerns as to how she would manage to care for her own child sufficiently to prevent him being received into care. She has received support from her grandmother in the past and from this department. To date she has managed well, however, this will be severely put to the test when she moves. Yvonne will be given intensive support from this department, however, in order for there to be a good chance of success in integrating them both into functioning independently in the community it is felt that the pressures need to be minimised. The financial/material aspects of setting up a first time home are obvious initial severe pressures for anyone but in particular with vulnerable young people especially given Yvonne's single parent status. It is hoped that should this pressure be resolved ie by awarding a grant, that would allow her to set up home, then she would be more able to deal with other aspects of a tenancy and caring for a young child and that this would significantly reduce the chance of both herself and her son being received into care.

I hope that you will treat this review with urgency should you have any further queries please contact either myself or my colleague Pauline Jones at the above office.

Yours faithfully,

Michelle Johnson
Social Worker.

Written on behalf of Yvonne McCracken.

Strathclyde Regional Council
Social Work Department

Director: F E Edwards RD BA MUni v FBIM

Monklands/Cumbernauld District
110A/D Rochsoles Drive, Airdrie ML6 6RB
Tel: (0236) 761158
Our Ref:
Your Ref: Michelle Johnson
Date: 4-03-95

To
Income Support Section
Benefits & Contributions
Graham St
Airdrie

NI:

Strathclyde
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Dear Sir,

[redacted]

Memorandum

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Tel: Airdrie 761158
Our Ref: MJ/AF
Your Ref:
Date: 9 March 1993

From: Michelle Johnston, Social Worker
North Airdrie, Social Work Dept.

To: Dave McQueen, Resource Worker
Childcare Team, Grahamshill Hse.

SUBJECT: S24 Application for clothes for Yvonne McCracken - D.O.B. 1/4/77

Until 14/12/92 Yvonne was subject to a 44(i)(b) Residential Supervision Order at Kevelaw School. Yvonne was pregnant (she since gave birth to a boy) and the school did not feel that the placement under the current circumstances was appropriate. Yvonne was therefore discharged to her grandmothers care on a 44(i)(a) Home Supervision Order.

Her education will be continued via private tuition from a teacher from Kevelaw School. Prior to her discharge Yvonnes Clothing Allowance had been used to provide maternity wear for her, most of these clothes are no longer suitable for her to wear and she is desparately in need of others as listed below.

Shoes	£35
Jacket	£60
T-Shirt × 2	£10
Jumper	£20
Trousers	£25
Skirt	£20
Underwear	£30
Blouse × 2	£30
W. Shower	£20
TOTAL	£250

I would appreciate you dealing with this application with urgency.

Michelle Johnston
Social Worker

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

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Our ref MJ/JR

Your ref

If phoning or calling ask for Michelle Johnson

Date 14th January, 1993.

Child Benefit Centre,
P.O. Box 1,
Newcastle, NE88 1AA

Dear Sirs,

In support of Mrs. McCracken's application for Child Benefit for her granddaughter, Yvonne McCracken (dob 1.4.77) I would advise you of the following:-

1) Than until September, 1990 Yvonne's father, John McCracken had been in receipt of Child Benefit for her. In September, 1990 Yvonne was received into the care of this authority under Section 44(1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968 requiring that she remain within a residential establishment. At this time the Child Benefit Book was returned to the DSS. No Child Benefit was, therefore, paid from this date.

2) On the 14th December, 1992 following the decision of a Children's Hearing Yvonne was discharged from care on a 44(1)(a) Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968. Home Supervision Order was imposed on condition that she reside with her grandmother at 21a West Kirk Street, Airdrie.

   Yvonne has been in her grandmother's care since that time.

Additionally Yvonne is pregnant, her delivery date being 25.1.93. The situation is obviously a very stressful one and is exacerbated at present due to lack of financial support.

I would appreciate, therefore, if you could treat this application for Child benefit with the utmost urgency. If you have any further queries please contact me at the above address.

Thanking you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully,

.....
Michelle Johnson,
Social Worker.

Michelle
Copy for your file
May /

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Strathclyde Regional Council

Application for Assistance

Section 12 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

1. **Name and Address of Applicant** Yvonne M'Cracken
21(a) West Kirk Street
Ayr

2. **Type of Assistance Requested:**

(a) Assistance in Kind ✓

(b) Assistance in Cash/Amount £552-00

3. **Names and Addresses of the Persons for whom Assistance is Requested:**

Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant(s)	Source of Income	Amount of Income
Yvonne M'Cracken	15yrs	& 8½ months	pregnant	

4. **Purpose for which Assistance will be used:**

(includes pushchair + carrycot plus hood and apron) Pram (£270); Cot & Mattress (£126); Cot Bedding £56); Babyclothes (£50-00)
Sundry Items (Bottles, nappies, Bath etc - (£50-00))

5. **The Applicant's Household Budget:**

	Income	Expenditure
Yvonne has no income at present, an application for Income Support has recently been completed by her grandmother on her behalf.		

Yvonne M'Cracken

CHECKLIST

To be completed by the Social Worker considering the provision of Section 12 Assistance.

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2. (a) Is the assistance to be given to *or* in respect of "specified persons"? (b) If the answer to 2(a) is Yes, state which kind of specified persons by reference to paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 of the Practice Note.	yes 3.4
3. In the case of a child under 18 state why assistance in kind or in cash is likely to diminish the need (a) to receive him into or keep him in care, or (b) to refer him to a Children's Panel.	Relieve some of the stresses on the family in attempting to maintain Yvonnes (and her baby's) placement with her grandmother and preventing them being received into Care
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Tick off as Checked.

10. (a) **All Applicants** Check:

- [x] (i) Account to which loan/grant is requested (in debt cases only).
- [x] (ii) Documentaton of income (pay slips, pension, allowance books, etc.).
- [x] (iii) Family expenditure (rent card, H.P. payments, etc.).

Eligibility for:

- [x] (iv) Rent Rebate/allowance rates rebate.
- [x] (v) Free School Meals.
- [x] (vi) Mobility Allowance/Attendance Allowance.
- [x] (vii) Help from other sources.

(b) **Applicants who are Employed**

Check eligibility for:—

- [x] (i) Family Income Supplement.

(c) **Applicants who are Unemployed**

Check eligibility for:—

- [x] (i) Supplementary benefit—weekly payment, grant or special weekly addition/fuel/diet/essential H.P.
- [x] (ii) Possibility of direct fuel/rent control.

11. Social Worker ..... Date 28/12/92.....

Senior Social Worker ..... Date 29/12/92.....

Area Manager ..... Date 14/1/93.....

Applications approved/not approved

District Social Work Manager/Area Manager

..... Date .....

.....Area Team

.....District

Memorandum

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Tel: 761158
Our Ref: MJ/GS
Your Ref:
Date: 13 January 1993

From: Michelle Johnson
Social Worker, North Airdrie

To: George Pennell
Area Manager, Waddell Street

SUBJECT: **Section 12 Initiative for Yvonne McCracken (dob 01.04.77)**

Yvonne is a 15 year old girl who, until 14.12.92, resided at Kerelaw Residential School on a Section 44(1)(b) Supervision Order. Yvonne had been in care in various establishments for the past two years. She was discharged to her grandmother's care in December due to being eight months pregnant and the school stating that they did not have adequate facilities to care for a young mother and baby. At this time there were no other facilities that were deemed appropriate to meet Yvonne's needs.

Yvonne and her grandmother will continue to need intensive and ongoing support for the forseeable future to prevent the placement breaking down and Yvonne again being received into care, along with her child.

One way of supporting Yvonne and her grandmother at this time is to minimise any additional stresses on the situation, particularly those of a financial nature. With regard to this there are a number of fairly expensive items that Yvonne will need for the birth of her baby (as listed in Section 12 application).

A Section 24 application for these items was originally submitted to the District Child Care Team on 09.12.92. However, three weeks after submitting this I was informed that a Section 24 application was not appropriate in this instance as the items requested were not for Yvonne but for her baby. I was, therefore, advised to apply for a Section 12 payment which is not being submitted.

I would appreciate this being given your urgent attention as Yvonne's delivery date is 25.01.93.

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Michelle Johnson
Social Worker

S. 12. Yvonne McCracken

(1) (cont....)

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With regards to this there are a number of fairly expensive items (listed overleaf) that Yvonne will require for the birth of her baby.

Memorandum

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Tel: 761158
Our Ref: MJ/GS
Your Ref:
Date: 13 January 1993

From: Michelle Johnson
Social Worker, North Airdrie

To: George Pennell
Area Manager, Waddell Street

SUBJECT: **Section 12 Initiative for Yvonne McCracken (dob 01.04.77)**

Yvonne is a 15 year old girl who, until 14.12.92, resided at Kerelaw Residential School on a Section 44(1)(b) Supervision Order. Yvonne had been in care in various establishments for the past two years. She was discharged to her grandmother's care in December due to being eight months pregnant and the school stating that they did not have adequate facilities to care for a young mother and baby. At this time there were no other facilities that were deemed appropriate to meet Yvonne's needs.

Yvonne and her grandmother will continue to need intensive and ongoing support for the forseeable future to prevent the placement breaking down and Yvonne again being received into care, along with her child.

One way of supporting Yvonne and her grandmother at this time is to minimise any additional stresses on the situation, particularly those of a financial nature. With regard to this there are a number of fairly expensive items that Yvonne will need for the birth of her baby (as listed in Section 12 application).

A Section 24 application for these items was originally submitted to the District Child Care Team on 09.12.92. However, three weeks after submitting this I was informed that a Section 24 application was not appropriate in this instance as the items requested were not for Yvonne but for her baby. I was, therefore, advised to apply for a Section 12 payment which is not being submitted.

I would appreciate this being given your urgent attention as Yvonne's delivery date is 25.01.93.

pp... G. Sharks.....
Michelle Johnson
Social Worker

Strathclyde Regional Council

SOCIAL WORK DEPT. AIRDRIE AREA OFFICE 1 DEC 1992

SWD/7

DEPARTMENT OF REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

Reporter:
F. J. Kennedy, LL.B.

MEMORANDUM

From [illegible]
16 NORTH BRIDGE ST
AIRDRIE ML6 0HE
TEL: 64004

To Department of Social Work
Waddell Street
Airdrie

Subject: Reporter's Duties, etc. (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 5

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on [redacted]

at 4.30 p.m. within Hearing Centre

16 North Bridge Street, Airdrie

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

Name	*Time of Case*	*Reason for Appearance*
[redacted]	4.30 p.m.	48(2) Review S.W. M. Johnston
[redacted]	5.15 p.m.	48(3) Review S.W. M. Hawthorn
[redacted]	6.00 p.m.	48(2) Review S.W. M. Johnston

SOCIAL WORK DEPT NOTIFICATION -7 DEC 1992

Date 3rd December 1992

Alison McGrow
for Reporter

c. M. Hall
L. Boyce
L. Harkness
(Miss Murphy Sub Crac)

W8608

Michelle

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CARE STRATEGY BUDGET

CHILD

NAME: Yvonne McCracken

ADDRESS: c/O Kerelaw Residential School

REASON: Outing with child in care

RECEIPTS ATTACHED: ..... YES ..... NO

SESSIONAL WORKER ..... SADIE MAIN .....

SOCIAL WORKER ..... Michelle Johnson .....

DATE: 9/6/92

COUNTERSIGNED:

SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER : .....

Memorandum

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Tel: 761158
Our Ref: MJ/JJR
Your Ref:
Date: 9 December 1992

From: Michelle Johnson Social Work Department 11 Rochsoles Drive Airdrie

To: Ken Rance ADO Child-Care 7 Forrest Street Grahamshill House Airdrie

SUBJECT: S24 Application - related to Yvonne McCrackens Pregnancy

Yvonne is a 15 year old girl on a 44(1)(b) supervision order at Kerelaw School Stevenston. She has been in Local Authority Care in various establishments over the past 2 years. At present she has access to her grandmother at weekends and a mid-week overnight. Yvonne is currently pregnant, her delivery date is the middle of January. Because of her pregnancy Yvonne (subject to a Childrens Hearing ratifying the decision) will be returning to her grandmothers care.

This situation will obviously need a great deal of support from the social work department to prevent the placement breaking down. One way of supporting Yvonne and her grandmother is to minimise any additional stresses particularly those of a financial nature. With regards to this there are a number of fairly expensive items that Yvonne will need for the birth of her baby, these include;

1.	Pram	£ 350.00
2.	Cot and Matress	£ 250.00
3.	Cot bedding	£ 50.00
4.	Baby Clothes	£ 50.00

Sunday Items

eg.

Bottles
Nappies
Bath etc £ 50.00

Total £ 750.00

I would appreciate you giving this your urgent attention.

.....
Michell Johnson
Social Worker.

Notification sent out: Michelle Social Worker:

Yes No Yes

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

AREA OFFICE - ROCHSOLES DRIVE
AIRDRIE

CHILD CARE REVIEW NOTIFICATION

Name of Child : YVONNE MCCRACKEN Date of Birth: 1-4-77

Name of Placement: KERELAW.

Address of Placement:- Kerelaw Road, Stevenston

Date of Review 8-12-92

Place of Review Kerelaw

Time of Review 2.30PM

Notification to be sent out to:

Name	Designation	Address	Phone No.

3 Say in your letter exactly what you are appealing about and why you disagree with the decision.

4 Be sure to address both your letter and the envelope to the Appeals Officer.

5 Make sure that we get your letter within 3 months from the date of this letter.

6 You can send any evidence you think might help your appeal.

Help and advice

An advice centre like the Citizens Advice Bureau can give you free advice. If you appeal they will sometimes go with you. You can find a list of their addresses in the phone book, Yellow Pages or at the library. It will help the advice centre if you take this letter to show them.

