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Margaret feels she doesn't know anyone who would be in a position to care for the baby - [redacted] is not capable and it seems that Margaret feels it would be too much for [redacted] she wish to find foster parents for the baby. Margaret did not get in contact before her [redacted]

December

[redacted]

9.12.82

Margaret did not keep appointment.

Letter sent to Margaret arranging visit 10.12.82 at 12.30.

TRANSFER SUMMARY

[redacted] Yvonne and [redacted]

The McCracken children were received into care on [redacted]rgaret the children's mother, had left the family home before that time and John was charged with leaving the children unattended. There had been previous social work involvement with the family, and the children had been incare previously.

[redacted] and Yvonne and Caroline were in Mitchell Street. When I became involved with the family in July 1981, [redacted] very limited contact with the children. John was staying with his mother but also didn't visit the children. Granny visited Mitchell Street, but not Torrance Avenue. There was considerable pressure placed on both parents to visit the children more regularly and to provide a home for them. Serious consideration was given to a new family, but John eventually agreed to care for the children on a long term basis, with the help of his mother. The children are now subject of a 44(1)(a) with the condition that they reside with their grandmother.

The McCracken's were given a £300 grant when the children were discharged from care, which has been used for bedding and clothes for the children. Living conditions for the family are very cramped as the 3 children and John share a bedroom, though John spends a lot of his time at the Mills house across the road. John still owes rent arrears thus the reason for them still being in 3 apartment. Housing and Councillor have been unsympathetic to family's plight.

The family find it a real struggle financially and have been given payment from petty cash almost when requested. Their Dad still does not have custody of them, and [redacted]

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[redacted] a Report. Both John and Nancy said they felt Margaret would have shown more interest in the kids before now if she really cared about them. [redacted]

5.11.82 John called into the office while I was trying to sort things out with DHSS. I [redacted] he had never handed his B1 in, as he was [redacted] contending and tax. [redacted]

9.11.82 Granny called in to say they'd spent some of £40 on food over week-en I was annoyed as I'd told John to come back to office if he didn't get money from DHSS. I asked that John pay this money back.

Summary

Things with the McCracken family very much the same. Neither John or Margaret had been in contact with a lawyer, the position with Housing is still insecure and John may still be considering setting up home with [redacted].

Arrangements made to [redacted]

November Mrs McCracken called into the office several times after this period. She is finding things very difficult financially, since John does not yet have a benefit book. I sent her down to DH to have her benefit checked out, as she wasn't sure whether her rent was being paid direct. She managed to do that, and seemed a bit happier. She is certainly finding it very hard managing with the 3 children, and finds it hard to make ends meet. I gave her £10 for coat and another £40 for clothing for the children. She brought back receipts for the other £40, having bought clothes for the kids.

Margaret Ann and Yvonne seems to be doing well at school and [redacted]. John had her away at Salcoats for the week, and has agreed to her going to stay with Margaret at some point during this week.

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Social Worker.

Weekend went OK - Margaret Watson took her round and Nicola Gilmour collected her.

82 Granny McCracken called into office. Caroline was down in Salcoats and she was going down to collect her. Yvonne had been there earlier in the week. Granny announced that John wasn't letting [redacted] According to Granny she is up with [redacted] compile a Report.

Granny had bought Margaret Ann a new coat, so I gave her £20.

I agreed I would call into see Margaret Ann on Thursday evening to discuss possible arrangements for weekend.

Sent letter to Margaret asking her to call in 27.10.82.

27.10.82 Margaret phoned to sau she xouldn't manage down as baby had a cold. She agreed she would like to have Margaret Ann for weekend but would need plastic sheeting and financial help. Instructed Margaret to phone me on Friday morning.

28.10.82 Went round to visit Granny McC. She was not at home and Margaret Anne and Yvonne arrived home. Sent them up to their Granny's and left note for Mr McC to contact me.

29.10.82 Granny McC called into the office. John not keen for Margaret Ann to go to her mums. Granny was trying to say they should all get a chance to go, but when I suggested Caroline should go, Granny wasn't keen. Arranged to call round to see John Wednesday 3rd to discuss matter.

4.11.82 Did not manage on 3rd but called round on evening of 4th. John had lost his job and his mother was naturally worried about finances. He said he'd handed in his B1 but hadn't been given appointment so I suggested he call down to see me on Friday.

John went on to discuss why he wasn't happy about the children visiting Margaret. I had some idea as on 1st November. I had [redacted].

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I contacted Jim Logue with regard to their housing problem. He a first thought that he would be able to help, but when he realised that John was staying there, said he could not help. Housing are still looking for payment towards the rent arrears - Nancy would t better off with John out of the house. Caroline is now at nurser school and Yvonne at school till 3, so that certainly eases the burden. She does not manage to get out much, however, and has to me of a couple of occasions when she has returned home after beir for the evening and found the children in the house unattended. do not see the situation ever improving unless Nancy decided to p John out and assume care of the children herself, or John turns o a new leaf and assumes more responsibility.

Margaret Ann was up staying at Torrance Avenue, 25/26th Sept. and Betty Fulton allowed her to go and see her mother. Nanna came in see me on 28th saying that Margaret Ann wished to go and live with her mother, and that she was quite sure this was what she wanted. I said I doubted this, but agreed to contact their Mum. I arranged for her to call at the office on 1st instance at 2.00p.m. on 1st. Oct. Failing that, I shall visit at home.

30.9.82.
D.McT.

Yvonne called into office - gave her £100 for bedding.

1..0.82.
D.McT.

Margaret could not keep appointment as she was going to visit Matt. Wrote and arranged to visit 2.30 on 5.10.82.

5.10.82.
D.McT.

Visited Margaret. She pretended to know nothing about my visit. The house was well decorated and clean. She had a new, but inexpensive, carpet on the hall, stairs and living room. She showed me round the house. She has the cot and double bed in her own room and a single bed in the other. I mentioned how keen Margaret Ann was to come to visit her, so we arranged that she visit on 15th Oct. I explain this was just a trial w[redacted] a problem as Margaret thinks she has to have a lot of money for the kids to enjoy themselves with her. Said I would contact her and let her know what was happening.

12.10.82.
D.McT.

Granny called in regarding the £100 I had given her. She spent this at Ingliston Market and bought 2 quilts, 6 pillows, 2 quilt sets, 4 sheets and shoes for Margaret Ann. I agreed she could have some of remainder of the money for boots and shoes for the kids.

She seemed happy for Margaret Ann to go to her Mum's for weekend, but felt she could not take her. Suggested she ask John if he would, and I arranged to visit Thursday at 4.30 p.m.

[redacted] at present as she is not visiting Matt and seems content with the house and the baby. She know

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23.8.82. Took plastic sheeting round .Cannot complete sec.12 application until Granny returns from holiday. Kids fine.

[redacted] Margaret down in Airdrie. She was again asking when she could [redacted] kids and I again told her she could contact me or see [redacted] She had been in to see Matt and said she was moving to [redacted] house next [redacted] would be in touch with me. She did not [redacted] going to Mitchell Street. She said she would be in touch.

F.P.

24.8.82. D.McT. Took Yvonne and Margaret Ann down to school. Forgot to collect Yvonne at lunch time. School phoned S.W.D. but I was not in. However care staff had sent someone down to collect her. Went to apologise to Yvonne and took her some sweets. Yvonne was none the worse and, in fact, was just glad to get some sweets.

25th & 26th 1982. D.McT. Collected Yvonne as usual - everything fine.

27.8.82. D.McT. Collected Caroline and took her to Mitchell Street.

27.8.82. D.McT. Informed by Gwen Fleming, Home Help Organiser, that Home Help had been on the phone to say that [redacted] the maternal grandmother was refusing to care for her during the day.

Arranged for Cath to take Margaret Anne to Mitchell Street.

Informed Rachael that if she was sick to contact G.P. Rachael stated that she was a "funny colour" but that they had put her to bed to see if a sleep would help. If she was still unwell in the afternoon, Home to contact G.P.

M. Fegan,
Senior Social Worker.

September 1982. D.McT. Visited the McCrackens a few times at home and Granny was also in the office at least once a week. No contact with Margaret except when I have waved to her driving past in the street. Granny is certainly finding it hard to cope with the kids, especially with Margaret Ann and Caroline. Yvonne has always been Granny's favourite and has settled in well at school and at home. Nancy has been getting little or no help from John - he does not give her much money and spends most of his time staying with [redacted] in the Mills house at No. 24. [redacted] keeps threatening to throw him and the children out. She was given financial assistance and got a line to get a coat, 2 pairs of shoes and trousers. I also obtained a £300 grant for beds and bedding. I obtained permission to respond to needs of family as they arise, owing to the fact that Granny has such a low income. Dad does not provide for them and they are living in such cramped conditions.

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9.8.82. Mrs. McCracken called in at the office asking about bunk beds and Yvonne's blazer. Said the bunk beds would take a while, but that I would get money for a blazer, and would call out to see her on Friday.

13.8.82. Mrs. McCracken called into the office in quite a state. She is due to go off on holiday on Saturday and Elizabeth, her daughter, can no longer come up to look after the children. Mrs. McCracken requested that the children be received into care. Consulted with John Casserly who said they should not be received into care a and suggested I should consult with Mitchell St. re Day Care and contact Home Help Organiser. I explained this to Mrs. McCracken and siad we would be asking John to play his part in looking after the children. I explained I would be calling out later on with a £25 Order form for Yvonne's school clothes.

Contacted Mitchell St. and made arrangements for Caroline, Yvonne and Margaret Ann to be taken round to Mitchell St. at 7.30 p.m. on Monday morning and their dad to collect them after work.

Called out to see Mrs. McCracken with Ordrr Form and arranged to call back after 5 to see John. Saw John and informed him of arrangements for Monday and Tuesday. Explained that a Home-Help would be starting on Wednesday when Yvonne and Margaret Ann go to school and that I will collect Caroline in the morning and take her to Mitchell St. I also agreed to collect Yvonne from school at lunchtime. Arranged to visit after 5 on Tuesday with Home-Help Organiser.

16.8.82. Children arrived at Mitchell St. O.K.

17.8.82. Children at Mitchell St. O.K. Called round to Mitchell St. at 5.30p.m. as John was not at house as arranged. He arrived at 5.45p.m. and we went round to the house. He said he was coping O.K. - seemed happy with arrangements.

18.8.82. Yvonne and Margaret Ann went off to school quite happily. The kids bed was wet and we noticed that John had not been doing any washing. Caroline went to Mitchell St. quite happily. Collected Yvonne from school and took her to Mitchell St. Margaret Ann went to her Granny's

19.8.82. [redacted] Yvonne from school - took clothes to Margaret Ann's Granny's.

Phoned Blindcraft 041/336/8252. Bunk Beds £68.50 Order be sent to 11 Sarceen St. Glasgow, G22 5JF.

20.8.82. Collected kids as usual - everything fine.

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30.6.82. Visited Margaret at [redacted]. She seems to be getting on with her house. The baby is looking well. Margaret is still awaiting a visit from D.H.S.S. but is looking forward to moving. She is at in receipt of £46.84 Supplementary Benefit(including £14.60 for rent). She states she has no debts at present, and has no outstanding fines. Margaret gave me some story about John agreeing to her taking the children but when Sandra went to collect them, Nancy wouldn't let her take them. Advised Margaret to consult a lawyer. Compiled Court Report - I feel I should leave it with Margaret to [redacted].

Margaret passed on referral re [redacted].

6.7.82. Visited Granny McCracken - no one at home.

9.7.82. Mrs. McCracken called into the office. She said that things at home had not been working out so well. She said that John had taken up with another worman, with 3 kids, who is living across the road at Mrs. [redacted] over to her, and she is sick of being left to look after the children. He apparently spends the night across the road as often as not. Mrs. McCracken says things have now got to the stage where she is seriously considering throwing John out and sending the children after him. I spent a long time talking with her about how this would not be good idea and how much the children had suffered already.

She said John has never made a claim for F.I.S. as his work is on a casual basis. She does not know what is happened to the back child benefit. I arranged to call out on Monday to see how the weekend had gone.

12.7.82. Home visit. Caroline was out playing. John was watching the kids. He seemed to think everything was working out fine at home. He said he had not claimed F.I.S. as the D.H.S.S. man told him it was not worth his while, and said he had lent his mother the Child Benefit money to pay for her holiday 2 conflicting stories. Told John to suggest to his mother she call in to see me on Thursday.

28.7.82. Home visit to Mrs. McCracken. John was sitting on the step sunbathing with his mother. Mrs. McCracken came in to talk to me - she said things were working out a bit better now, John was still going across the road, but wasn't staying there. She had bought Margaret Ann a new blazer, new shoes etc. but was stuck for a blazer for Yvonne. I said I would see what I could do. Mrs. McCracken admitted that John had given her the Child Benefit money to enable her to go on holiday. She said that Yvonne had her heart set on going to St. Serf's, so she did not want to mave. She did say however, that she would like the bunk beds as she was finding things difficult washing the sheets. I said I would drop up and see her within the next week to let her know.

6.8.82. Saw Margaret McCracken in at the clinic. She said she had seen Caroline down the street with Nancy, and Nancy would not let Caroline see her. Margaret was full of how she was going to bash Nancy. I again advised her she sould see a lawyer re custody and/

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11.6.82 Contd. [redacted] there was no problem with Yvonne, she was just moody. Margaret Ann came in from school with sandals on, though she'd been told not to wear them as it was raining. Mrs. McCracken said the child benefit had come through and it was back-dated but she didn't know what John had done with the money. She mentioned that Elizabeth was coming up to look after the children while she went on holiday. Mrs. McCracken thought they could have gone to their mother but she'd promised to see the children the following week and had never been near.

Mgt. Anne is going to Torrance Avenue for the weekend, as Gail had invited her round. Yvonne and Caroline asked if they could go to Mitchell Street, arranged to take them round on Monday evening.

14.6.82 [redacted] Letter sent asking for her to contact me. Mrs. McCracken had mentioned to me that Mgt. had been allocated a house in Willow Drive.

Checked with A. Howie re clothing grant - she'll get back to me. Mentioned to [redacted] table and chairs.

14.6.82 Took Yvonne round to Mitchell Street. Caroline had ear ache. Roseanne and Thomas were also there on a visit, so Yvonne really enjoyed the visit. I saw John on his return from work and toldhim to pay Child Benefit to rent arrears. I had given Mrs. McCracken a lift down the road, she was cagey about complaining about John, siad he was good at looking after them but things hadn't worked out the way she'd hoped.

Mgt. Ann had enjoyed her weekend at Torrance Avenue. Said 'I'd take Caroline to Mitchell Street another time.

23.6.82 Notification from A. Howie's secretary - grant fo £50 to be given for clothes for Margaret Ann.

24.6.82 Home Visit. Informed Mrs. McCracken £50 cheque to be sent to her. Told her this money should be s end on clothes for Margaret Ann. John has not yet paid his child benefit to Rent. Mrs. McCracken informed me that he had been intending to go to Germany, presumably with the TA's. He is now considering not going, so money will go to rent.

Granny seems to be coping well with the children, tthings are going well.

25.6.82 Margaret McCracken phoned. I had discovered from Mrs. Andrews, Health Visitor, that her house is at 4c Willow Drive. She is still living with [redacted] and awaiting a D.H.S.S. visitor. Arranged to visit her 30.6.82 3.30 p.m to compile court report.

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children out he would not be able to cope with them alone and she cannot obtain a bigger house as the children are not her dependents. [redacted] Housing and [redacted].

13.5.82. Phoned Child Benefit Section, Airdrie, who had no note of claim and agreed to chase it up immediately.

Sent memo to A. Howie re clothes for Margaret Ann.

Sent letter to Margaret suggesting I could take Yvonne and Caroline out Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

F.P.

13.5.82 Tried to find Child Benefit book. It can't be found.

Mgt. McCracken phoned, agreed to take Yvonne and Caroline round to see their mum, Monday 2.30 p.m., will visit Granny tonight.

Child Benefit book found. J.C had sent it to Newcastle.

Area Officer is writing a letter to Tom McKenzie stating we have £80 Child Benefit and asking for 4 appt. He intends to follow it up with phone call.

14.5.82 Granny McCracken called in at office, she's off to Saltcoats on Monday and is taking Yvonne and Caroline with her. Her daughter is to be sectioned on Wednesday. Mrs. McCracken's sister will care for Mgt. Anne. Gave Mrs. McCracken £10, she said she would use some of this for Mgt. Ann's communion clothes. Arranged for children to go to their mums at 2.30. on Monday afternoon. Granny seemed OK about this.

17.5.82 Collected Yvonne and Caroline and took them round to their mums at 19 Howletnest Road c/o Susan Cairney. I left them there for a while and they had a wee tea party. They both enjoyed holding the baby.