You can also find out what happens when people appeal in leaflet NI246, "How to appeal". You can get this leaflet from any Social Security office.

You can make free phone calls to Freeline Social Security for general information. Just phone 0800 666555. Please remember that the people you speak to will not have your personal papers.

Adjudication Officer's Decision

The claimant is not entitled to Mobility Allowance. This is because the claimant is not suffering from physical disablement such that she is either unable to walk or virtually unable to do so. This decision is made having regard to a report from the medical practitioner to whom the question was referred. The law used to make this decision: Social Security Act 1975 section 37A; Mobility Allowance Regulations regulation 3; Social Security (Adjudication) Regulations 1986 regulation 53.

MY150

Michelle

Memorandum

Tel: AIRDRIE 754611
Our Ref: CPH/
Your Ref: MJ/JJR
Date: 25/11/92

SOCIAL WORK DEPT AIRDRIE AREA OFFICE 30 NOV 1992

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From: District Officer Child Care
Monklands/Cumbernauld District.

To: George Pennell (Area Manager – Airdrie)
for attention of Social Worker Michelle Johnson.

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SECTION 24 PAYMENT

Name of Child: Yvonne McCRACKEN (currently Section 44(b) Kerelaw).

Date of Birth: 1.4.77.

Name of Carers: Currently Kerelaw School but will be returning to Grandmothers in Airdrie

Address

I am writing in response to your memo of 9/11/92 in which you requested a Section 24 payment in respect of the above carers.

I would advise you that the District Manager has agreed the request, and would make the following comments on how it will be processed:-

Cheque for £150 requested from finance – now being processed.
Cheque to be made out to Airdrie Area Team General Fund –
money to buy single bed – to be action via Supervisor
& Social Work Assistant, Sadie Main.

Catriona P. Holgate
District Officer (Child Care) Kenneth Rennie ADO.

for District Officer
25/11/92.

MCCPRO02

Director: F E Edwards RD BA DipASS FISW FBIM

Monklands/Cumbernauld District
110 A/D Rochsoles Drive
Airdrie ML6 6RB

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Tel Airdrie 61158

Michelle

Our ref

Your ref

If phoning or calling ask for

Date 7/12/92

Dear Sir/Madam

Subject: Child Care Review

Child Yvonne McBrearty Date of Birth 1/4/77

Home Kerelaw

It is proposed to hold a Child Care Review on the above-child.

Date 8/12/92 Time 2pm

Place Kerelaw

I would be grateful if you could attend and inform me as soon as possible if otherwise.

Yours faithfully

pp .....
G E Pennell, (Mr)
Area Manager

Memorandum

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Tel: 761158
Our Ref: MJ/JJR
Your Ref:
Date: 9 November 1992

From: Michelle Johnson Social Work Department 110 Rochsoles Drive Airdrie.

To: Ken Rance Child Care Grahamshill House Forrest Street Airdrie.

SUBJECT:

S24 - Application Beds and Bedding
Re: Yvonne McCracken c/o Kerelaw Residential School Stevenston

Yvonne is a 15 year old girl currently resident in Kerelaw School. She has been in local authority care for the past 2 years. She currently has access to her grandmother at the weekend and a mid week overnight.

Yvonne is pregnant and due to have the baby in January. At this time there is insufficient beds in her grandmothers household as her father has returned to stay there. Yvonne is therefore sleeping with her grandmother when on home leave.

This situation is obviously inappropriate particularly given Yvonne's current condition. Not withstanding this it is envisaged that Yvonne will return to her grandmother's care in the near future.

I would appreciate therefore a section 24 grant being made available of £150.00 in order to purchase bed and bedding. I would also appreicate this request being processed as quickly as possible.

.....
Michelle Johnson
Social Worker.

ROBERT M. CARTY LL.B., N.P.
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OUR REF: HSN/MP

YOUR REF:

1st April, 1992.

Michelle Johnstone,
Social Work Department,
Rochsoles Drive,
AIRDRIE.

[redacted]

Robert Carty & Co.

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NORTH AIRDRIE
-2 APR 1992

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16 NOV 1994
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Ronald P. Bonnar, M.A., LL.B. Ronald E. Conway, M.A., LL.B. Derek J. Hamilton, LL.B.
Dmitri Ross, LL.B.

Our Ref: C/VMM/LB/MCC7414 Your Ref: Date: 14 November 1994

Ms Pauline Jones (Homemaker)
Social Work Department
Waddell Street
AIRDRIE
Lanarkshire

Dear Ms Jones

YVONNE McCRACKEN

We are instructed by Ms McCracken in respect of dampness in her Council tenancy at 10A Northburn Place, Airdrie.

We are advised that you know something about the problem.

We enclose witness questionnaire which we should be obliged if you would complete and return in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope.

Yours faithfully,

Witness Questionnaire
Dampness

1. Name, address, telephone number, occupation.

2. How long have you known our client(s)? What is your relationship?

3. How often do you visit the house? Alternatively, how long did you visit the house?

4. In what way is/was the house affected by dampness?

5. Please state particular rooms affected and to what extent?

6. How long has this condition prevailed?

7. Do you know if a complaint has been made to Monklands District Council? If so, when, where and by whom?

8. Has any person from Monklands District Council Housing Department or Environmental Services called to inspect? If so, when and what was said?

9. Is there a damp smell in the house which is noticeable to you as a visitor?

10. Do you know if furnishings and personal items have been damaged by dampness? Please specify if so.

11. Has the family required to change their sleeping arrangements? If so, how?

12. Do you know approximately how much is spent per week on fuel costs?

13. How has living in damp conditions affected our client(s)?

14. Any other general comments and observations.

Signed.....

Director of Housing
Thomas McKenzie, F.I.H.

House and Property Maintenance Manager
Ralph B. Nisbet, A.I.M.B.M., A.I.C.W.

124 Main Street
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ML5 3BJ

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SOCIAL WORK DEPT. AIRDRIE AREA OFFICE 16 JUN 1994

When calling ask for Mr H Jackson

Strathclyde Regional Council
Social Work Department
Airdrie Area Office
Waddell Street
AIRDRIE
ML6

Your Ref: PJ/MG
Our Ref: RBN/HJ/KS
Date: 13 June 1994

For the attention of Pauline Jones

Dear Madam

SUBJECT: Yvonne McCracken, 10/A Northburn Place, Airdrie

I write in response to your letter dated 12 May 1994, regarding the above property and would advise that all repairs needing attention have been inspected and instructions issued to have these carried out as a matter of urgency.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours faithfully

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HOUSE MAINTENANCE MANAGER

Strathclyde Regional Council
Social Work Department

Director: Miss Mary C. Hartnoll CBE, BA

Airdrie Area Office,
Waddell Street, Airdrie ML6
Tel: (0236) 760263 Fax: (0236) 748464

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House & Property Maintenance Manager
124 Main Street
COATBRIDGE
ML5 3BJ

Our Ref: PJ/MG
Your Ref:
Date: 12 May 1994

Dear Sir

RE: YVONNE McCRACKEN, 10A NORTHBURN PLACE, AIRDRIE

I am writing to you regarding the above-named Client who I have been involved with for some time.

Miss McCracken became the Tenant of the above Tenancy in December, and on inspection of this home, discovered a list of repairs needing attention. (See attached list).

The most major repair being that almost every room in the home has black fungus and dampness rising up the walls. My Client has not been able to occupy all the rooms within her home due to the living conditions present.

Miss McCracken is a Single Parent with a year old son and I am sure you will agree that her present home is not a suitable healthy environment within which to raise her young child.

Miss McCracken reported the repairs needing attention, days after her entry date, to the depot in Rawyards, and in fact, an Inspector called out to her home. After examining the property, he assured my Client that work would be undertaken within the next few weeks.

Some weeks later my Client reported these faults again as no-one had called to carry out any of the repairs, and sadly she is still awaiting this service.

My Client's home has a very damp smell and in fact, her clothing and furnishings are being ruined by this.

I would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter, and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully

PAULINE JONES
HOMEMAKER

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REPAIRS NEEDING ATTENTION AT 10A NORTHBURN PLACE, AIRDRIE:

Dampness, black fungus in all rooms.

Kitchen Sink Taps are loose.

Kitchen Skirting is loose.

Wiondowsill in Bedroom is loose.

Electric Sockets coming loose.

Letterbox on Front Door missing.

Toilet Seat is broken.

Sink in Toilet is broken. (This was paid for by previous Tenant).

Guttering on outside Bedroom Wall is cracked.

Strathclyde Regional Council
Social Work Department

REVIEW REPORT
TO THE CHILDREN'S HEARING

Date of Review: 161/93

Outcome:

Name: Yvonne McCracken

Date of Birth: 1.4.77

Current Address: 21(a) West Kirk Street, Airdrie

School Attended: N/A

Home Address (if different from above):

Religion: Roman Catholic

Reason for Review: 48(3) Annual Review of Supervision order

By whom requested: Reporter

Significant Family Changes since last Report

Since the last report Yvonne has given birth to her son John Robert. Yvonne's older sister Margaret-Ann has been seriously ill and when not in hospital has been staying with Yvonne and her grandmother.

Changes of Social Worker and/or Methods of supervision

None

Contact with other Agencies

Kerelaw School, Stevenson
D.S.S.
Bellshill Hospital
Hamilton Hospital
Health Visitor

Report compiled by: Michelle Johnson

Date School Report Obtained:

Date Report Completed: 21 October 1993

Date Sent to Reporter:

Signed:

Designation: Social Worker

At Yvonne's last review her supervision order was varied from a 44/1/b residential requirement to a 44/1/a home supervision order, Yvonne to return to her grandmother's care . This was primarily due to Yvonne being pregnant and the inappropriateness of the residential List D setting under those circumstances. It was envisaged that ongoing intensive social work involvement would be required in order to maintain the situation.

Since that time Yvonne has given birth to her son John Robert although she has terminated her relationship with the baby's father. She was assisted by this department materially in purchasing the required items needed for the baby's birth and subsequently has been regularly visited by the writer and a social work assistant to monitor and support the situation.

Yvonne coped well with her pregnancy and subsequent motherhood and her child at this time is more than adequately cared for. Her grandmother has been a great support to Yvonne without taking control and responsibility away from her.

Notwithstanding the above the family have been under some strain due to the serious ill-health of Yvonne's older sister Margaret Ann that has necessitated her also staying with them when not in hospital. The home was already overcrowded prior to this.

Consequently Yvonne has sought her own tenancy and has been allocated a house in the Whinhall area of Airdrie. This is in close proximity to her grandmothers where she could receive ongoing support.

At present Yvonne remains with her grandmother but envisages moving soon. The writer has assisted with financial matters in applying for a Community Care Grant (outcome as yet unknown). Notwithstanding this Yvonne could expect assistance from this department, of both a financial and supportive nature.

ASSESSMENT

Yvonne has coped well with her discharge from her care and at present has managed to cope with the demands of being a mother.

Until this time she has had the intensive support of both family and the Social Work Department.

Her decision to acquire her own tenancy was made on reasonable grounds and not the result of a disagreement with her grandmother.

However, Yvonne's ability to cope with both her own tenancy and the demands of a baby will be severely tested when she moves particularly during the early stages of the transition.

Consequently the writer would recommend that compulsory measures of care are still required and are appropriate at this time. The writer has discussed this with Yvonne who was not adverse to the idea.

The writer would therefore recommend that Yvonne's supervision order be continued but varied for her to reside at her tenancy at 38 Whinhall Avenue.

Memorandum

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Tel: 761158
Our Ref: MJ/NM
Your Ref:
Date: 12th October 1992

From: Michelle Johnson
110 Rochsoles Drive, Airdrie

To: Alison McGrow
Assist. Area Reporter
16 North Bridge Street, Airdrie

SUBJECT:
48(2) Review on Yvonne McCracken (1.4.77)

Yvonne is subject of a 44(1)(b) Residential Order at Kerelaw School, Stevenston. Because of Yvonne's current circumstances (see Report) I would like to request a review of this Order.

I would appreciate a Review being scheduled in early/middle December, as this would coincide with a Child in Care Review set for 8th December 1992. Geoff Gallacher was contacted and a provisional date of 14th December 1992, set for Yvonne's Hearing.

M. Johnson

Michelle Johnson
Social Worker

Jim McCreanor
S.S.W.

Strathclyde Regional Council
Social Work Department

REVIEW REPORT
TO THE CHILDREN'S HEARING

Date of Review

Outcome

Name
Yvonne McCracken

Date of Birth 1.4.77

Current Address
c/o Kerelaw School, Stevenson

School Attended
As Address

Home Address (if different from above)
21(a) West Kirk Street
Airdrie

Religion
Roman Catholic

son for Review
48(2) Review

By whom requested
Social Worker

Significant Family Changes since last Report

None

Changes of Social Worker and/or Methods of supervision

None

Contact with other Agencies

Psychological Agencies - Margaret McKenna
Ante-natal clinic
Kerelaw School

Report compiled by

Date School Report Obtained

Date Report Completed

Date Sent to Reporter

Signed

Designation

MAIN BODY OF REPORT

Points to be covered.