Granny didn't seem to happy about me taking the children round - I can understand that in that she must feel put out that the c children's mother just has them for a tea party. Then sends them ba back. Granny is off to Stevenson, and will be staying c/o 7 Ailsa Drive, Stevenson. Margaret Ann will be staying c/o Bridget Gardner, 59 Glennifer Court, Airdrie. Told granny to get in touch and let me know when she'll be back. Said I'd take Margaret Ann round to see her mum another time.

11.6.82 Home Visit. I explained to Mrs. McCracken that I hadn't visited sooner as I didn't know if she was back or not. Apparently she was only in Stevenson for the week. Elizabeth had a baby girl and everything is fine.

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30.4.82. Took 3 children for medicals. Nanna and Tracey were at Mitchell Street when I arrived. Took Yvonne and Caroline to Nannas and then went back with Margaret Ann and collected stuff. No one had packed Margaret Ann's toys for her. She had so few things in comparison to her sisters. Collected Yvonne and Caroline's things and took them up. Gave Granny £10. Said I would visit Tuesday p.m.

5.5.82. Did not manage to visit but bed was delivered. Said I would call round Thursday evening.

R.I.C. forms completed.

6.5.82. Home visit. Margaret Ann was out playing with her friends. Yvonne and Caroline were playing around. Took out some bed clothes. Nancy and John are finding it hard to manage financially. Nancy's benefi has been cut to £16 - she previously got £19.08 S.B. + £23 wages. Her rent is being paid direct now however. It seems that previous she had not said that her son was in the house. Mrs. McCracken had had to borrow £15 from her mother. John states he is earning £45-£50 at present and still should pay £1-2 (owes £50-£60) to Household pay £1-2 to Lawsons (owes £50-£60) pay £1-2 to Provident (owes £100) and pay £1 to Legal & Trade (owes £150 electricity). John has paid nothing to his rent arrears - informed him about the letter from Housing. He thinks he has £150- £170 rent arrears. I agreed to try and find out amount of rent arrears and work out some way of paying them. Told Mrs. McCracken to call at office for F.I.S. form and £10 to do over weekend.

7.5.82. Checked with D.H.S.S. on Mrs. McCracken's benefit. £15.01 is being deducted for rent arrears, £540 for son and family staying there. She still has to sign on as children are not her dependents, this is the only condition under which she can receive benefit.

Mrs. McCracken called at office. Gave her £10 for weekend. Gave her F.I.S. form. Explained about D.H.S.S. and arranged to call round on Monday.

10.5.82. Called round and collected suitcase and get Yvonne's watch from Mitchell Street. Yvonne and Caroline have been going to Play-school and were playing across the road at a friend's house. They had been at the baths with Tracey at the weekend - I said nothing. I agreed to try and get money sorted out, and apply for clothing for Margaret Ann. She is to be confirmed on 16th May and Granny wants to buy her a new dress. Said I could have got hold of a 2nd hand one. Told her to get in touch if needed money over weekend.

11.5.82. Met Margaret down the street. She asked if I could bring Yvonne and Caroline round tomorrow. Said I would try.

12.5.82. Discussed case with J.Casserly who said there was no way he would pay out rent arrears, although I argued it was a preventative measure and that if Mrs. McCracken did not get a bigger house children would end up back in care. If Granny put John and /

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new bedclothes at present, so I said I would get hold of sheets and blankets for her to do meantime. Said I would also look out for a kitchen table. Checked on Margaret Ann's shower - she had not had a shower herself. Mentioned Margaret had had a wee boy.

22.4.82. Phoned Reporter - notification of Panel sent out. Said he would send out copy.

Contacted Torrance Avenue and Mitchell Street and will arrange for Supervision Order not to be altered till Friday.

[redacted] day

23.4.82. Sent letter to Margaret asking her to phone me on Monday morning.

26.4.82. Margaret called into the office in the afternoon. She is living at 19 Howletnest Road. Asked that I visit.

27.4.82. [redacted] explained

Children's Panel. I had visited kids at Torrance Ave. and Mitchell Street the night before to explain what was happening. Only Nanna turned up at the panel - Panel members decided to return children to Nanna as from Friday. Dad did not turn up, but apparently showed up late and then went down to Mitchell Street. Arranged to take Margaret Ann to her Nannas at 5.00p.m. on Friday. Nanna will collect two wee ones on Friday. I agreed to collect the rest of their stuff when I could.

28.4.82. Arranged a single bed for the children. Bill Brown will deliver it on Friday afternoon. Also got a couple of blankets and will take sheets. Nanna came in and I agreed to give her some money for the weekend.

29.4.82. Sent letter to Margaret informing her of panel's decision, asking her to call in next Thursday at 2.00p.m. Letter to Mrs. McCracken informing her bed will be delivered on Friday p.m.

Letter sent to Child Benefit Section.

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1.4.82. Phoned Yvonne and wished her happy birthday. Both Yvonne and Caroline now have measles. Arranged to call round later on.

Nanna called in. Explained to her that I will be on holiday next week and to call in to see W. Nicol next week should she wish to take the children home. Said that the Panel report was written Talked about clothes, beds and bedding. Mrs. McCracken could manage without beds meantime, but Margaret Ann is badly in need of clothes. Said I would chase this up when I returned from holiday.

Phoned Torrance Avenue and explained that Yvonne and Carolin ave measles and that Margaret Ann won't be able to see them. Said that Dad will be round to see Margaret Ann at weekend, and if he is working he will see her on Sunday night. Reminded Liz I will be on holiday. Visited Yvonne and Caroline who were in bed with Measles. Left present.

2.4.82. Phone call from Mitchell St. saying mum had visited today and that she did not see kids because of the measles. She did not create a scene, and left something for Yvonne.

13.4.82. Phoned Torrance Ave. Margaret Ann fine. Dad been round a lot.

Phoned Mitchell St. Kids fine. Said I would not be round this week.

16.4.82. Phoned Torrance Ave. Said I would visit Margaret Ann on Wednesday, will also visit Mitchell St. Phoned and confirmed panel on 27th. Will see Margaret Ann on Wednesday night re clothes for two wee ones. Intend to visit Nanna afterwards.

21.4.82. [redacted] Visitors. Said I did not know where Margaret would be staying, [redacted] would bring the baby to the clinic.

[redacted] see Yvonne and Caroline. Caroline went away out with Helen Scott. Yvonne had a temper Tantrum. We explained about the panel and that they would be going to stay with their Nanna. Took Margaret Ann back and went to visit Nanna. She stated she did not know about panel on Tuesday, and that she would have to work a weeks notice. Agreed the children would not go home till Friday. Mrs. McCracken said she did not want new /

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/looked after the children. Told her she could put her point of view forward at the review on Tuesday.

23.3.82.

Review held - decided that the children should go to dad and nanna within next month. Agreed to;

1. Call for review (Childrens Hearing)
2. Discuss with mother
3. Aid and assist family and encourage father to seek interim custody.

Nanna only to take children home at weekend shen she's not working. She agreed to give up her job when the children are returned to her.

Visited Mgt. Ann in evening and took her to cafe then to Mitchell St. Yvonne and Caroline were still down at their nannas as they had gone there after the review. Took Mgt Ann down to nannas and the children had a great time playing with their dad. Mgt Ann went to play with Tracey for a while. Dad has rented that the children will never be in care again - access arrangements with their mum have still to ve worked out. Took Mgt Ann back - no arrangements for weekend made.

30.3.82.

Arranged to visit Mgt Ann. Yvonne and Caroline ill in bed and doctor called. Dad and Nanna visited last night. Houseparent at Torrance Avenue is of the opinion that Mgt Ann is a lot happier now that she knows what is happening and is looking forward to going home. Checked with Mitchell St - 2 wee ones quite ill and Thomas has the measles. Mgt Ann was quite disappointed but we sat and chatted for a while. Explained I was going on holiday for a week and would see her in a fortnight.

31.3.82.

Checked with Mitchell St. Yvonne and Caroline bit better - no plans yet for Yvonnes birthday. Sent letter to nanna asking her to call in to see me tomorrow.

Letter sent to kids mum

Panel report compiled

I shall have to check up on beds/bedding for the children, and clothes for their discharge from care.