1. **Nature and extent of contact with the child, family and other persons or agencies.**
2. **Plan of work; Were the Aims and Objectives achieved? Were they changed or modified?**
3. **Opinion as to the future development of the child and his/her situation— including views of child/parents.**
4. **Possible options.**

Since the last review there has been a significant change in Yvonne's circumstances in that she has become pregnant, the baby being due in late Janurary early February 1993 This was despite ongoing work that had been undertaken with her by workers with regards to sexuality issues. When it was discovered that Yvonne was pregnant she received advice and support as to her options by her key worker, social worker and the ante-natal clinic along with discussions with her grandmother. Yvonne remained quite firm in her decision to keep the child. At this time the father of the baby, who is an ex-day resident of Kerelaw School, and Yvonne feel that at a future date following Yvonne's 16th birthday they would marry and live together. They claim to have a stable relationship although Yvonne's commitment to it is at times questionable. The situation is currently being closely monitored by workers.

Yvonne appears to have a romantic view of what having a baby entails and has little realisation of the level of care/responsibility that is involved. She will need intensive support with regards to this after the baby's birth.

Notwithstanding this she appears to have adopted a mature attitude to her pregnancy and there has been no further problems with her with regards to alcohol abuse and absconding. Her relationship with her grandmother who is her main carer has developed in a very positive way, consequently she has been recieving full home leave for the first time since her reception into care.

The main issue at present, however, relates to Yvonne's current accommodation. Kerelaw School do not feel that they would be an appropriate placement just prior to and after the baby is born and envisage that she should move on to a more suitable placement.

The options around at this time include the following:

1. Mother and baby unit in Dreghorn - Ayrshire. Yvonne has stated that she would not wish to go there, nevertheless, she is prepared to visit the centre and it is hoped that this will assist her in making a more informed choice.

2. The 'Innocents' - Bothwell. This organisation assists young single women in preparing for their baby both 6 weeks before and after the birth and is run by nuns. Yvonne is totally opposed to this and it does appear that the regime adopted by them might be unsuited to Yvonne's needs.

3. Supported Carers - Yvonne could move to supported carers preferably in the Airdrie area and be supported both by them and workers.

4. Yvonne returns to her grandmother's care. Given their current relationship this would seem to be the most appropriate option. Mrs McCracken is willing to support Yvonne. The main problem at the moment is that the house is overcrowded. It only has two bedrooms and Mr McCracken (father) is currently also residing there. If this situation could be resolved it would appear to be the most suitable option.

In the interim period there will be ongoing work undertaken with Yvonne with regards to preparing her for the forthcoming birth of her baby and generally moving on from Kerelaw.

Michelle Johnson
Social Worker

Director: F E Edwards RD BA DipASS FISW FBIM

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Evelyn Russell

Tel Airdrie 61158

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Your ref

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Date 24.9.92

Dear Sir/Madam

Subject: Child Care Review

Child Yvonne McCracken Date of Birth 1.4.77

Home Kerelaw School

It is proposed to hold a Child Care Review on the above-child.

Date 29.09.92 Time 2.00pm

Place Kerelaw School, Kerelaw Road, Stevenston

I would be grateful if you could attend and inform me as soon as possible if otherwise.

Yours faithfully

pp G. Shanks
G E Pennell, (Mr)
Area Manager

Director: F E Edwards RD BA DipASS FISW FBIM

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G E Pennell, (Mr)
Area Manager

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

Yvonne McCracken (dob 01.04.77)

Current Address - 21a West Kirk Street, Airdrie

ANALYSIS OF FAMILY BACKGROUND

The McCracken family were initially referred to the Social Work Department in October 1979 with marital and financial difficulties. There are three children of the marriage, Margaret-Ann, Yvonne and Caroline. In February 1980 Mrs McCracken left the family home and, despite Mr McCracken being encouraged to care for the children, they were all received into the care of this Authority on 14.02.80.

The children remained in care for a period of six weeks, during which time their parents reconciled, and the children were therefore returned home.

The Social Work Department continued to be involved with the family until the couple finally separated in August 1980. At this time the children were also found to be left unattended with no heating, electricity or food. A Place of Safety Order was taken at this time. Although attempts were made to place the children together, they were separated with Margaret-Ann being placed in Torrance Avenue Children's Home and Caroline and Yvonne in Mitchell Street Children's Home.

The children all remained in care for a period of two years, during which time there was little contact from their parents. The paternal grandmother, however, regularly visited Caroline and Yvonne at Mitchell Street.

By this time, Mr McCracken had given up the family home and moved to reside with his mother. Mrs McCracken formed a relationship with a Mr Matt Gray and had a further children, Dylan Gray.

After intensive involvement with the family, the children's father agreed to care for them with the assistance of his mother. The children were discharged from care in August 1982 with a Home Supervision Requirement (S44[1][a] of the Social Work [Scotland] Act 1968).

The children, whilst in their father's care, had regular contact with their mother. Margaret-Ann and Caroline did not settle particularly well in their grandmother's home and stated their wish to reside with their mother. Mrs McCracken (grandmother) also appeared to be being left with total responsibility for the children and was feeling under pressure.

Consequently, on 10.03.83, Margaret-Ann and Caroline returned to live with their mother. Mrs McCracken (grandmother) continued to care for Yvonne with whom she was said to have a special relationship. The Supervision Order for Yvonne was terminated at this time.

The situation for Margaret-Ann and Caroline remained unstable whilst in their mother's care and they were re-admitted into care on several occasions.

This was not the case for Yvonne, who stayed with her grandmother from 1982 until September 1990, when she again came to the attention of the Social Work Department.

2/...

YVONNE

On 10.09.90 Yvonne was referred to this Department via Airdrie Police. She had been picked up by them, having been reported by her grandmother as being a runaway from 07.09.90. At this time Yvonne was refusing to return to her grandmother's care. She also refused to go to her father's new home (he had now commenced another relationship and was living with the woman in question). She stated that she would go to her mother's, however, at this time her mother stated she was unable to care for her.

Yvonne was therefore admitted to Torrance Avenue Children's Home on 10.09.90 and, following several absconsions, transferred to Mitchell Street Children's Home on 15.09.90. This was under S15 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

Whilst in Mitchell Street the following concerns emerged:

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REVIEW PROCEDURE

Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM F

Date of Review: 8th december, 1992

Name of Home: Korelaw Residential School

Name of Child: Yvonne McCracken **Field Case Paper No:**

Date of Admission: 28.5.91

Date of Birth: 1.4.77

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

N/A

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

As per Social Worker's Report

Summary of Discussion:

As per attached

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Margaret McInnes, Chairperson, said this was a Child Care Review on Yvonne McCracken. Margaret reiterated the decisions from the last Review and following introductions she asked Michelle Johnson, Social Worker for her report.

Michelle said that all the decisions from the last Review had been implemented. She said Yvonne had been fairly settled since last Review. Yvonne had been cooking her own meals etc. and Sadie Main had now become involved to assist her with budgeting. Michelle said both Yvonne and her Grandmother, Mrs. McCracken, were happy about Yvonne moving back to Airdrie. Michelle said this would cause serious overcrowding and while it was the most appropriate option at present, it was not really suitable.

Michelle said she felt Yvonne was taking a mature attitude towards her pregnancy but said she noted from their report that Kerelaw did not seem to share this view. Michelle said a Children's Hearing had been arranged for 14th December when the recommendation would be to change Yvonne's Order from 44(1)(b) to 44(1)(a) Home Supervision Order with condition of residence at Mrs. McCracken's house. This would ensure that Yvonne received all the help and support she needed up to and following the birth of her baby.

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Jim McCreanor, Senior Social Worker, said probably a Home Tutor could be allocated to compliment the work being done by Kerelaw. Jim felt this would give Yvonne motication and guidance.

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Yvonne said she still had contact with John, the baby's father, but Kerelaw felt this contact was possibly not as intense as previously.

Michelle said a Section 24 for bedding for Yvonne had been approved and she added that a Section 24 for baby things had been sent to District.

It was agreed arrangements for Yvonne's discharge medical would be made following the Children's Hearing on 14th December, 1992.

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Minutes of Review Meeting continued

Decisions taken (specifying action to be taken and by whom):

1) Yvonne to be discharged from Kerelaw at Children's Hearing on 14th December, 1992. Order to be varied to 44(1)(a) with condition of residence at Mrs. McCracken's house.
2) Michelle and Sadie to offer necessary support to Yvonne.
3) Section 24 for baby things still to be processed.
4) Kerelaw to liaise with Michell re package for Standard Grades and home tutor.

Date of next review:

To be arranged.

Names and Designations of review panel:

[redacted]

Mrs. McCracken, Grandmother
Yvonne McCracken

Chairman of Review Meeting: Margaret McInnes

Designation: SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

Date: 16.12.92

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REVIEW PROCEDURE

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

Name of Home: KERELAW SCHOOL

Name of Child: YVONNE McCRACKEN

Date of Birth: 1.4.77

Date of Review Meeting:

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

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YVONNE HAS ATTENDED THE LOCAL DOCTOR 8.6.92 AND TESTS PROVED O.K. ANTI-NATAL CLINIC APPOINTMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN ATTENDED AND THESE WILL BE ON GOING THROUGHOUT PREGNANCY

YVONNE HAS SO FAR AVOIDED MORNING SICKNESS AND IS EATING AND SLEEPING WELL.

2. Emotional Development:

UNIT STAFF ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YVONNE'S AWARENESS OF HER PRESENT SITUATION.

WITH YVONNE'S CONSENT WE HAVE ARRANGED THE LOCAL HEALTH VISITOR WHO WILL OFFER COUNSELLING SESSIONS RE PREGNANCY AND OPTIONS.

3. Behavioural Problems:

YVONNE CONTINUES TO BE NO MANAGEMENT PROBLEM WITHIN KERELAW.

WE RECENTLY WENT TO FILEY ON HOLIDAY AND HER BEHAVIOUR DURING THIS TIME WAS IMPECCABLE

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4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

TO DATE YVONNE HAS BEEN ON HOME LEAVE ON TWO OCCASIONS.
GRAN HAS VISITED THE SCHOOL ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND APPEARS SUPPORTIVE.

5. Contact with siblings:

6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

ONGOING APPOINTMENTS WITH DOCTOR AND HEALTH VISITOR

7. School attended:

School report attached/not available

Educational observations:

8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home:

(b) Outwith home:

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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

Yvonne McCracken (dob 01.04.77)

Current Address - 21a West Kirk Street, Airdrie

ANALYSIS OF FAMILY BACKGROUND

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Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: Yvonne McCracken

Date of Birth: 1.4.77

Name of Home: Kerelaw Residential School - Stevenson

Date of admission: 28.5.91

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1) Yvonne to remain at Kerelaw
2) Home leave at weekends - working towards mid-week overnight
3) Yvonne to be returned to Kerelaw should problems arise with home leave

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1. **Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:**

Section 44(1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968 Naming Kerelaw

Any action indicated:

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2. **urrent address/es of:**

(a) **Parents:** Mrs. Ann McCracken (Grandmother) 21a West Kirk Street, Airdrie
Mr. John McCracken (Father) 21 a West Kirk Street, Airdrie
Mrs. McCracken (Mother) 19 Willow Drive, Craigneuk, Airdrie

(b) **Siblings not in care:** [redacted]

(c) **Siblings in care:**

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3. **Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:**

Family situation remains the same

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Ongoing contact by both the writer and Evelyn Russell (Homemaker) with regards to access arrangements.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family None

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)

1) Access arrangements have only recently been re-negotiated due to several breakdowns of home leave when Yvonne has absconded or even failed to go to her Gran's at all. During these times she is believed to have been with her boyfriend in Ardrossan.

2) The main issue with regards to Yvonne at present relates to her being pregnant. Yvonne at the time of her review will be almost 3 months pregnant. Discussions with

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7. Other agencies involved:

Psychological Services - Margaret McKinnon
Ante-natal Clinic

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact, etc.):

Yvonne has intimated that she would eventually like to set up home with John, her current boyfriend. Their relationship to date has been encouraged by self, John Muldoon and Mrs. McCracken as they appear to offer support to each other and certainly at this time seem committed to each other.

However, there are a number of problems surrounding this including the following:-

a) Yvonne is only fifteen years old and will not be 16 years until 1.4.93 after the birth of the baby. She is also still required to attend school.

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Section 6b Continued

Yvonne by the writer, John Muldoon and Yvonne's Grandmother initially centred around advising her of her options and looking at issues surrounding them. From the onset Yvonne has been adamant that she wishes to keep the baby. At this time she appears strongly supported in this decision by her boyfriend, John, who has also taken part in several of the meetings.

Both Yvonne and John appear to be showing a mature attitude about the pregnancy, however, it is the writer's impression that they have no real notion about what having a baby and the ensuing responsibilities will mean in terms of their own lives and development and willneed a good deal of support with this.

At a practical level a central issue that needs to be addressed at the review relates to where Yvonne will be accommodated both during the pregnancy and when the baby is born, keeping in mind that she will still only be fifteen years old and the fact that she is on a residential order.

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b) Yvonne is current subject of a residential order naming Kerelaw School.

c) John will be 16 years in August and eligible to apply for his own tenancy, however, this would be within the Ardrossan area which he claims a wish to leave due to problems with other youths in the area. John would not be eligible to apply for a tenancy in Airdrie which would appear to be the most appropriate area for Yvonne to live due to the support network that already exists there.

d) Yvonne would not be eligible to apply for a tenancy until at least April, 1993.