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3.3.82	Cont'd /children out on Sunday. Told her to call in next week.
3.3.82.	Visited Margaret Ann at Torrance Avenue, and took her round to Mitchell Street. The kids played quite happily for a while. I explained to staff at both homes that the kids would not be going home for the weekend. Margaret Ann was aking about her mum so I had to explain that I hadn't seen her. Arranged to see Margaret Ann next Wednesday.
5.3.82.	[redacted] arrived at the office, and wished to talk to me about the weekends. Nanna had said to [redacted] and thought there was nothing wrong with this. Care staff were very concerned about nanna and dads level of commitment. We discussed concerns about the way things have been going at the weekend, and it was decided to hold an emergency Review on Friday, 12th March.
10.3.82	Visited Mgt Ann at Torrance Ave and took her to Mitchell St. Nanna had the kids out on Sunday and had the wee ones out on Friday. The kids enjoyed playing with each other. Margaret Tart expressed concern [redacted] This info. has come from nanna. Discussed review.
12.3.82.	Admin. mix up - review not held. Next reveiw 23.3.82. Nanna not been near me this week. No indication whether children going or not. Mgt. Ann again expecting go for weekend.
15.3.82.	Phoned Torrance Ave. - Mgt Ann had been very upset over the weekend as no one had been to see her. I arranged take her to Mitchell St on Tuesday for tea and confirmed this with Mitchell St.
16.3.82.	Phoned Mitchell St. Nanna had been up there on Saturday and taken the 2 wee ones out. Caroline had been saying she would cut her nanna's head off for not coming to see her. Letter sent to nanna - call in 18.3.82 at 12.00 a.m.
16.3.82.	Collected Mgt Ann and took her to Mitchell St. She played quite happily with her little sisters. She said she wasn't disappointed about the weekend. Said I would explain to her exactly what was happening with her mum and nanna as soon as I knew.
17.3.82.	Nanna had been in to see [redacted] as I was out all day. Contacted Mitchell St. She hadn't been up there. Nanna told J. Casserly she would take the children in the small house and would if need be put their dad out. Informed Mitchell St. & Torrance Avenue that the children were not to go out at night. Arranged to take Mgt. Ann to cafe on Tuesday evening.
18.3.82.	Nanna called at the office, annoyed she couldn't keep the children overnight. She tried to say that she told me Tracey now aged 12/

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22.2.82. Visited Yvonne and Caroline. Nanna had taken them on Sunday, and brought them back at night. Nothing was said about why she did not take them last weekend or whether she will take them next weekend. Said I'd phone Margaret and try to see nanna tomorrow.

23.2.82. Visited nanna - no one at home. Left card asking her to call in on Thursday morning.

Phoned [redacted] - told her nanna wasn't in but is to call in

24.2.82. Collected Margaret Ann from Torrance Avenue and took her to the cafe for tea. We then decided to go to Mitchel St. Margaret Ann played quite happily with her sisters. The staff at Mitchell St. were very concerned about the fact that nanna had said she'd collect the children. She however appeared when I was at Mitchell St. I reminded her that I wished to see her in the morning - she said she'd try to manage.

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25.2.82. Nanna called at the office. She was annoyed when I mentioned about the weekends. Said she'd like to take them every 2nd weekend. Said this wasn't on her answer is that the kids are settled and will adjust to living with her no problem. She states she has been down to Housing and applied for a bigger house, but that she won't take a house until a suitable on comes up. Said I expected John to consult his lawyer i.e interim custody within 2 weeks. Agreed to contact F. Robertson again and said I expected to see her next week.

26.2.82. Met Granny McCrack down the street. She stated she had gone after a house and they wouldn't accept her name on the list. Decided to write a letter to Mr. McKenzie.

Memo sent.

3.3.82. Nanna called at office. We discussed the Housing Issue. - she stated that her name has not been accepted onto the list because of John's rent arrears. She admitted she would be much better of if John wasn't staying with her. He hasn't been to the lawyer re. the children yet.

Nanna then went on to say that she wasn't taking the kids out this week, as her daughter is ill. She stated she was going down to Saltcoats today and was planning to work over the weekend. John is apparently off to the Terries for the weekend. Mrs McCracks mother is still in Ireland - her brother is due to appear in Court in another 2 weeks, and is currently remanded in Hartwood.

I explained to her that I'd written to Mr. McKenzie and that I would be in contact with her as soon as I heard. She said she'd take the/

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5.2.82. Phoned Margaret T - said I'd call round later, Caroline and Yvonne were down at nannas. Called round to Mitchell Street. Tracey has brought Caroline and Yvonne back on her own. Yvonne wouldn't say why nanna or dad hadn't brought her back. Decided Tracey couldn't take her to the baths.

Phoned Torrance Avenue - Margaret Ann off to Saltcoats with nanna.

10.2.82. Pnone Mitchell Street - nothingelse happended at weekend. Said I'd visit Friday.

Called round to see Margaret Ann. She had been away to Saltcoa with her dad at the weekend. She had not however returned until 10.00 p.m. in the evening. She played away quite happily and had really enjoyed the weekend. Arranged to take her to Mitchell St. next Wednesday.

12.2.82. Granny called at the office. She was looking very tired and drawn. She stated there had been an incident wh[redacted] Gather moeny for the children at [redacted] She complaines she didn't have enough to buy coal. She obviously must have been spending a lot travelling to and from [redacted] I gave her £15.00 for weekend.

15.2.82. Speech therapist called in and [redacted] 20.2.82. at 11.30 a.m.

Visited Mitchell St. and spent time with Yvonne and Caroline. They seem to have enjoyed the weekend though dad had apparently brought them back saying that the 3 of them were a bit of a handful. [redacted] is very doubtful that the arrangement with nanna would work. I explained that I'd try to push nanna towards getting another house, and dad towards obtaining custody. Nanna had been annoyed at me as I said I'd take the kids to their mum. I explained the reason for this.

17.2.82. Took Margaret Ann round to Mitchell St. She enjoyed playing with her sisters.

19.2.82. [redacted], she enjoyed it, and behaved well. Nanna has apparently decided not to take kids this weekend! Staff mentioned that kids [redacted]

22.2.82. Phoned Torrance Avenue. Margaret Ann's dad had her out on Sunday. Confirmed I'd be round on Wednesday and take her to the cafe for tea.

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21.1.82. Contd.
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commented that she might not be able to take the children next weekend, as her daughter is going for tests at Irvine Central and there is a possibility her baby [redacted] She said she would phone me on Wednesday.

Phoned Mitchell St. andconfirmed arrangements for the weekend. Also arranged for Mitchell St. to give Granny plastic sheeting.

Phoned Torrance Ave. and confirmed that Margaret Ann's Dad would collect her on Friday evening to take her home for the weekend.

Memo sent to F. Robertson re. housing for Granny.

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27.1.82. Visited Margaret Ann at Torrance Avenue. Her mum was there, and staff were strongly resisting her taking Margaret Ann out. We comprimised and I took them both to the cafe. Margaret Ann enjoyed being with her mum, but was disappointed when her mum didn't want to visit the two wee ones. Mum didn't want to come back into Torrance Avenue, but I agreed I would take the two wee ones and Margaret Ann out to her friends in Chapelhall a week on Monday if she phoned tomorrow.

Visited Mitchell Street (I had already visited in the morning). Spent time with Caroline and Yvonne. Yvonne was fine when I left.

28.1.82. Phone call from Education Department - suggested Yvonne be enrolled at St. Andrews.

Mum did not contact me.

29.1.82. Phone call from Mitchell Street. Children not going home.

Phoned Margaret Tart and confirmed her about school. Decided that if St. Andrews insist ~~Margaret Ann~~ Yvonne is to be baptised, she should be enrolled at Victoria Primary. Apparently Nanna is taking kids home as Yvonne and Caroline left tap on last weekend. Nanna did not inform me of this, and had previously said she wasn't taking the children because she was going to the hospital with her daughter.

Phoned Torrance Avenue - said that if Margaret Ann's mum was taking her out staff should ask where she was going.

Margaret Ann contacted Walter while I was on holiday, worried about Yvonne's schooling. Walter knew nothing about it, so said I'd be in touch/

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11.1.82. Contd. D.McV. Sent letter to Health Board. Will visit Granny tomorrow. Discussed Child Benefit. John Casserly suggested we should give book back.

12.1.82. D.McV. Visited Granny McCracken. John not at home. Granny to call in on Thursday - she will take the children this weekend.

Called back to Granny's and got form signed by John. She had been reluctant to take the children this weekend. I made sure John agreed to go and collect Margaret Ann on Friday evening.

14.1.82. D.McV. Visited Caroline and Yvonne. They were both well and were p[illegible]g around. Yvonne was a bit upset as she does not know what school she is going to. We talked about the children going to their Nanna's to stay. Yvonne and Caroline mentioned that their Mum was having a baby boy. Caroline and Yvonne are going to the Pantomime on Friday night, so they will not be going to Nana's until Saturday. I gave the medical books back and said I had written a letter re. medical form. Arranged to see the kids next week.

Wrote letter to Education re. Yvonne's enrollment at school.