It would be unrealistic in the short term for the above reasons, for Yvonne and John to set up a tenancy, therefore, an interim care package needs to be implemented. With regards to this the writer would suggest that the following options be discussed at the review.

i) Yvonne remain at Kerelaw until the birth of her baby -:

Yvonne is well known and supported within Kerelaw. She is currently attending the local ante-natal clinic and is registered at the local hospital. Her education could be ongoing in Kerelaw without the trauma of have to move schools particularly given that she is pregnant. Her relationship with John could be easily maintained and also importantly supported and monitored by the professionals around her. Her relationship and access with her family could be maintained in its current form

ii) Yvonne return to her Grandmother's care:-

Since the last review there have been ongoing access problems and this seems related to Yvonne wishing to spend time with John. Access was only recently been re-negotiated so there are issues for Mrs. McCracken as to whether she would be willing or able to cope with Yvonne. This problem could be exacerbated by the distance between Yvonne and John which would make the relationship difficult to access. Whilst Mrs. McCracken will undoubtedly support Yvonne she is ambivalent at present as to the nature of that support i.e. whether she would wish to resume the care of Yvonne at present given past problems and her current condition. There are

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also additional problems such as overcrowding in the home and schooling issues.

iii) Yvonne to be moved to a children's home:-

Whilst such a move could be facilitated there could be problems of access between Yvonne and John and education issues. The writer also feels that the support Yvonne could receive at Kerelaw would outweigh the benefits of such a placement.

iv) Referral to 'The Innocents':-

Whilst this may be viewed as an appropriate option in that Yvonne would be assisted in taking care of herself and preparing for the baby before its birth and afterwards assisted in its care, the writer feels that the kind of regime and requirements of residents would be unacceptable to Yvonne. The nearest location of 'The Innocents' with regares to Airdrie is Bothwell which if such a move were facilitated, would place Yvonne in an unfamiliar locale. There would be difficulties in facilitating access with John and also education issues.

Of the four options the writer would suggest the Yvonne remaining at Kerelaw until at least the birth of the baby is the most logical and appropriate one for the reasons outlined above.

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) Yvonne remain at Kerelaw until at least the birth of the baby.

2) Following the birth of the baby and dependent upon the state of Yvonne's relationship with John and her perceived ability to cope either with setting up her own tenancy or return to her Grandmother's care.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

None

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

Michelle Johnson, Social Worker
[illegible] McCreanor, Senior Social Worker
Margaret McInnes, Senior Social Worker, Chairperson
Ken Rance, Childcare
J. Ross, Minutes

Signed: [signature]

Designation: Social Worker.

Date: 21.7.92

Strathclyde Regional Council

REVIEW PROCEDURE

MICHELLE?

Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM F

Date of Review: 21.7.92

Name of Home: Kerelaw Residential School

Name of Child: Yvonne McCracken Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 28.5.91

Date of Birth: 1.4.77

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

Kerelaw will continue to offer Yvonne a place in Wilson Unit but nearing the time f confinement Kerelaw would be an inappropriate placement for her need.

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

As per Social Worker's Report

Summary of Discussion:

As per attached

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Michelle said the focus had changed since the last Review due to Yvonne's pregnancy and plans would now have to be made for her future. Michelle said she had outlined four options for Yvonne in her report:-

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Minutes of Review Meeting continued

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2) Margaret McInnes to write to Kerelaw outlining reasons for Yvonne staying there.
3) Pre-arranged access to Gran tocontinue.

Date of next review:

29th September, 1992 at 2 p.m.

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Evelyn Russell, Homemaker
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John Muldoon, Keyworker

Mrs. McCracken (Grandmother)
Yvonne McCracken

Chairman of Review Meeting: Margaret McInnes

Designation: SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

Date: 27.8.92

Strathclyde Regional Council

REVIEW PROCEDURE

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Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM F

Date of Review: 29/9/92

Name of Home: Kerelaw Residential School

Name of Child: Yvonne McCracken Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 28/5/91

Date of Birth: 1/4/77

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

As per attached Sheet

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As per Social Worker's Report

Summary of Discussion:

As per attached

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Minutes of Review Meeting continued

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2. To continue to expore other options in Ayrshire and Monklands area.
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5. Michelle to continue to support Mrs McCracken in caring for Yvonne.
6. Children's Panel to be arranged

Date of next review:

8th December 1992 at 2.30pm - Kerelaw

Names and Designations of review panel:

M McInnes	-	Senior Social Worker - Chairperson
J McCreanor	-	Senior Social Worker
M Johnson	-	Social Worker
M McKinnon	-	Psychologist
A Walker	-	Assistant Head, Kerelaw
J Muldoon	-	Key Worker
Mrs McCracken	-	Grandmother
Yvonne McCracken	-	Subject
J MacMillan	-	Minutes

APOLOGIES;

Ken Rance	-	ADO Child Care

Chairman of Review Meeting: Margaret M. Innes

Designation: Senior Social Worker

Date: 7th October 1992

Strathclyde Regional Council

CHILD CARE REVIEW MINUTES - 29/9/92 - YVONNE McCRACKEN

PRESENT:

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APOLOGISES:

K Rance	ADO Child Care

Margaret McInnes opened meeting with introductions and asked Michelle Johnson to give an update from previous Reveiw.

Michelle stated that her main concerns were in finding suitable accommodation for Yvonne given that her baby was expected early in the New Year. Unfortunately, present rules stipulate that pregnant girls may only remain at Kerelaw until the seventh month of their confinement. Although it was argued by social work staff that Yvonne was in fact settled in Kerelaw, that she was preparing for her standard grades, that she had a good relationship with staff and other residents within the Unit, Management within the Unit explained that they were concerned that undue pressure would be put on Yvonne by other girls, in respect of looking after her baby and also the lack of proper resources required in supporting Yvonne in caring for her baby.

Mrs McCracken, Grandmother, readily agreed to Yvonne and the baby living with her although lack of space could be a problem. She stated that Yvonne's father resided with her, therefore Yvonne and the baby would have to share a bedroom with her.

Mrs McCracken further informed that she was in fact awaiting the offer of another tenancy in the Airdrie area, on health grounds, and although a similar sized house would be offered she hoped it would provide her with larger bedrooms. She clearly stated that she would be willing to offer Yvonne support and advice but the actual upbringing of the baby would be Yvonne's responsibility.

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Discussion followed re Yvonne's Educational needs. Reports from teaching staff indicated that she was making good progress and was preparing for her standard grade examinations, also due to the efforts Yvonne was making, she would be able to return to Kerelaw and enter the examinations.

Maragert McInnes stated that the Education Dept, had a legal responsibilty towards Yvonne in ensuring that she be given every opportunity to complete her education.

John Muldoon, Key Worker reported that Yvonne's behaviour was excellent and that she was showing an interest in independent living and intimated that she would like to start cooking her own meals and possibly share a flat within the unit with another girl. However, it was explained that sharing the flat would not be possible, it was agreed that she would be able to start cooking for herself. It was suggested that perhaps Evelynn Russell, Home-maker could assist Yvonne in planning, budgeting and shopping for groceries etc.

Yvonne asked about financial assistance, to enable her to purchase new clothes etc., and was assured that money would be made available to her for her future needs.

DECISIONS:

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Next Review 8th December 1992 at 2.30pm - Kerelaw.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

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FORM F

Date of Review: 2

Name of Home: K

Name of Child:

Date of Admission:

Date of Birth:

Michelle

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Minutes of Review Meeting continued

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Yvonne McCracken

Chairman of Review Meeting: Margaret McInnes

Designation: SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

Date: 27.8.92

Strathclyde Regional Council

REVIEW PROCEDURE

EVELYN

Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM F

Date of Review: 9.1.92

Name of Home: Kerelaw Residential School

Name of Child: Yvonne McCracken Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 28.5.91

Date of Birth: 1.4.77

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

N/A

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

See Social Worker's report.

Summary of Discussion:

As per attached.

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Minutes of Review Meeting continued

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Decisions taken (specifying action to be taken and by whom):

1) Yvonne to remain at Kerelaw
2) Home leave to resume Saturday/Sunday with Yvonne being picked up in Glasgow by mini bus.
3) Yvonne to be returned to Kerelaw immediately if home leave not working out.

Date of next review:

7th April, 2 p.m.

Names and Designations of review panel:

Irene Scullion, Senior Social Worker, Chairperson
Michelle Johnston, Social Worker
Evelyn Russell, Homemaker
Ronnie Campbell, ADO, Child Care
John Muldoon, Keyworker

Apologies Trudy McCartney

Chairman of Review Meeting: .....

Designation: .....

Date: 14/1/92

Strathclyde Regional Council

Irene Scullion, Chairperson, advised this was a three monthly review on Yvonne McCRacken and following introductions she asked Michelle Johnston, Social Worker, to speak to her report.

Michelle said Yvonne's last review had agreed she would remain at Kerelaw with home leave Friday/Sunday with the addition of a mid week overnight on a Wednesday with the condition to attend an I.T. group. The present review should have been looking at increasing home leave, however, two days after last review Yvonne was picked up by the police along with another Kerelaw resident. This girl was charged with being drunk and disorderly . Yvonne said she had taken just as much to drink but had made herself sick so as not to be too drunk. Michelle said during the time she had been on holiday Yvonne had failed to return to her Gran's house following I.T. group and was missing for several days. Home leave was stopped until Michelle's return from holiday. Yvonne refused to say where she had been during this time but a letter written by Yvonne was discovered and seemed to indicate a relationship of a sexual nature with a 21 year old man from Coatbridge. The feeling was that this was where Yvonne had spent her time but she refused to confirm this. Yvonne had admitted her relationship with this man to Trudy McCartney but on being interviewed by FACU she retracted this statement. Michelle said home leave had been reinstated when she returned from holiday, but on an overnight on 9.12.91 Yvonne left her Gran's house that night to visit her Mother, but did not in fact do so. A Christmas access package was set up but this broke down on the first night and Yvonne was missing for three days. She was returned to Kerelaw on Christmas Day but was missing intermittently between 27/29th December, 1991.

Michelle said she had serious concerns that Yvonne was using her home leave merely to gain access to the community. She also expressed grave concerns that Yvonne's sexual activity and the fact that alcohol still appeared to be around.

John Muldoon, Keyworker, Kerelaw, said Yvonne had been doing well but now appears to be going backwards. He reiterated Michelle's concerns about the 21 year old man, Yvonne's 'disappearances' and the level of sexual activity and drinking. He said it had been stressed to Yvonne that she was putting herself at risk with her behaviour. Yvonne had attended a girls group where issues such as relationships, sexuality etc. had been discussed and Yvonne had spoken at the group, but when confronted on a one-to-one basis she just 'blanked out' and refused to discuss or disclose anything. He felt there was a pattern to her absconsions with everything relating to boys. John said she had a good relationship with her peers but she was doing to work in class. The feeling of the meeting was that Yvonne had worked until the last review, got what she wanted, i.e. increased home leave, and having achieved this, thereafter did as she pleased.

Yvonne said she had been happy at Kerelaw, but was not happy now and wanted to go to Cardross. Ronnie Campbell, ADO, Child Care, asured her there was no possibility of her going to Cardross, her placement was at Kerelaw and that was where she would remain.

Mrs. McCracken said she was very concerned about Yvonne's behaviour when on home leave, especially her involvement with the 21 year old man. She said, however, that Yvonne was now 'going' with a boy of 16 who appeared to be very fond of Yvonne.

The feeling was that Mrs. McCracken took most of the responsibility for Yvonne and that Dad was not involved enough, though both Mrs. McCracken and Yvonne said he was around most of the time when she was on home leave.

Following a full discussion it was agreed that Yvonne needed more consistency in her life as at present she tended to play one group against the other. There were also concerns that the problem of Yvonne's sexuality and drinking were not being properly addressed. The meeting agreed to home leave being resumed Saturday/Sunday overnight with an activity, i.e. shopping, outing etc., to be undertaken jointly with Gran and Dad, with dad taking equal responsibility for Yvonne. She would be picked up by mini bus on a Sunday evening in Glasgow to return to Kerelaw. Yvonne was advised that home leave would have to be built up again gradually but at the first sign that things were not working it would be withdrawn immediately.

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Irene Scullion raised the issue of parental contributions with Mr. McCracken. Mr. McCracken stated he had no income at present and he had given up work and had been debarred from claiming benefit. Irene Scullion reminded Mr. McCracken that when he re-commenced work he would be liable for contributions and advised that Michelle would complete the appropriate form with him.

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If phoning or calling ask for

Date 24 December 1991

Dear Sir/Madam

Subject: Child Care Review

Child Yvonne McCracken Date of Birth 1.4.77

Home Kerelaw Residential School

It is proposed to hold a Child Care Review on the above-child.

Date 9.1.92 Time 11.00am

Place Kerelaw Residential School, Stevenston

I would be grateful if you could attend and inform me as soon as possible if otherwise.

Yours faithfully

pp. G. Shanks

G E Pennell, (Mr)
Area Manager

REPLY TO THE SOCIAL FUND INSPECTOR

A

Surname: McCRACKEN MISS

First Names: YVONNE

OSF1 Ref. No. 271 221508

I have received the papers you sent me.

TICK ONE BOX ONLY

I have nothing to add. ☐

I want the Inspector to know about the following:- ☐

use other side if necessary

Your Signature:

Date:

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Airdrie
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Your Reference MJ/JR
2711/158994

Our Reference IRS/2711/221508

Date of Issue 17/11/93



Dear M/s Johnson

APPLICATION FOR REVIEW BY A SOCIAL FUND INSPECTOR
FOR MISS YVONNE MCCRACKEN

On 12/11/93 you asked for a Social Fund Inspector to review the decision on Miss McCracken's Social Fund application.

I enclose a copy of papers from Miss McCracken's social security office. These are yours to keep. Please read them to make sure the information is correct and that nothing is missing.

You do not have to comment on these papers but *it is very important that the Inspector knows about everything which may have a bearing on your case. So you should write and let me know if:*

- anything said in the papers is wrong;

- anything important is missing;

- there is anything else you think the Inspector should know.

You can use the enclosed form A to do this.

At the end of two weeks from the date of this letter or sooner if you reply, I will pass the case to the Inspector. The Inspectors deal with applications in the order they arrive here and it will probably be about 5 weeks before you get a decision.