Visited Margaret Ann. She was pleased to be going to her Nana's for the weekend. We talked about the future and she did say she would like her Mum to be at her Nanna's. Explained this was not possible. Margaret Ann then said she would go to her Mum at weekends and stay with her Nanna during the week. Told her her Mum was expecting a baby soon. Margaret Ann wondered what she could buy the baby. I agreed to take her to Mitchell St. next Wednesday.

[redacted] is questioning how serious Nanna is in taking all three children.

18.1.82. D.McV. Phoned Mitchell St. Weekend went well - medical card arrived for Yvonne. Said I would visit with Margaret Ann Wednesday at 5.

20.1.82. D.McV. Collected Margaret Ann from Torrance Avenue and took her to Mitchell St. Margaret Ann really seems to have enjoyed the weekend, especially being there on her own on Friday night. Her Dad apparently looked after her, as her Nanna was out. Yvonne got really excited when Margaret Ann was there and had several tantrums. She was, however, good when we left. She was expecting her Nanna to visit that night. I was unable to make arrangements for the weekend as I had not heard from Nanna. Said I would let Mitchell St. and Torrance Ave. know and arranged to take Margaret Ann to the cafe next week.

21.1.82. D.McV. Granny McCracken called at the office. Gave her £15 to take the children home at the weekend. She had visited Mitchell St. last night and said that Yvonne was very moody. Mrs. McCracken

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21.12.81.
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Phone call from [redacted] - medical cards not signed. Said I would arrange this and would call round later.

Visited Yvonne and Caroline - they both seemed well and happy. I got snide comments from the staff about not being at the party last night. Mentioned I hoped to call round tomorrow with Margaret Ann.

24.12.81.
D.McV.

Phoned M. McCracken - she was not at Marie's. Compiled report

Granny called at office. Gave her £15 for children at weekend. She seems happy to have them.

Took Margaret Ann and bought presents for Yvonne and Caroline. Had lunch at Mitchell St. Yvonne again created a scene. Informed Mitchell St. and Torrance Avenue of arrangements for weekends and told them I would be on holiday.

Letter sent to John McCracken telling him to call in 6.1.82 to sign kid's medical books.

6.1.82.
D.McV.

Granny McCracken called at the office. The holidays went well. She came in to apologise that she will not manage to take the children this weekend as her daughter is ill. She knew Margaret was due in [redacted] Told her to tell John to call in to sign medicals.

Phoned Mitchell St. and explained Caroline and explained Caroline and Yvonne will not be goingto Nanna's this weekend. Caroline and Yvonne are well. They had got elephants from their Mum at Christmas - she apparently called round on Christmas Eve. Said I would visit tomorrow afternoon.

Phoned Torrance Avenue - Margaret Ann is back at school. She had got a doll from her Mum, but was none too impressed. Explained she was not going at weekend. Margaret Ann already knew. Arranged to visit tomorrow after school.

7.1.82.
D.McV.

Visited Yvonne and Caroline - they were both well. They mentioned that their Mum had brought them elephants. They played with me quite happily and then ran off to watch television. I left without Yvonne causing a scene.

Visited Margaret Ann. She was back to normal and enjoyed Christmas. Her Mum had not visited her but had come to the door at Torrance Avenue with the presents and said she was not coming in unless I was there. Arranged to visit Margaret Ann next Wednesady

.1.82.
.McV.

Notification that Margaret McCracken's case deferred until 7th July .

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Phone call from Margaret Tart. She wondered what would happen with Yvonne enrolling at school. Said I would check with Hamilton. Yvonne also does not have a medical card - said I would check on this. Also reminded about Review minutes.

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15.12.81. Contd D.McV.

Phoned K. Myres at [redacted] - Dr. is to follow up T.B. check - not known what happened [redacted]

16.12.81. D.McV.

Phoned Torrance Avenue - Margaret Ann is still off school. Arranged to call round to see her. Visited Margaret Ann - she was not very well. She was more interested in T.V. than talking to me. Arranged to go and take her shopping on Monday after school.

Margaret McCracken phoned and called in to see me in the [redacted] I advised Margaret to

1) Go down to Housing and see Homelesss Persons Officer.
2) Go to her doctor for check-up.
3) Keep in regular contact with myself and advise me when she intends to visit the children.

[redacted]

17.12.81. D.McV.

Phoned Torrance Avenue - Margaret Ann still off school. Advised them her Mum is around.
Phoned Mitchell Street - Yvonne has been inher bed for the last couple of days. Caroline, however, is still running around. Granny had been up to visit the children, said she was not taking them this weekend, but will take them next weekend. Explained she is taking them at Christmas. Told them Mum is around.

Sent letter to Granny asking her to call in 21.12.81 at 11.30 a.m.

18.12.81. D.McV.

Phoned Torrance Avenue. Margaret Ann still off school - will get doctor in tomorrow if she is not better.

Phoned Mitchell Street - Yvonne and Caroline both ill in bed. Dad will be visiting - passed on message that Margaret Ann is ill.

21.12.81. D.McV.

Phoned Mitchell Street - Yvonne is now in hospital. She was taken in on Saturday with a very high temperature. She is in Ward 3, MDGH. Said I would try to visit later on.

Phoned Torrance Avenue - Margaret Ann is a bit better but is in no way fit to go outside. Said I would call round later on.

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21.12.81. D.McV.

Granny called at the office. She was off down to see Yvonne. She phoned the hospital - probably that Yvonne may be discharged today. She has arranged to take the children Friday, Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday New Year weekend and every weekend after that. Said I might go down to Ward 3 later on but would check up with Mitchell St. first.

Visited Margaret Ann - she seems considerably better now. Arranged to go round on Christmas Eve.

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7.12.81. Contd. D.McV.

Visited Mitchell Street and took Caroline and Yvonne for a walk - the weekend seems to have gone well.

8.12.81. D.McV.

Phone call from K. Watters. Matt Gray's father is in hospital with T.B. and it is suspected that Margaret is the carrier. Gave K. Watters the number of Corntonvale. She mentioned that Margaret is being released on Monday and that Matt's family do not want her back Gray's seem to think that I organised housing for Margaret.

[redacted] - K. Myres to phone back.

K. Myres phoned - said she would check with Health Centre. Letter sent to Granny asking her to call in on Thursday.

[redacted]

Phoned K. Watters - she was not back.

9.12.81. D.McV.

[redacted]

Visited Margaret Ann at Torrance Avenue. The weekend had been a big success. [redacted] Ann seems to be coping well with this and has stated that she tells people to mind their own business when asking about [redacted] with Margaret Ann and arranged Wednesday.

10.12.81. D.McV.

Message saying that Margaret McCracken had appeared in Court - due to be released on Friday and that she will call in to see me at 11 a.m. on Friday.

Granny called at the office. She had not intended to take the children this weekend. I suggested she should take them even from Saturday/Sunday. Gave her £5 and explained child benefit not sorted out yet.

14.12.81. D.McV.

Phoned Mitchell Street - weekend went O.K.
Phoned Torrance Avenue - Margaret Ann stated she had enjoyed the weekend, but said she was not going till Sunday next week. Arranged to call round next Wednesday.

Margaret did not call at the office either Friday or today.

15.12.81. D.McV.

Phone call from Liz Clanachan - concerned that Granny is not having Margaret Ann until Sunday. Margaret Ann is off school sick today. Explained I will not see Granny till Thursday but will let them know

Phoned Mitchell Street - apparently Nanna is painting and papering this weekend. The kids were fine when they came back on Sunday nigh

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2.12.81.
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Went to Mitchell Street to visit Yvonne and Caroline. Spent some time talking to them about going to Nanna's for the weekend. Yvonne wanted to stay for longer. Caroline was happy to go.

Yvonne was really upset when I left because she did not get her own way. She wanted to go to her Nanna's right away and did not want me to leave. I promised to take her to Poundstretchers next Monday.

Visited Granny McCracken. She informed me that John had been cashing the Child Benefit book all along. Said I would check up on this. She showed me the room where the girls will be sleeping - it has a double bed and a single bed - there would be enough space for 2 sets of bunks.

Mrs. McCracken had been to see Margaret in [redacted] out of nosiness. Apparently [redacted]s. Mrs. McCracken said she would call in to see me tomorrow a.m., to check up what to do about the book.

Phoned Grahamshill. Spoke to Mary someone and Mary Harkins. They said that they did not know procedures of informing Child Benefit and understood it to be a Social Worker's function. Informed J. Casserly who said he would check it out.