When the Inspector looks at your application he will check that it:

- was made in the proper way; and

- is about a decision he can review.

If everything is in order he will begin his review.

If I receive any further information about the case I will send you a copy. I will also send a copy of any further information you provide to the Social Fund Officer. In this way you will both be kept informed.

Please let me know straightaway if:

- you change your address;

- you decide that you do not want the review to go ahead;

- there are any other changes of circumstances.

As you are dealing with this application for review, we will write to you about the case from now on. You will need to keep Miss McCracken informed and let her know the outcome.

Yours sincerely

Mr IG Lewis

Part A

To the
Social Fund Inspectors

Reference number **SF**

2711	158994.

National Insurance number

PN	45	59	96	.

Name of applicant

YVONNE MCRACKEN.

Request for review - papers attached

We are sending these Social Fund papers to you because

☑ the applicant asked for a review on 12/11/93.

☐ we have taken the action you suggested.

Please see our report of / /

Signature

Agbsan.

Date

15/11/93

Social Fund officer

AIRDRIE AO/ILO

SF 624

PART 1 About you and your partner

Form **SF300**

If you find it difficult to fill in this form
you can ask someone else to do it for you.
But please sign the form yourself if you can.

If you are filling in this form for someone else
please tell us about them all the way through the form.
Normally they should sign the form for themselves.
But **Part 8** will explain who should sign the form.

OFFICE USE

Date of micro input	Initials
/ /	
Type CCG ☐ BL ☐ Dual ☐	Application Number

	Please tell us about yourself	YOUR PARTNER Please tell us about your partner if you have one We use partner to mean a person you are married to or a person you live with as if you are married to them.
Surname	Mccracken	
Other names	Yvonne	
Title	Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Miss	Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms
Date of birth	01 / 04 / 77	/ /
Address	21(a) West Kirk St Kirdie	
Postcode	ML6 0AX	
How long at this address?	Since 10-12-92	
Daytime phone number This may help us to deal with your application more quickly. But you do not have to tell us your phone number if you do not want to.	0236-766308.	

PART 1 About you and your partner — continued

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If you, or your partner, are getting Income Support please tell us the reference number.
You can find it on the order book or on letters from us about Income Support.

~~PW 55 99 6A~~
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National Insurance (NI) number
You can find this on

- payslips
- letters from the Inland Revenue
- letters from your Social Security office
- your National Insurance numbercard.

	YOUR PARTNER
Letters	P W
Numbers	4 5
	5 9
	9 6
Letter	A
Letters	
Numbers	
Letter	

Are you, or your partner, away from work because of a strike?
Tick **Yes** if this is because of

- a walkout
- a lockout
- another dispute about work.

No ☒

Yes ☐ You cannot get a Loan but you may be able to get a Grant.

No ☐

Yes ☐ You cannot get a Loan but you may be able to get a Grant.

PART 2 More information about you

Is th anyone else who we could ask for more info. tion about you. This might be a
- **soci! worker**

or • **a probation officer**

or • **someone else who is helping you with your affairs.**

Please tick **Yes** if any of these applies to your partner.

No ☐ This will not make any difference to your application

Yes ☑ Do you agree that we can ask them for information? **No** ☐
This information may help us to make a decision about your application. **Yes** ☑ Please tell us about them

Name: Michelle Johnson

Address: Social work dept
Airdrie Area Team
Wadell St

Postcode:

RECEIVED
22 SEP 1993

Daytime phone number: 0236-76026 3 ext.

Are you moving to a new address?

No ☐

Yes ☑ Please tell us your new address here – if you know it

38 Whinhall Avenue
Whinhall
Airdrie

Postcode:

When are you moving?
If you do not know the date yet just write **Don't know.**

8 / 10 / 93 Approx

Have you or your partner applied for any of the following before
- **a Grant from the Social Fund**
- **a Loan from the Social Fund?**

No ☑

Yes ☐ Please tell us about the last application that was made.
If you do not have this information it will not make a difference to your claim.

Who applied before?

When was the application made? / /

Which Social Security office dealt with the application?

What was the reference number?
You can find it on letters about the application.

PART 3 Are you applying for a Grant or a Loan?

Please tell us if you are applying for a Grant or a Loan, by ticking the box.

Grant ☑
This is money which you do not have to pay back except in very exceptional circumstances.

Loan ☐
This is money from the Social Fund which you have to pay back.

Are you applying for both?

No ☐
Yes ☐

PART 4 About savings

Do you have more than £500 in savings?
If you have a partner, count any savings they have.
We use savings to mean things like

- money in a bank account or a building society account
- National Savings Certificates
- Premium Bonds
- shares, unit trusts and other investments
- any other money you have saved or are keeping at home.

No ☑
Yes ☐ How much are these savings worth altogether? £

If you have savings of more than £500, this will make some difference to the amount of money you can get.
But if you or your partner are over 60, your savings will only make a difference if you have more than £1,000 altogether.

PART 5 What you need the money for

Please tell us about what you need.

For example, you might need a cooker, a bed, blankets and sheets, a washing machine, money to pay for redecoration in your home, clothes, money to get gas and electricity connected, removal expenses, money to pay for visiting someone in hospital *or other things that are not on this list.*

Please tell us why you need the money. This will help us deal with your application more quickly.

There may be special reasons why you need the item you have asked for. For example, health problems. If you are asking for a replacement item, we need to know what happened to the old one.

What do you need?	Why do you need it?	What is the cost?
cooker	I do not have this item	£250-00 ✓
3 piece Suite	" " " "	£350-00
2 beds	" " " "	£130 £80 ✓ ✓
Bedding	" " " "	£50-00
Carpets x 3 + Hall	" " " " 6"5 x1/5"4 x 2 hall.	£320 ✓
Washing Machine	" " " "	£250-
Fridge	" " " "	£100-00
curtains	" " " "	£150-00
Wall paper/paint	" " " "	£100-00
Pots/pans	" " " "	£50-00
towels	" " " "	£20-00
Wardrobe	" " " "	£50-00
chest of drawers	" " " "	£50-00
cutlery (dozen	" " " "	£30-00
		(960) 1990

PART 6 Why you need help

A **Do you need help because you are moving?**
This might mean that a Grant or a Loan would help you to move out of places like

- hospital
- prison
- local authority care
- hostel for homeless people
- your own home to a new home of your own.

No ☐ Please go to question **B** at the top of the next page.

Yes ☑ Please tell us why you are moving.
This might be because

- of difficult problems in your home now
- you are moving to a place where a warden visits you to make sure you are well. This is often called sheltered accommodation
- you are moving to a ground floor flat because you cannot manage stairs any longer
- you are moving out of a hospital, or a hostel, or a prison to a home of your own.

These are just examples – you may want to tell us about another reason why you are moving.

This information will help us to make a decision about your application.

I left care on 14/12/92 I have been here approx 2 years. I moved out of care to live with my grandmother who has health problems. I have since given birth to my son aged 7 months. The house is overcrowded my sister has also been staying ~~for~~ with us because of her health problem

Are you applying for help with removal expenses?

No ☑

Yes ☐ If you send in 2 written estimates it will help us to make a decision quickly. But do not tell any removal company that you want them to do the work, until you know if you can have some money.

Are you moving out of care?
This might mean moving out of places like

- hospital
- prison
- local authority care.

No ☐

Yes ☐ How long have you been there?

I was in care for 2 years until 14/12/92

When are you leaving?
If you do not know yet – just write **Don't know**

/ /

Please tick the type of place your new address will be

parent's home ☐
friend's or relative's home ☐
your own home that you are returning to ☐
unfurnished flat or house ☐
furnished flat or house which you rent ☐
board and lodgings where you pay money to someone for your room and food ☐
hostel ☐
other ☐ please tell us about it

B **Do you need help because someone is moving out of care to live with you?**

This might mean that a Grant or a Loan would help you so that someone can move out of care in places like

- hospital
- prison
- local authority care.

These are just examples – you may want to tell us that someone is moving out of care from somewhere else.

No ☑ Please go to question **C**.

Yes ☐ What is the name of the person moving out of care?

When are they leaving? / /

What is their date of birth? / /

What is their relationship to you?

What type of place have they been staying at?

How long have they been there?

C **Do you need help because you or a member of your family might have to go into care if you do not get any help?**

We use the word care to mean places like

- hospitals and nursing homes
- old people's homes
- residential care homes.

No ☐

Yes ☑ Please tell us why you need help.

The Social Fund officer has to look at the needs of all the people who are applying before deciding which needs can be met from the money available in the Social Fund.

Some groups of people are more likely to get a Community Care Grant than others.

These include

- elderly people
- mentally handicapped people
- mentally ill people
- physically disabled people
- chronically sick people
- terminally ill people.

If I cannot provide a stable home for my son he might be taken into care.

Will you still live in your present home?

No ☑ Please go to question **D** at the top of the next page.

Yes ☐ Please tell us how a Community Care Grant might help you to stay in your own home.

D Do you need help with travelling expenses?

This might mean that a Grant or a Loan would help you to travel to

- a relative's funeral
- visit someone who is very ill
- your permanent home.

These are just examples – you may want to tell us that you want to travel for another reason.

But if you need help to pay for travelling to hospital for treatment for yourself, please fill in form **AG1**. Ask for it at your Social Security office.

No ☑ Please go to question **E**.

Yes ☐ Please tick the reason you need help

to go to a relative's funeral ☐

to visit someone who is very ill ☐

to get back to your permanent home ☐

to get to a new home ☐

to visit your child who is being looked after by their other parent and custody has not been decided yet ☐

to make a journey because of a domestic crisis ☐

to make a journey for another reason that is not on this list. Please tell us the reason below. ☐

Where is the journey from?

Where is the journey to?

How will you travel?

How many journeys do you need to make?

When will you make the journeys?

How much will each journey cost to get there and back? £

E Do you need help because you are in a family that is having very difficult problems?

For example, difficult problems might be because of

- illness or disability
- a death in your family
- a relationship that has just ended
- violence
- mental illness or mental handicap
- homelessness
- a family crisis.

These are just examples – you may want to tell us about different problems that you are having that are not on this list.

No ☐ Please go to question **F** at the top of the next page.

Yes ☑ Please tell us why things are very difficult and how the money would help.

Please give us as much information as you can, to help us to make a decision about your application.

I moved back in with my grandmother after 2 years of living in care. She suffers from ill-health and has trouble coping with me and my young son. The situation is exacerbated as both my older sister is seriously ill and has also been staying with us

F **Do you need help because someone needs your care and support?**

For example the person who needs your care and support might be
- someone who is old
- someone who is ill or disabled
- someone who has a mental illness or handicap.

No ☑ Please go to question **G**.

Yes ☐ What is their name?

What is their address?

Postcode

What is their relationship to you?

G **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?**

Please use this space to tell us anything else you think we might need to know, to help us to make a decision about your application.

As I have already stated I was in local authority care on a compulsory basis under section 44(1)(B) of the Social work (Scotland) Act 1968. I was discharged ~~from~~ on 14/12/92 and my Order was changed to a 44(1)(A) home supervision Order stating that I live with my grandmother. I have a social worker who visits regularly. My grandmother suffers from health problems including arthritis in her neck/spine knees and hands as well as having angina. She has difficulty in coping with my son and I in the house due to ill-health. My older sister is also receiving ill with sclerosis of the liver. When not in hospital she has been staying with. Notwithstanding the above we are already overcrowded. It was for these reasons I needed to seek a tenancy of my own. I will need a lot of support to maintain my son and myself in our own home.

PART 7 About the money you have to pay out

Please fill in the table below to tell us about the money you have to pay out.
If you have a partner, please count any money they have to pay out as well.

This information will help us to understand your situation. It will also help us to work out how much money you can pay back each week if you get a Loan.

	Who do you pay the money to?	How much are you paying?
Catalogue money		£ every
Hire Purchase or Credit sales		£ every
Deductions from benefit for things like gas or electricity		£ every
Bank loans or other loans		£ every
Community Charge arrears that you have not been able to pay		£ every
Water rates arrears that you have not been able to pay		£ every
Overdrafts		£ every
Any fuel bills that you have not been able to pay		£ every
Credit cards		£ every
Rent arrears		£ every
Mortgage payment arrears that you have not been able to pay		£ every
Fines		£ every
Any other money you have to pay out		£ every

There are people at your Social Security office who have had training to help people to manage their money. Would you like to talk to someone at your Social Security office, to get advice about managing your money?

No ☐

Yes ☐ We will get in touch with you to arrange an appointment.

PART 8 For people who have filled in this form for someone else

H rou filled in this form for **someone else?**

No ☑ Please go to **Part 9**.

Yes ☐ Please tick why you are filling in this form for someone else.

☐ **The Department of Social Security has already appointed me to get their benefits and to deal with their letters from Social Security**
Please tell us your name and address below and sign the form in **Part 9**.

☐ **I have power of attorney for them**
Normally you get power of attorney for someone by going to court or seeing a solicitor.
Please tell us your name and address below and sign the form in **Part 9**.

☐ **Neither of these descriptions apply to me**
We do not need to know your name and address.
Please do not sign the form. Ask the person you have told us about in this form to sign it in **Part 9**.
But please talk to someone at your Social Security office, if the person you have told us about in this form cannot sign it because

- they are too sick
- they are too physically disabled
- they are too mentally ill or disabled.

Name

Address

Postcode

Daytime phone number
This may help us to deal with the application more quickly. But you do not have to tell us your phone number if you do not want to.

PART 9 Declaration

PART 9

I understand
that if I give information that is incorrect or incomplete, action may be taken against me.

I declare
that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete.