Visited Margaret Ann at Torrance Avenue. She was a bit disappointed that I did not have Caroline and Yvonne with me. However, I told her about the weekend and she was quite happy about that. I discussed with Margaret Ann the fact [redacted] - she said that Gordon and Mathew had told her that her Mum and Matt were in prison. I did not answer her and felt I could not check up on this as [redacted] had already passed comment on the fact that she was not going to take responsibility for the letter. I did Margaret Ann's homework with her. She is really looking forward to the weekend. I arranged to visit Margaret Ann next Wed.

3.12.81.
D.McV.

Granny McCracken called in. After discussing position with J. Casserly, decided to take Child Benefit book from Mrs. McCracken. Gave her £15 to do the children over the weekend.

Phoned [redacted] telling [redacted] Apparently the boys had known Matt. I also mentioned the business of the latter. Liz laughed. Told her everything was O.K. for the weekend.

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4.12.81.
D.McV.

Phoned Mitchell Street. Caroline and Yvonne have gone off to their Gran's quite happy. Yvonne had settled back down O.K.

7.12.81.
D.McV.

Phoned Torrance Avenue - only Mrs. Prichard was there - Margaret Ann away to school quite happy.

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23.11.81. D.McV.	Phoned Mitchell Street and confirmed I would go for tea on Wednesday.
24.11.81. D.McV.	Review arranged for Friday at 2.00 p.m. Phoned Torrance Avenue - difficulty with time. Sent letter to Dad and Nanna.
25.11.81. D.McV.	Went round to collect Margaret Ann. She was at the hairdressers. Phoned Mitchell Street - Granny had taken the two wee ones out , Mitchell Street had not informed me. Took Margaret Ann to the Cafe and explained about meeting and explained about meeting on Friday. Did homework with her. Said I would call out next week. Compiled report.
26.11.81. D.McV.	[redacted] called in with Margaret's clothes. She said Margaret was in hospital - said I would check up. Phoned Cornton Vale - K. Myres not available - said she would ring back. Granny McCracken phoned complaining about my letter. Said she would be in attendance on Friday as would John.
27.11.81. D.McV.	Review held. Decided would have to pursue legal issues/custody. Mr. McCracken and Granny were in attendance. Decided children could go to Granny at weekend. I arranged to see Margaret 2.12.81. a.m. to talk to Caroline and Yvonne. Arranged to see Margaret Ann Wednesday after school and arranged to visit Granny 2 p.m. on Wed. afternoon. [redacted] - K. Myres on course and not back till Tuesday. Asked about hospital - [redacted] Infirmary. Said I would try to visit.
9.12.81. D.McV.	[redacted] - [redacted] Arranged to visit tomorrow morning.
1.12.81. D.McV.	[redacted] Katrina Myres sat in on the interview with me as I was concerned that Margaret might be angry. When I put it to her about the children going to stay at Nancy Mc Cracken's at weekends, she did not say much. She did say, however, that she would not go to Nancy's house to see the children. This was the opposite reaction to what I expected. I thought she would be talking in terms of [redacted] I showed Margaret photos of the children and gave her two to keep. Margaret said she would call in on Thursday to see me of she was released, if not I said I would call out to see her again.

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12.11.81 Cont'd/

Margaret had told me when I saw her [redacted] She [redacted] her about the children.

16.11.81 'Phone call from Dr. Whatmore re Margaret stating she is not [redacted].

17.11.81 'Phoned Torrance Avenue, said I would visit Wednesday after school.

18.11.81 'Phoned Mitchell Street and arranged to visit on Friday. Apparently Yvonne and Caroline had been upset during the night wanting their nanna. Asked Nanna to call in to see me.

Visited Margaret Ann at Torrance Avenue. She seemed quite happy. I sat and did homework with her. There have been no problems with Margaret Ann. Said I would take Margaret Ann to Mitchell St, Wednesday.

19.11.81 Nanna called in. She is adamant that she did not say anything to the kids. She says she would like to attend the review.

20.11.81 Asked children's homes to provide list of visits. Visited Yvonne and Caroline - Yvonne was really clinging to me and was upset when I said they could not go out because it was so windy. She started crying when I left.

'Phoned Chris Laidler, Speech Therapist. She has agreed to see Caroline, but thinks it won't be till end of January.

23.11.81 'Phoned Mitchell Street - Granny had taken Yvonne and Caroline out yesterday. Wrote letter to Marie Grey re Margaret's clothes. [redacted] to 1.12.81

Marie Laiden 'phoned - she will bring clothes in on Thursday.

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6.11.81 Visited Caroline and Yvonne at Mitchell Street and brought them down to the office for a while. Caroline's speech is very poor and we decided we should refer her to a Speech Therapist.

I. [redacted]

[redacted]

doing her homework. I took her out for a quick run in the car. She had enjoyed the trip to saltcoats, though she had been off school sick after eating too many sweets and nuts. I explained to Staff that Margaret McCracken was [redacted] - Margaret Ann mentioned that her Mum's friend had said her Mum [redacted]

9.11.81 'Phone call [redacted] Margaret had been picked up a few days before her appearance in Court on 4.11.81. [redacted] on Wednesday at 9.30.

10.11.81 Took Caroline and Yvonne round to Torrance Avenue. The staff had not remembered we were coming for tea. Yvonne and Caroline were reasonably behaved at the tea table and went upstairs to play for a while. They got fed up though and Yvonne discovered she could run right through the living room and kitchen. They wold not sit at peace. Took [redacted] Mitchell street and explained to staff I was [redacted]

11.11.81 Visited Margaret at [redacted] and [redacted] Myers who had spoken to Margaret. [redacted] is pregnant. She said she could not bear to go up to the Children's Home because of possible recriminations from staff although I agreed I could have helped her. She stated that she did not know [redacted] and [redacted] the [redacted] name and address. Her baby is due in March and she seems happy about the pregnancy. She states she is going to go to the Homeless when she is [redacted] so he has to write to her. She asked me to find out about clothes for her - I agreed to contact Matt's sister-in-law. Said I'd check with [redacted] with Social Worker.

12.11.81 'Phoned [redacted] and informed them Mgt. [redacted]

3) Work with Margaret Ann - the possibility of a scrapbook, and a visit to the school. She refuses to talk about her Mum, but is aware of everyting going on.

30.10.81 Memo sent to F. Robertson re review. 'Phoned St. Edwards Mrs. O'Farrell not available.

2.11.81 Discussed McCrackens situation with M. Fegan, Senior Social Worker. We decided to

(1) Fill in R.I.C. 4 (father obliged to maintain children.

(2) Try and make a check on the number of times that Margaret has said she was going to visit and not turned up.

(3) Check with Ian Nelson about the legality of having a section 16 and Dad being in the house.

(4) To try to discern how hard Margaret had followd up the Housing issue.

(5) To investigate the possibility of going for Parental Rights. For Margaret we would go for:

(i) Her mode of life (alcohol, depressions, shop-lifting)
(ii) Convictions..
(iii) Lack of contact with the children
(iv) Inability to keep in contact with myself.
(v) The number of times she went back and forward to her husband.
(vi) That she knowingly left her husband when it was proved that he could not cope with the children previously.

For John we would go for:

(i) He abandoned the children
(ii) He gave up his own house.
(iii) Made no effort to pay off his rent arrears
(iv) Lack of contact with children
(v) Offered support to keep children at home and refused.
(vi) Asked for children to be received into care.

2.11.81 'Phoned Mrs. O'Farrel and arranged to go to St. Edwards on Tuesday.

3.11.81 Changed appointment at St. Edwards to Thursday.

5.11.81 Interview with Mrs. O'Farrel. - Headmistress St. Edwards School She stated that Margaret Ann is no problem at all at school. I mentioned about her inability to sound words and lack of concentration. Mrs. O'Farrel said she would mention this to the class teacher.

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/Marion, member of staff on duty, she said that Granny had complaine to ger the other day that she did see why she should take the children and the mother get off scot free? I agreed to contact Margaret Ann's school re her reading as she seems unable to sound words and she is very slow.

23.10.81 Spoke to M. Fegan re Margaret Ann, and what the Granny had said. She suggested that if Granny was coming out with things like that about the mother and children then perhaps we should question her motivation re children. Suggestion that we look at case for Parental Rights.

26.10.81 Margaret again did not call at office. Collected Margaret Ann from school and took her to buy something for Caroline. Yvonne was really playing up because Caroline was getting all the attention. She clamed down however when Nanna came. We had a nice tea in the staff room, the three kids, Nanna and myself. Caroline had a birthday cake with candles and then they went off to play games. Nanna joined in and then Dad appeared. The kids were overjoyed to see him. John did very well considering the number of kids present and care staff looking on. We sat in the visitors room and had tea and cake which was nice. Margaret Ann left without any problems, before her Dad and Nanna left. Her Nanna asked if she could take Margaret Ann to Saltcoats for the week-end - since Margaret Ann was quite keen to go, I agreed. Said she could stay eith her Nanna on Saturday night when questioned Margaret Ann stated that she would like to go to stay with her Nanna.

Apparently Margaret turned up to see Caroline on Wednesday, obviously pregnant. She would not even stay for a cup of tea. Granny had questioned Margaret Tait whether 'the big yin' had appeared. Margaret Tait was very sympathetic towards the kids mother and feels it must be quite difficult for her coming into the Children's home. I explained that we were going to call a review to look at the children's position.

[redacted]

FUTURE PLANS:

1) To call a review for everyone to get together to decide if it is a priority that the kids are placed together and if they go to Granny or alternative family.

2) Do we decide that mother should not be considered since she has not been in contact for the last couple of months, and is now pregnant? or do we still consider her as a possibility when she is rehoused.

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NAME: MRS. McCRACKEN.

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9.10.81 Visited Margaret Ann at Torrance Avenue - she was well, but had not seen her Mum or young sister while I was on holiday. She had finished the letter she started writing last time I saw her and apparently the letter had been delivered to her Gran, rather than her Dad. Granny had apparently come up to Torrance Avenue to complain and her father tactlessly came andhanded me back the letter while I was sitting upstairs with Margaret Ann. I pointed out that I thought it was healthy for Margaret Ann to let her Dad know how she feels, and it was then out job to point point out to her why her Mum and Dad could not live togehter and how some people are better off not staying together. Margaret Ann seemed unperturbed, but she always clams up when I ask her about her Mum and changes the subject.

I arranged to take Margaret Ann to Mitchell Street next Wednesday for tea. 'Phoned Torrance Avenue and informed them.

12.10.81 'Phoned Mitchell Street and arranged to take Yvonne out in the afternoon. Apparently Granny had taken Yvonne and Caroline out yesterday.

Took Yvonne out on her own for a while. Her Dad's sister was just back from Florida and had brought her a bag. Yvonne chatted away about how her Dad hated her Mum, but how he used to like her. She was quite content, just to walk down the street for sweets and then comeback. Told her I would be round to see her on Wednesday with Margaret Ann.

13.10.81 Margaret did not call at the office.

14.10.81 Took Margaret Ann shopping and then took her to Mitchell Street for tea. The kids played together quite happily. They had been at their Granny's together last Sunday as Mr. McCracken's sister was just back from Florida. Agreed to see the children next week.

20.10.81 Letter sent to Margaret asking her to call in 26.10.81 at 11.00 a.m.

21.10.81 Visited Mitchell Street. Caroline and Yvonne were at their Nannas. Apparently their Dad had them out at the shows one night which they enjoyed.

22.10.81 Visited Margaret Ann at Torrance Avenue. Sat and listened to her reading and then took her out for a run in the car. She got very upset and started crying, saying that she wanted to go and live with her wee sisters and that she hated staying in Torrance Avenue. She was scared of the fire alarm and people creeping about. She asked if she could sleep in the same bed as her wee sisters. I managed to calm her down when we got to the sweetie shop, but she is obviously quite upset. I promised to take her to see Caroline on Monday as it is her birthday. That cheered her up abit - I feel the wholeissue of the kids being split willhave to be looked at agin. I had a chat with Marion/

P.T.O.

She maintains that she would have stayed in the house had she been given and chance, that a lot of the things in the house were hers, which she had stolen. She denied tat the electricity was disconnected because she had not paid the bills or that the rent arrears were because she did not pay the rent. She stated that John took too mmch money every night to go and play snooker and go out for pints.

[redacted] with her or not. All she could say was that she did not want Mgt. Ann to be a catholic. Mgt. said she was now [redacted] so I said I would writer her a letter before I went on holiday.

10.9.81 Visited Mitchell Street and saw Yvonne and Caroline. Yvonne's first question was where is Margaret Ann? The two younger kids are fine. Their Mum had in fact taken them out on Friday. Their Dad had been there on Friday night for 2 mins. I informed the care staff I would be on holiday for two weeks.

Visited Granny McCracken. She was horrified at the thought of the kids going back to Mgt. She came out with all the stories! Apparently Mgt. has always known that she was fostered Mrs. McCracken apparently did not know this until Mgt. Ann was born. [redacted]

Visited Mgt. Ann and took her to the swing park. She stated writing a letter "Dear Dad, please fall in with my Mum" she wants me to make up her mind where she is to go. I took her out to the swings fora while and said I would see her when I returned from holiday.

SUMMARY:

I still feel I am no further forward in deciding where the kids should go - I got such conflicting evidence from Mgt. and Granny. It is difficult to discern how much Mgt. wants the kids. Unfortunately only time will tell.

8.10.82 Visited Mitchell Street. Caroline and Yvonne are both well. Their Nanna has apparently been coming to visit more often. Their Dad has been up a couple of times, but their Mum only came once. Apparently Marg. has told the children that she is pregnant, and it seems that she was sick when she had the children out and could not bring them back. I said that I would contact Margaret via Senga and try to find out if she is pregnant or not. I arranged to take Mgt. Ann to Mitchell street 14.10.81.

Letter sent to F. Robertson
Letter sent to Margaret.

Mr. McCracken concluded that he has a good relationship with Mr. McCann they will work together.

ASSESSMENT:

Panel generally sympathetic to Mr. McCracken - only one member confronted him a little, about his statement that it is too far to walk to Torrance Avenue. Mr. McCracken seems to relate well to the children, they all wanted to hug and kiss him, and played games which involved hitting him most of the time. He was very quiet, didn't seem nervous, seemed resigned to his mother's domineering attitude but I suspect he just switched off. At the moment, he gives the impression that he wants a permanent separation and to go it alone with the kids. I don't know whether he will be able to sustain this feeling.

M. Dorris
SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER.

September 1980

See S.E.R. for panel on 15th September. This outlines the events of the last few months although it doesn't say too much about why the relationship between John and Margaret broke down. The problem in getting to any accurate explanation for this is in wading through the accusations they each make of each other. Margaret actually left the home about two weeks before the girls came into care. She accused John of reneging on his duties to the family by spending too much time playing pool in local pubs. She [redacted] of her [redacted] having involved with [redacted] my have as in any marriage we exacerbated by:

(a) Their basic immaturity - they get to the point where neither is prepared to give ground.

(b) The general lack of co-operation of John's mother who lives across the road. She has an obvious grudge against Margaret has nothing good to say about her and doesn't see why as she puts it "she should look after the kids while Margaret is out [redacted]".

(c) The fact that they both married too young and feel they hav missed out on life. At one stage we even discussed them [redacted]

See reports and minutes of reviews on 13.11.80 and 16.12.80

The plan at one time was for the girls to live with granny and they went on an overnight at Christmas. Although th were/

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NAME McCracken,

ADDRESS 24 Rawyards Avenue.

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10.9.1980

Mrs. McCracken (Senior) to reception: apparently she wanted to discuss children's future. Made appointment for Thursday 11th.

11.9.80

Mrs. McCracken didn't turn up.

12.9.80

Grounds established at Court.

15.9.80

Hearing. Mrs. McCracken didn't attend. Mr. McCracken and Mrs. McCracken (Senior), who wanted to attend, were in the waiting room. Mrs. McCracken (Senior) said she wanted children to return to her son and she would give up work to care for them. I said that, having regard to all circumstances I would be endorsing Mr. McCann's recommendation for residential care. I explained to Mrs. McCracken that Mr. McCann could call a review and have the residential requirement changed, but he would need to make a full assessment of Mr. McCracken's home situation and would wish to be as certain as possible that such a change would be in the children's best interests. I reminded Mrs. McCracken of an appointment, but she said she had forgotten about it.

Mr. McCracken was present during this discussion. I explained to him that he could have anyone attend the Hearing, in the capacity of friend etc, if he so wished and therefore it was up to him whether his mother attended or not. He chose to go in alone. Mrs. McCracken exhorted him to speak up for himself.

Hearing turned straight to me for "help". I asked Mr. McCracken if she would like to tell the Panel what had happened. He very commendably asked for the children to be removed first. He gave a restrained account of his wife's recent and earlier activities. He said he now wanted a divorce and would enlist his mother's help in caring for the children. He would like the children returned home.

I explained to the Panel my point of view as I had given to Mrs. McCracken, and added that Mrs. McCracken gad always been close-by but this hadn't prevented the children coming into care in the past. I felt Mr. McCann and Mr. McCracken would need to work closely together to establish best future for children. Panel accepted this.