Please tick

This is my application for a payment from the Social Fund ☐

This is my application for a payment from the Social Fund for someone else who is named in **Part 1** of the form ☐

Signature

Yvonne Mcvarken

Date

21 / 07 / 93

PART 10 What to do now

PART 10

1 Check that you have answered all the questions on this form that apply to you. And check that you have signed this form.

2 Take this form or send it to your Social Security office. The address is in the phone book under SOCIAL SECURITY or BENEFITS AGENCY.

If you did not get an envelope with this form, you can get one from your local post office. It does not need a stamp.

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Social Fund Decision form

SF 904

NI number P W 45 59 96 A

Surname MCCRACKEN

Other names YVONNE

Reference number 271 158994

Date of application 22 09 93

Micro details	Community Care Grant	Budgeting Loan	Crisis Loan
Application number	3		
Client group code	07		
Purpose code	01		
Amount applied for	£1990	£	£
Qualifying benefit	IS		
Original decision date	22 9 93		
Method of clearance	P		
Amount awarded	£ Nil	£	£
Decision code	2		
Reason for decision codes	~~71~~ 29		
Staged payments			
Weekly rate of repayment		£	£
Source of repayment code			
Frequency of repayment			
Other benefit office code			
Final decision code			
Date of final decision			
Deferral date			
Deferral date			
Deferral date			
Reason for deferral code			

Micro input by Initials	Date	Offer issued Initials	Date	P input Initials	Date	Checked by Initials	Date
HM	28.9.93						

Payment details

	Initials	Date
Determination prepared		

	£ G/W/C
Amount	
Code	
Authorised signature	
Payment number	

	Initials	Date
Prepared by		
Checked by		
Test check		

Notes

Ability to repay

Total available weekly income: £56.05

Commitments:

Total weekly commitments: £

Available weekly income		rate of repayment		weekly repayment		number of weeks		Total
£56.05	x	15 %	=	£ 8.41	x	73	=	£655.97

	Customer	Partner
Amount still owing	£	£
Weeks left to repay		

Special circumstances Rescheduling:

Existing debt to be repaid on		Weeks left to repay	
Amount of new loan being considered	£	Weeks to repay	
		Total weeks to repay	

Decision

Summary of facts (including relevant budget information)

The customer is a 16 year old lone parent with a 7 month old son. She is in receipt of income support since 15/4/93.
She has requested a grant £1990 in respect of household items because she has been awarded tenancy of an unfurnished council dwelling house.
Customer spent 2 years in care until Dec 92 prior she was discharged under Section 44(1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act when it was decided she had to live with her gran. Her gran suffers from arthritis and angina and it is difficult for customer to care for her child. Moreover her 15 year old sister is living with her gran because she is seeing all of her time in hospital. Seeing her sister plays a great deal of her own because of overcrowding. She has to seek a home if her own because of overcrowding. She has to seek a home if her own because of overcrowding. Advised that she will continue to need support when she moves into her own home.

Decision report

1) Section 4 a.i) In my opinion the customer is not re-establishing in the community following a period in care. She was in care for 2 years until 14/12/92 when she was discharged into her grandmother's care. Customer was pregnant whilst in care & left after a period of 9 months in my opinion she is now fully integrated into society.
1) Sect 4 a.ii) I do not consider 4 a.ii) is applicable because of gran & Social Work's lack of doubt to release her from care until after she was 16 years of age & pregnant.
1) Sect 4 a.iii) I accept exceptional circumstances because of the a) Overcrowding b) gran's ill health c) sister's health when at home
1) Customer age as vulnerable
Notwithstanding the above I consider Sect 4a is applicable because the local office budget cannot sustain awards in excess of crisis grant awards & there is no reason to make the payment of the application.

Decision report - continued

Decision made by Social Fund officer	Date
	22 9 97

Notes

HEO test check Signature	Date

Details

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REVIEW

Strathclyde Regional Council
Social Work Department

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Strathclyde
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A nuclear-free zone authority
An equal opportunities authority

Social Fund,
Benefits & Contributions Agency,
Graham Street,
AIRDRIE.

10.30
THIS?

Our Ref: MJ/JR
Your Ref:
Date: 29 September 1993

158994

RECEIVED
5 - OCT 1993
27.11

Dear Sir,

Subject:- Community Care Grant Application of Yvonne McCracken Ref:

I act on behalf of the above named and would like to request a review of your decision not to award a grant in this instance.

In support of this I would offer the following information:-

(1) Yvonne had been in care for over two years this was on a compulsory residential supervision order Section 44 (1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 because of problem behaviour.

(2) She was discharged from the residential establishment on 14.12.92 into her grandmothers care primarily because she was pregnant and the residential school deemed it appropriate for the needs of a mother and child.

(3) Yvonne is still subject of compulsory measures of care in terms of a home supervision order Section 44 (1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. She is visited regularly by the writer in order to monitor and support the situation. As such she is still within the child-care system and theoretically could be received back into care should the situation deteriorate.

(4) Yvonne sought her own tenancy for a number of reasons not least of which is the current overcrowding within the home. At present she shares a very small room with her son. This had led to pressures in the relationship with her grandmother and increased Yvonne's wish to have her own independent home.

The home situation is further exacerbated by her grandmother's ill-health which includes arthritis of most of her joints and also more recently Yvonne's older sister Margaret Ann moving in the them due to her serious ill-health and need for care.

(5) Yvonne has had a troublesome background and there has been concerns as to how she would manage to care for her own child sufficiently to prevent him being received into care. She has received support from her grandmother in the past and from this department. To date she has managed well, however, this will be severely put to the test when she moves. Yvonne will be given intensive support from this department, however, in order for there to be a good chance of success in integrating them both into functioning independently in the community it is felt that the pressures need to be minimised. The financial/material aspects of setting up a first time home are obvious initial severe pressures for anyone but in particular with vulnerable young people especially given Yvonne's single parent status. It is hoped that should this pressure be resolved ie by awarding a grant, that would allow her to set up home, then she would be more able to deal with other aspects of a tenancy and caring for a young child and that this would significantly reduce the chance of both herself and her son being received into care.

I hope that you will treat this review with urgency should you have any further queries please contact either myself or my colleague Pauline Jones at the above office.

Yours faithfully,

Michelle Johnson.

Michelle Johnson
Social Worker.

Written on behalf of Yvonne McCracken.
Yvonne McCracken

C/o 21A West Kirk St,
Airdrie
14.10.93.

I hereby authorise Pauline Jones Homemaker at Waddell St Social Work dept to act on my behalf regarding providing information and recieving information re my application for community care grant.

Signed. Yvonne McCracken

SF 600

Record of Social Fund interview

Reference number	2711/158994	Application number	
Surname	MCCRACKEN		
Other names	YVONNE		
Date of SF application	22 9 93	SF decision	22 9 93

Pauline Jones (manager) called to see if Yvonne [illegible] because she is unwell today.

Yvonne has been in care in the past for abt 3 years until Dec 92. She was placed in care because she had behavioural problems which her parents were not controlling. She was discharged into her grandparents care under Section 44 of the Social Work (Scot) Act. Yvonne was pregnant on discharge & her baby was born in March 93.

The grandparents have 2 children of their own. Yvonne & her child had their own bedroom. About 7/8 months ago her sister Margaret moved into the grandparents home & is currently helping out & assisting with looking after herself. She has been in/out of hospital since Jan 93 & is living with an aunt at present. She might return to grandparents home. When Margaret is there Yvonne & her child share the grandparents bedroom.

Her child is in good health. She is undergoing tests at present for deafness in her left ear. Yvonne is also in good health. Her grandparents suffer from nerves & anxiety & is worried about Margaret's health at present. She may probably return to the grandparents home shortly. Until now her grandparents have been able to cope with Yvonne & child, but is under a great deal of stress at present. Margaret goes out by herself for 2 days. Yvonne's aunt (Aunt Jean) is helping out in the home until she returns to the community psychiatric nurse. As she is outside the scope of Section 44 of the Act she is not for us to assist other than to say "we care".

In my opinion return to care is a possibility & grandparents health problem.

Please turn over

continued

Any cash should be made payable to Social Fund Dept
Crewe Fund and sent Wardell Street Social Work Dept
for the attention of myself c/o Mr Jones.

- Please strike through any unused space on this form.

Declaration

- The Social Fund officer has read back this record of the interview and has explained to me the decision on my Social Fund application.
- I am satisfied that everything has been written down on this sheet and on continuation sheet number _____ and that this record accurately reflects the interview.
- The Social Fund officer has also explained to me that the decision will be looked at again. If the decision cannot be changed completely in my favour, the case will be referred to a higher grade Social Fund officer.
  I understand that if I do not agree with the higher grade Social Fund officer's decision, I can ask for it to be reviewed by a Social Fund inspector.

Signature of applicant: Patricia Jones.

Date: 16/10/97

- I have interviewed the applicant in accordance with Direction 34.
- This record accurately reflects the interview.

Signature of SFO:

Date: 16/10/97

- Record of the interview is continued on sheet number _____

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SF 604 — Review of SFO decision

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Surname: McCRACKEN

Other names: YVONNE

Date of original SFO decision: 22/9/93.

Date of review application: 05/10/93.

1 **Confirm that this application is a matter for the SFO** ☑

2 **Confirm that the review application is properly made**

- ☑ Application within time or there are special reasons for the delay
- ☑ Applicant has given reasons for the application
- ☑ Applicant has signed or consented to the application

If all three boxes can be ticked, go to 3

If all three boxes cannot be ticked, pass to HEO(SF)

- ☐ HEO(SF) decides that the application is properly made. Go to 3
- ☐ HEO(SF) confirms that the application is not properly made

3 **Input date of review application**

4 **Consider whether the decision can be changed at this stage**

Can the decision be changed wholly in the applicant's favour?

- No ☑ Arrange an interview
- Yes ☐ Revise the decision. Go to 6

Did the applicant attend the interview?

- No ☐ Go to 5
- Yes ☑ Go to next question

After the interview, can the decision be changed wholly in the applicant's favour?

- No ☑ Go to 5
- Yes ☐ Revise the decision. Go to 6

5 **Pass to HEO(SF)**

Note any points for the attention of the HEO(SF) at 6

Signature: Agibson

Social Fund Officer

Date: 15/10/93.

SF

SF 604 Review of SFO decision

Surname

Other names

Date of original SFO decision / /

Date of review application / /

1 Confirm that this application is a matter for the SFO ☐

2 Confirm that the review application is properly made

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☐ Applicant has given reasons for the application

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If all three boxes can be ticked, go to 3

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☐ HEO(SF) confirms that the application is not properly made

3 Input date of review application

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No ☐ Arrange an interview

Yes ☐ Revise the decision. Go to 6

Did the applicant attend the interview?

No ☐ Go to 5

Yes ☐ Go to next question

After the interview, can the decision be changed wholly in the applicant's favour?

No ☐ Go to 5

Yes ☐ Revise the decision. Go to 6

5 Pass to HEO(SF)

Note any points for the attention of the HEO(SF) at 6

Signature

Social Fund Officer

Date / /

Review decision

I substitute this decision for the original decision

Input to micro

Review result ▷ 09

Amount originally awarded £ 0·00

Revised amount awarded £

Type of SF payment
- ☐ Budgeting Loan
- ☑ Community Care Grant
- ☐ Crisis Loan

Reasons for decision Direction 4(a)(iii) Satisfied Direction 10 priority todays. 29

Amount repayable £

Amount not repayable £

Payment by instalments Y or N

Incorrect payment £

Balance to pay to applicant £ ▶ transfer to SF 14 adding on any refund due to applicant

Signature [redacted]
Social Fund Officer

Date 15/10/93.

Review of SFO decision

Other action

Input to micro

For revised repayment terms see SF 504 dated / /

Method of clearance

- ☐ Post
- ☐ Interview
- ☐ Visit
- ☐ Loan offer accepted

P I V ☐

Input date to micro ► / /

Is money advice needed?

No ☐

Yes ☐ Make referral

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SF

SF 614 — 2711 | 158994 | 3 — Review of SFO decision by HEO(SF)

Surname: MCCRACKEN

Other names: YVONNE

Date of original SFO decision: 22 9 93

Date of review application: 5 / 10 / 93

A To HEO(SF)

- ☐ to decide whether the application has been properly made. Complete part B only — From SFO Initials: ____ / /
- ☐ to review the original decision. Go to part C — From SFO Initials: ____ / /
- ☑ to continue review of decision. Go to part D — From SFO Initials: AG 15 / 10 / 93

B Decide whether the review application has been properly made

Explain if necessary

_____

_____

- ☐ Application within time or good reasons for the delay
- ☐ Applicant has given reasons for the application
- ☐ Applicant has signed or consented to the application

If all three boxes have been ticked

☐ The application has been properly made ► Pass to SFO to continue action

If all three boxes have not been ticked

☐ The application has not been properly made ► Send letter to applicant

Signature

HEO(SF)

Date / /

C Consider whether there is enough evidence to review the decision

- ☑ Further evidence not required ► Turn over to review the decision
- ☐ Further evidence required ► Explain below and pass to SFO

_____

_____

_____

HEO(SF) Initials: [illegible] 19 / 10 / 93

Review decision

☐ I confirm the original decision

☑ I substitute this decision for the original decision

[redacted]

Amount originally awarded [redacted]

Type of SF payment ☐ [redacted]
☐ [redacted]
☐ [redacted]

Reasons for decision [redacted]

[redacted] repayable £480 —

Amount not repayable £ —

Payment by instalments Y or N —

Incorrect payment £ —

Balance to ~~pay~~ to applicant £480 — ▸ transfer to SF 14 adding on any refund due to applicant

Signature HEO(SF) [signature]

Date 19/10/97

Review of SFO decision by HEO(SF)

Other action

Input to micro

AG 20/10/93

For revised repayment terms see SF 504 dated / /

Method of clearance

- ☐ Post
- ☐ Interview
- ☐ Visit — PIV ☐
- ☐ Loan offer accepted — Input date to micro ► / /

Is money advice needed?

No ☐

Yes ☐ Make referral

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Social Fund

reference number 2711 / 158994

Notes Budgeting Loan Counter Payment
Please Split Giros 2 @ £240.00

Pay £480.00	Benefit code 461	Forms sent	Determination prepared by [illegible] on 1.11.93
by Giro ☑ Warrant ☐ Voucher ☐ Cash ☐			Payment authorised [illegible] LO1/SFO Date 1/11/93
Giro number 471,472	Warrant number	prepared by [illegible] on 1/11/93	Test check
Voucher number	Cash (form)	checked by [illegible] on 1/11/93	
Further action			

Notes			
Pay £	Benefit code	Forms sent	Determination prepared by on
by Giro ☐ Warrant ☐ Voucher ☐ Cash ☐			Payment authorised LO1/SFO Date / /
Giro number	Warrant number	prepared by on	Test check
Voucher number	Cash (form)	checked by on	
Further action			

SF 14

Notes

Pay £	Benefit code	Forms sent	Determination prepared by on
by Giro ☐ Warrant ☐ Voucher ☐ Cash ☐			Payment authorised LO1/SFO Date / /

Giro number	Warrant number	prepared by on	Test check
Voucher number	Cash (form)	checked by on	

Further action

Notes

Pay £	Benefit code	Forms sent	Determination prepared by on
by Giro ☐ Warrant ☐ Voucher ☐ Cash ☐			Payment authorised LO1/SFO Date / /

Giro number	Warrant number	prepared by on	Test check
Voucher number	Cash (form)	checked by on	

Further action

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MISS Y MCCRACKEN
21 A WEST KIRK STREET
AIRDRIE

ML6 0BX

Please ask for this extension if you phone us TEL:(0236) 69366

Your reference number is 2711/158994

Your Social Fund number is 5

Please tell us these numbers If you write to us or phone us about your Social Fund application.

Date 20/10/93

Your application for a Budgeting Loan

[redacted]

Signature Yvonne MCracken

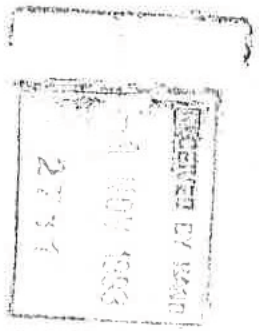
Date 1/11/93

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Date 1/11/93



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Social Fund Inspector,
Benefits & Contributions Agency,
Graham Street,
AIRDRIE.

Our Ref: MJ/JR
Your Ref:
Date: 2 November 1993

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SOCIAL FUND - COATBRIDGE DISTRICT
AIMS AND PRIORITIES

COMMUNITY CARE GRANTS

ANNUAL BUDGET £825266

The main aim of Community Care Grants is to help people to live as independent a life as possible in the community, and to ensure that as many people as possible may do so. In considering whether a Community Care Grant may be awarded, the Social Fund Officer must be satisfied that one or more of the provisions of Secretary of State's Direction 4 are met. This Direction states that:-

"Subject to directions 25 and 26, a social fund payment may be awarded to promote community care -

(a) by assisting an applicant with expenses, including expenses of travel within the United Kingdom (except those excluded by these directions) where such assistance will -

(i) help that person, or a member of his family to re-establish himself in the community following a stay in institutional or residential care; or

(ii) help that person, or a member of his family, to remain in the community, rather than enter institutional or residential care; or

(iii) ease exceptional pressures on that person and his family; or

(iv) allow the applicant or his partner to care for a prisoner or young offender on home leave; or

(b) by assisting an applicant or member of his family with expenses of travel within the united Kingdom in order to -

(i) visit someone who is ill; or

(ii) attend a relative's funeral; or

(iii) ease a domestic crisis; or

(iv) visit a child who is with the other parent pending a court decision; or

(v) move to suitable accommodation

In considering an application for a Community Care Grant, the Social Fund Officer must consider the guidance of the Secretary of State and the Area Social Fund Office when deciding the priority of an application. However this guidance is not binding on the Social Fund

Officer, and it is only one of the factors to be considered in reaching a decision. This guidance cannot be expected to cover every situation that will arise. In deciding the overall priority of an application, Social Fund Officers must, using their discretion, consider every application on its merits and have particular regard to the individual circumstances of the application and the need for the item of service. Social Fund Officers should consider raising the level of priority where the needs of the applicant and the circumstances of the application warrant it.

THE FOLLOWING ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE PRIORITY CATEGORIES. IT IS EMPHASISED THAT THESE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE SITUATIONS WHICH MAY ARISE, THE SOCIAL FUND OFFICER SHOULD ALWAYS USE HIS DISCRETION IN DECIDING THE MERITS OF AN APPLICATION WHEN DECIDING THE PRIORITY TO BE ALLOCATED.

HIGH PRIORITY might be given in the following circumstances -

(1) Where the Social Fund Officer considers that a grant would help someone to re-establish in the community following a prolonged period in hospital, prison, or other institutional or residential care. (The length of time spent outwith the community and the nature and stability of the accommodation the applicant is to live in may be factors in assessing the priority allocated).

(2) Where the Social Fund Officer considers that there is a risk, either short-term or long-term, of someone being unable to continue living independently in the community, and a grant for the requested item(s) would remove or reduce that risk.

(3) Where the Social Fund Officer considers that the effects of a disaster (eg serious fire or flood) had placed exceptional pressures on a family, and a grant for the requested item(s) would ease those pressures.

MEDIUM PRIORITY may be given in the following circumstances

1) Where following the breakdown of a relationship, the Social Fund Officer considers that there is exceptional pressure on the family at the previous address involving serious domestic violence, and where a grant would assist the family to set up home in another area.

(2) To provide certain essential travelling expenses eg fares to visit critically ill relatives/dependent children.

Fares to make periodic visits to patients in long-stay hospitals where applicant is a close relative or sole visitor to the patient.

(3) Where exceptional pressures existed at the previous home due to serious overcrowding, and a grant would assist the family in setting up in suitable accommodation.

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(4) Where a person is re-establishing in the community following a period in residential or institutional care, and is returning to a stable home situation (eg returning to the parental home following a stay in prison).

LOW PRIORITY may be given in the following circumstances

(1) Fares to visit a patient in hospital who is not seriously ill or a close relative, and who is receiving regular visitors.

Note

Social fund payments are discretionary and the absence of directions or guidance applying to a particular item, service or expenses requested in a given application does not mean that help should be refused.

To enable the district to comply with Secretary of State's Directions 40 and 42, it is considered that the budget can normally sustain payment for High Priority situations, examples of which have been previously described, and for cookers, beds and the initial supply of bedding.

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SOCIAL FUND - COATBRIDGE DISTRICT
AIMS AND PRIORITIES

CRISIS LOANS/BUDGETING LOANS

ANNUAL BUDGET £2139315

(1) CRISIS LOANS

Crisis Loans are intended for applicants who are unable to meet their immediate short term needs either in an emergency or as a consequence of a disaster, provided that a Crisis Loan is the only means of avoiding serious damage or risk to the health or safety of the applicant or a member of his family.

A Crisis Loan can also be paid for rent in advance where a person is leaving institutional or residential care and a Community Care Grant is being awarded to help that person to return to the community. The health and safety conditions do not apply to this type of application.

Crisis Loans will usually be assigned high priority.

In considering any application for a Crisis Loan, the Social Fund Officer must have regard to the provisions of Secretary of State's Direction 3 which states;

> "Subject to directions 14, 16, and 17, a social fund payment may be awarded to assist an applicant to meet expenses (except those excluded by these directions).
>
> (a) in an emergency, or as a consequence of a disaster, provided that the provision of such assistance is the only means by which serious damage or serious risk to health or safety of that person, or to a member of his family, may be prevented; or
>
> (b) where the expenses are rent in advance payable to a landlord who is not a local authority and a social fund payment is being awarded under Direction 4(a)(i)".

(2) BUDGETING LOANS

Budgeting Loans from the social fund are intended to help claimants in receipt of Income Support to spread large one-off expenses over a longer period. In considering any application for a Budgeting Loan, the Social Fund Officer must have regard to the provisions of Secretary of State's Direction 2 which states:-

> "Subject to direction 8, a social fund payment may be awarded to assist an applicant to meet important intermittent expenses (except those excluded by these directions) for which it may be difficult to budget".

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GUIDANCE ON PRIORITIES

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HIGH PRIORITY might be given for requests for:-

(1) Major items of essential furniture and essential household equipment ie cookers, beds and the initial supply of bedding.

(2) Bedclothes where stocks are inadequate.

(3) Other household furniture and equipment of an essential nature.

(4) Essential home repairs and maintenance for owner occupiers if a bank loan or mortgage is not available.

(5) Removal charges if a move to more suitable accommodation is essential.

(6) Fuel meter installation and reconnection charges.

(7) Non-mains fuel costs eg oil or bottled gas where this is the main fuel supply.

MEDIUM PRIORITY might be given for

(1) Non essential items of furniture and household equipment.

(2) Redecoration, where the applicant is responsible for this

(3) Hire purchase and other debts.

(4) Clothing where stocks are inadequate

LOW PRIORITY might be given for

(1) Rent in advance where the applicant already has secure accommodation and a move is not essential.

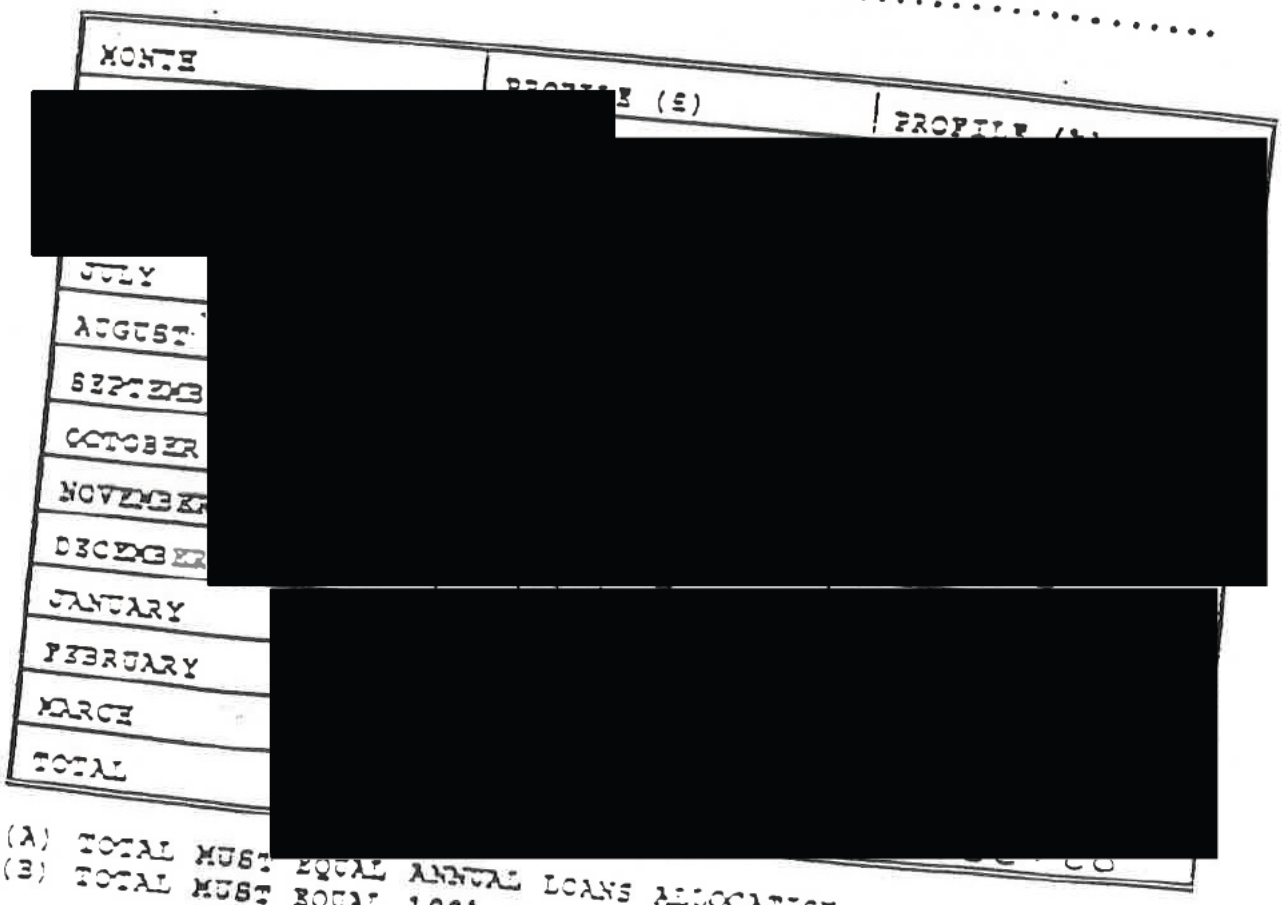
(2) Removal charges, if a move is not essential.

(3) Leisure items

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1993/94 SOCIAL FUND ALLOCATION
DISTRICT MONTHLY PROFILE - LOANS

DISTRICT NAME.....COATBRIDGE.....



(A) TOTAL MUST EQUAL ANNUAL LOANS ALLOCATION.
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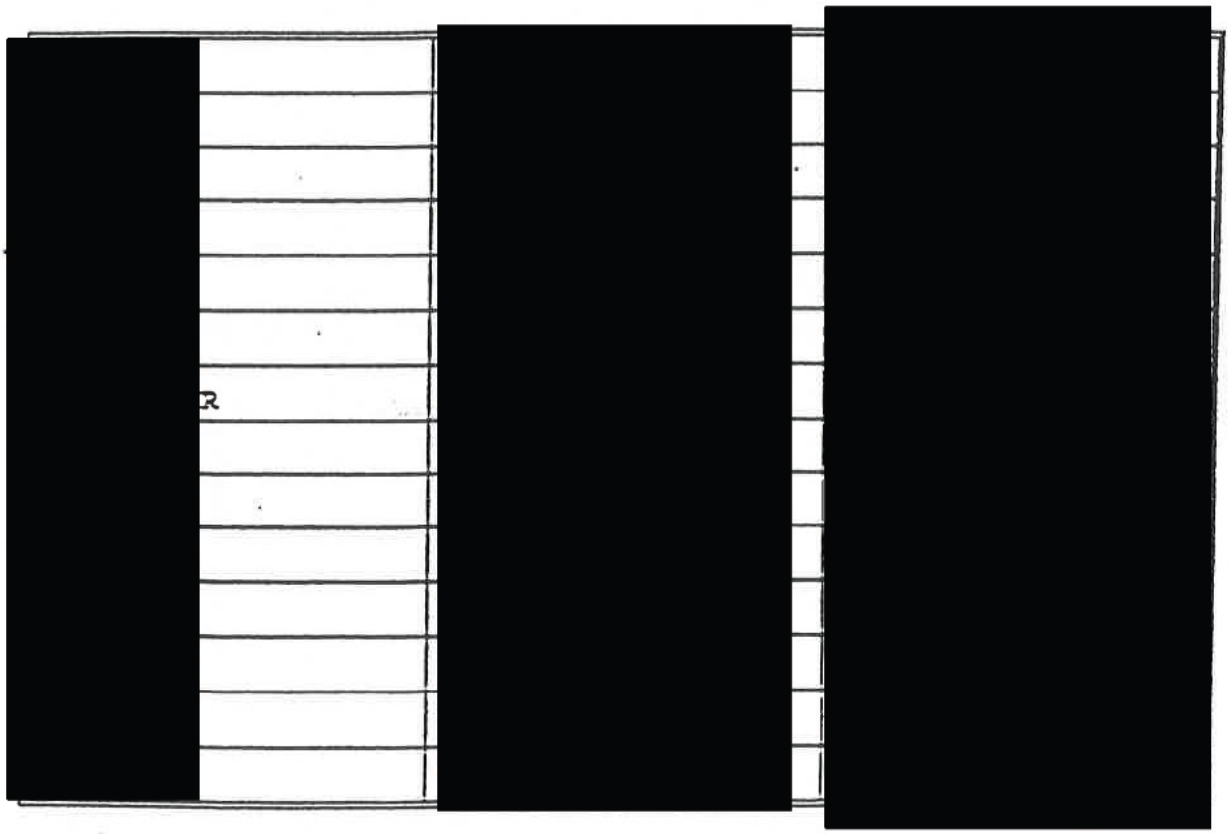
NAME.....T. WHITEHOUSE.....

TELE. NO. ..0236-76396.....

DATE.....9.1.93.....

1993/94 SOCIAL FUND ALLOCATION
DISTRICT MONTHLY PROFILE - GRANTS

DISTRICT NAME.....COATBRIDGE.....



(A) TOTAL MUST EQUAL ANNUAL GRANTS ALLOCATION.
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NAME.....H. WHITE HEO/SF.....

TELE. NO. .....0236-769366.....

DATE.....9/4/93.....

FAX To (1) SOCIAL FUND, BELLSHILL
(2) SOCIAL FUND, CORTBRIDGE

BUDGET STATUS

SOCIAL FUND

DATE 20/9/93.

LOANS (District)

Adjusted Budget -

Amount Awarded

Amount Availa

Current Earmarks

[redacted]

LOANS

Available

Amount Awarded -

Current Earmarks -

Unallocated

Amount Awarded -

Current Earmarks -

Unallocated

Amount Awarded -

Current Earmarks -

[redacted]

Year to date

3000.34

FROM H. WHITE HEO/SF AIRDRIE

SOCIAL FUND

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Review Level: 1

[redacted]

Amount Awarded(£) Decision Code

£0.00 Z

Reasons for decision 29

[redacted]

Review Level: 2

[redacted]

Amount Awarded(£) Decision Code

£0.00 Z

Reasons for decision 29

[redacted] of Clearance? P

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SOCIAL FUND

RUN DATE : 20/10/93 [redacted]

MISCELLANEOUS

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DATA TO BE INPUT ON TRANSFER IN/RESURRECTIONS SCREEN (SS00018I)

Current award amount:	£0.00	Overpayment amount:	£0.00
Current amount repayable:	£0.00	Non-repayable:	£0.00
Amount repaid:	£0.00	Balance outstanding:	£0.00

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SOCIAL FUND

RUN DATE : 28/09/93 SOCIAL FUND HISTORY [redacted]

AIRDRIE LOCAL OFFICE

Casepaper No: 2711/158994 [redacted]

Application No. 3

MCCRACKEN YVONNE [redacted]

21A WEST KIRK STREET
AIRDRIE

[redacted]

Method of Clearance: P

MISCELLANEOUS

Details of letters:
Date Produced
22/09/93 [redacted]

Details of outstanding B/Fs
Date
28/09/93 [redacted]

Date for Deletion: 09/11/93

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Case Notes - Yvonne McCracken

July - December

Despite efforts to attempt to get-
reedan to continue ~~of~~ Yvonne's placement
here until after the baby ~~is due~~ was
born she was still discharged on 14/12/92.
At this time she was made subject of a Home Supervision Requirement.
At this time her grandmother was agreeing to take
over her care in the short term. Yvonne was to
apply for her own house when she is 16 years.

Yvonne as usual being fairly unrealistic about-
her housing situation and talking of -
leaving & living here with her boyfriend
Ian.

Jan - June '93

throughout this time

Yvonne doing well & at ~~the~~ her grandmothers
with no overt problems. Her son John was born
on 17-02-93. Yvonne appeared to be coping
well with his care and ~~to~~ seemed quite
determined that she would do everything
herself.

financially

She was assisted in purchasing cot, pram
etc via a SI2 payment of £552-00 she
also received a S24 payment of £250 to assist
in ~~the~~ purchasing clothes.

June - October '93

Yvonne's relationship with John Ward deteriorated to the extent that they ceased seeing each other. Yvonne alleged that latterly he had been physically abusive towards her.

This appeared to correlate to a deterioration in Yvonne's behaviour. She began to want to go out all the time & was increasingly leaving John in the care of his grandmother (Ann McCracken). This in turn was causing friction between Ann & Yvonne.

Yvonne was allocated a tenancy at 38 Whinhall Avenue. She was assisted in applying for a CCG. Initially this was turned down & a budgetting loan of just under £500-00 awarded.

This ~~the~~ latter was in October and marked a breakdown in the relationship.

Ann had agreed with Yvonne that she would care for John 2 evenings p.w.k., one of which would be at the weekend. This proved insufficient for Yvonne who on 30-10-93 requested that Ann babysit for her in order she could go out. Ann refused this on the grounds that she had cared for John the previous evening and had plans to visit Yvonne's sister Margaret Ann who was in hospital and then go to the bingo.

Ann left the home at around 6.30 that day and returned around 8.40 having decided not to go to the bingo.
On her return she found John alone in the house he having been left there by Yvonne who had gone out.

Yvonne did not return back until around 3am ~~Tuesday~~ ~~date~~ 4th 1.11.93.

A fight ensued between Yvonne & her grandmother which precipitated Yvonne leaving later that day with John.
She left no forwarding address.
There was no contact between Ann & Yvonne until 5/11/93 when Yvonne returned pt more clothes. They again argued and Yvonne had allegedly stated that Ann would not see the baby again.

During this time I had attempted to contact Yvonne at her new tenancy both via visiting and letters. She was known to be in the area however, appeared to be avoiding all contact.

On 7.11.93 Ann received a phone call from John Ward's (babys father) sister in Ardrossan stating she had care of John. She stated that he had been staying with her same tea-time on 01-11-93. She deemed that Yvonne had asked her to

Additionally both Self and Pauline Imes had been hearing reports from neighbours, friends etc of Yvonne that there were parties practically every night and also that both Yvonne & Willie were regularly taking drugs.

Yvonne adamantly denied this, ~~on~~ Nonetheless her denial she was visited by the housing inspector on 16-01-94 and issued a warning.

The proof hearing was arranged for 28/1/94 although Yvonne had been encouraged to attend and seek legal advice. She did not attend. Because the grounds were established and reserved back to the Childrens Hearing for a decision.

Pels - April

There were ongoing problems with access in that Yvonne would be committed to regularly seeing them for only short periods but then wouldn't see him for weeks. She still was receiving child benefit and I.S. for him and often

did not give Ann any money to keep him.

Yvonne similarly when visited by Pauline and myself would seem highly motivated to get her tenancy & life in order but subsequently was unable to carry this through to actually doing anything to change her lifestyle.

Self and Margaret McInnes had a meeting with Ann in February to discuss John's future.

Ann herself admitted that she felt she would have problems caring for John in the longterm with regards to her health.

However, she also would not consider the option of foster-care for John.

It had been thought by workers that access was too easy to miss by Yvonne due to Ann being the carer & the 2 of them not sticking to formal access arrangements. It was also felt that Yvonne's longterm commitment to John ~~is to~~ was questionable and therefore John's future care in doubt.

This problem was discussed at the panel on 11/4/94. The panel imposed a 44(1)(a) home Supervision requirement with conditions residence with Ann.

It was also agreed that this should be

see as a short-term measure. Yvonne had agreed to cooperate more fully with the S.W.S. ~~must~~ to sort out housing issues and would be more committed to seeing John on a regular basis with a view to him returning to her care.

Should this not occur it was stated that John's future options would need to be looked at.

Subsequent to the panel Yvonne informed me that she was again pregnant to Willie. He did not appear to want the child Yvonne also appeared to be being put under pressure from Ann to have a termination.

Offered Yvonne an appointment to discuss this on 12/4/94, however, she failed to keep the appointment.

May

Yvonne had a termination of her pregnancy. She then proved difficult to contact and was believed to be in Inverness with her boyfriend.

On 7/5/94 Yvonne's sister Margaret Ann died aged 19yrs of a liver complaint.

Ann came to see me on 9/5/94 to inform me of

[redacted]

that she wasn't pregnant - and [redacted] as to why she hasn't had a period. [redacted] could relate to the termination she had in April. Of concern, however, is that Margaret Ann had similar symptoms to Yvonne before her inner complaint was diagnosed. ~~Yvonne~~

Yvonne has also enrolled for a General Certificate at Coatbridge college.
Typically she hasn't thought this through & now with her I.S. and housing benefit have ceased.

She as yet hasn't submitted a claim for a bursary and cannot expect to receive this, if it is awarded, for a further 2 months. Additionally there are concerns as to how she will manage to pay her rent.

With Margaret McInnes the discussed possibility of a S.24 payment to support over this period. Yvonne to come in on 5/9/94 to further discuss this.

[redacted]

Transfer Summary

Yvonne came into care on 10-10-90 and remained in care until 14/12/93.

There were ongoing concerns about alcohol and drug abuse, alongside absconding and generally at risk behaviour.

Yvonne appears to have little thought about future consequences of her actions and appears to live for the moment.

With regards to her child John, ~~she~~ she does appear able to give him adequate care for short periods, however, when her needs come into conflict with his needs usually supersede his.

The current arrangement whereby John remains with Ann and Yvonne has access appears to suit her in terms of her seeing him when she wants and not when she doesn't.

All attempts to get Yvonne and Ann to adhere to formal access arrangements have to date been thwarted.

With Regards to John and Yvonne I have the following concerns;

) The tenancy at 10(A) Northburn Place is also barely habitable despite attempts by both Yvonne and myself to put this in order.

This is partly attributable to the state of the house which is damp in every room. Housing have been formally contacted, there [illegible] a damper circuited. Part of the problem is not just the housing department the steamer is using but also because they have had as much trouble keeping a regular contact with Yvonne as the s.w. [illegible]

Additionally [redacted] of the internal damage has occurred [redacted] ignent to Yvonne moving [redacted] that there has been [redacted] at the flat to cause this however, [redacted] has received at least [illegible] by the housing department ath regards to [redacted] an anti-social tenant

Similarly [redacted] that she is drinking [redacted] convicted [redacted] drugs. Whilst she has not [redacted] under the [redacted] under her [redacted] grandmother [redacted] her [redacted] [redacted] history [redacted] for ongoing [redacted]

[redacted] commitment to John's future are [redacted] current arrangements [redacted] really sees him Attempts to formalise alter

With regards to John there are concerns about his long term future. Whilst his grandmother is able to care for him at present, her age and ill-health would indicate that there may be problems in the future.

Ann herself whilst able to acknowledge this will not contemplate foster care for John even if this would put more pressure on Yvonne to demonstrate (or not) to carry for her son in the long term.

I have doubts as to Yvonne's ability to care for John in the long term and therefore concerns about John's future care.

This was discussed at John's last panel where it was stated quite clearly that alternative options may need to be looked at should the current status quo be maintained.

The current living situation at Ann's is also concerning due to its overcrowding.

Ann's tenancy has only 2 bedrooms at present Ann & John reside there alongside Yvonne's sister Caroline and her father John. Yvonne's friend Liz also periodically stays there.

Michelle