Panel concerned about children being split up. Sought reassurances that they would be found places together. They got into a debate about whether present stability or being all together is best.

Mr. McCracken agreed that it is too soon for the children to go home. Concerned about Margaret Anne - doesn't want her to be moved and changed from present schools.

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SOCIAL WORKER G. McCANN **OFFICE**

Mr. Mrs. McCracken,

12 Rawyards Avenue, Airdrie

Office visit by Mrs. McCracken. I related the last few days even to her and this did have some effect, not only in her feelings fo the children, but also in her sympathy with John who had taken th initiatives. We talked at some length about her feelings and I wa left with the impression that a few days might soften her attitide Made arrangements for her to visit separately, at least in the mea time. [redacted] o 10.3.80 as this and subsequent interviews provided information for report.

Over the next two weeks I interviewed the McCrackens separately on several occasions and a gradual change did come about following two formal joint interviews. We talked at great length about the qualit of their marriage and tried to sort out what was misunderstanding an what was contention. [redacted] the marriage [redacted] was SER [redacted] f [redacted] lowing [redacted] the [redacted] McCracken and she had agreed to seek the same (possibly at Royal, Edinburgh), I was more concerned that stability be evident for a good time in the home. Hassles like getting beds from DHSS did help to bring the couple together and explore their respective strengths as they endeavoured to provide good care for the children.

Up to [redacted]80

Throughout the following month, things have gone well. The girls do not seem to have suffered any adverse effects from their time in care, although Yvonne is particularly clinging to Mrs. McCracken. The marriage has been less volatile and the experience of having to withstand various hassles, even like the cooker going on fire, has brought them closer.

G. McCann. G. McCann.
Social Worker.

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NAME Mr. Mrs. McCracken,

ADDRESS 12 Rawyards Avenue, Airdrie.

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12.2.80 Contd. [redacted] offer no alternative at present. Another area of contention was interference from Mrs. McCracken (senior). My impression was that this was all a culmination of events. Mrs. McCracken asked me not to reveal [redacted] although much speculation was evident.

Evening home visit. Saw Mr. McCracken and his mother. From the outset I insisted on speaking to John without interruption from his mother, and actually went across the road to his own house for more privacy. A new picture was emerging - John was much more confused than he had let on. On the one hand, he did not want to lose out on life, watching the kids while his wife had total freedom. On the other hand, he did not want the kids to go into care, or his marriage to end. [redacted] My impression was that he would [redacted] to the point of tears, but was also relieved that he could be more honest without his mother's interference. I again reiterated my refusal to take the kids, but agreed to call the next night. My attitude was changing in that perhaps he did need a few days breathing space.

13.2.80. Made joint home visit with Margaret Watson, Social Worker, and went over the same ground again. Change was that Mrs McCracken (senior) was not allowing her feelings towards [redacted] but overall attitude was the same. Eventually, I came to the conclusion that not taking the girls would, in fact, force John to [redacted]

Throughout these visits the older girls were reticent but their main concern was for their mother. John had prepared them for a 'holiday' and they were not worried, in fact, they appeared to be quite well adjusted little girls, if a little rough and ready. Margaret Watson agreed with the above conclusions.

14.2.80. Office visit by John, his mother and the two youngest girls. Margaret-Ann was at school. He wanted me to take them into care and I agreed to do so, following an earlier discussion with Megan Dorris, and John Casserly. See R.I.C. forms.

Following medicals at Dr. Patra's surgery, Margaret Ann went to Waverly Drive and Caroline and Yvonne to Mrs. Boyd, 6 Meadowhead Road, Plains. Unfortunately on the first night Mrs. Boyd had an attack of M.S. and I had to move the two girls to Arranview where they soon settled and, in fact, were feted because they were so young. John made arrangements to visit each day and I felt he would stick to this. The experience was especially traumatic for John.

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NAME Mr. Mrs. McCracken

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January 1980. Bob Chadha discussed the case at several allocation ,eetings and it was eventually allocated to me on 28.1.80 as a complicated [redacted] case due to marital problems and Mrs. [redacted] ...fting. GMcB.

11.2.80. [redacted] ...ior), demanding a visit to her home at 29 Rawyards Avenue. She apparently phoned Stand-by over the weekend, insisting that they take the three girls into care. This had come about because her son and his wife had split up, she had left the home and Mr. McCracken had been left to take care of the children, a task he was unable, or unwilling, to cope with. Mrs. McCracken (senior) was not willing to have her lifestyle interrupted to effectively help him.

Home visit. The above was confirmed. Mr. McCracken was adamant that this split was permanent. He feels totally unable to cope with the girls on his own, but is rather confused about his own feelings. He seems [redacted] in no regard at all. Her opinion is that Mrs. McCracken is not going to get away with becoming a 'gadabout' single girl again at her expense. The anger she was e[redacted] to Mrs. McCracken if she could only find out where she was. My impression was that this was genuine and no idle threat, although still fired by anger and even hysteria. It was this which was effectively blocking her being able to help her son to cope with his own problems. He, on the other hand, was less vehement re. his wife, taking a more 'good riddance' attitude. He asked that the kids go into care and stated that he would probably then move away to find work and start life afresh. I was quite adamant that we were not in the business of lifting kids at the every whim, and so could not comply with his wishes. When I offered ancillary services, such as Home Helps, and nurseries, this was turned down flatly, partly because he said the house was in a mess and why should he have to clean it up, and anyway, he planned to give up the tenancy. I advised him against this strongly.

I was given no concrete reasons for his wife having left and their attitudes prevented any real discussion of the implications of such a move for the children. Eventually I left, saying I would not take them today, but would return tomorrow for a further, more mature discussion when tempers had calmed. Quite categorically, there was no risk to the children and I was forcing him to take the responsibility, whatever mother said. GMcB.

14.2.80. Home visit. Following phone call, I w[redacted] to see Mrs. McCracken. I explained something of the requests made by her husband and my own attitude to them. Her reasons for leaving centred mainly around his [redacted] to give her more freedom, to trust her, and to limit [redacted] in the pu[redacted] that this was not central, except in that she was frightened to

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Since Mrs. McCracken is placed on 1 year's supervision one would take a view that the case should be returned to a long-term. On the other-hand relationship and trust which I have built with the couple make me hesitant to transfer the case. However, having discussed the case with Walter at my last supervision session on 3rd December I am of the opinion that I would pay another visit to the couple before actually considering transferring the case to somebody else.

B.C.

5.12.79. HOME VISIT:

The couple appeared to have settled down and had managed to resolve some of there differences. Mrs. McCracken reported to me that she does not think she is pregnant. The couple were relieved about it.

Discussed the possibility of transferring the case to another Social Worker because of [redacted] though she preferred me to

18.12.79. OFFICE INTERVIEW:

[redacted] however,

20.12.79. [redacted] for Mr. and [redacted] agreed to do so. In view of the changing circumstances Mr. and Mrs. McCracken's marriage I have now decided to transfer the case to long-term team and hope it will be taken by the long term team in due course.

B.S.C.

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attitude was making me to take immediate action, on the other hand I too wish to appear being calm and reasonable, however on Mrs. McCracken's assistance I decided to seek the assistance of the emergency services but unfortunately I did not get through, however I then phoned David Burgess and seek his advice, he thought the best thing to do in a situation like this is that threaten them appearance and remind them their duties as wellas their obligations to look after the kids. He also suggested to remind the parents that if they do throw the responsibility of caring the children away they can be prosecuted under the children's act. After some persuasion the mother Mrs. Margaret McCracken agreed to take the two children and I helped bringing the children to her with £5 from the mother-in-law and the milk token and all the family allowance Book.

When I came back from a weeks holiday I learned that the couple have got together again and were attempting to make the marriage work.

14.11.79

[redacted]

19th November.

B. Chadha.

9.11.79

Home visit:

[redacted]

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[redacted]

B. Chadha

This is a case where events have been rapidly changing day to day and my involvement in the case has been pretty heavy and hectic at that time as such to record all the details of each days discussion with the parties is next to impossible however I am trying to recal some of the main points of discussion which took place since my last recording.

12.10.79 [redacted]

15.10.79 [redacted] that her husband is [redacted] o the D.H.S.S.

24.10.79 Home visit. Interviewed Mrs. McCracken for the purpose of preparing [redacted]

26.10.79 [redacted]

29.10.79 [redacted]

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:
F.J. Kennedy LLB

MEMORANDUM

From Area Reporter,
124 Bank Street,
Coatbridge.

To: Department of Social Work,
Adam Avenue,
Airdrie.
c. District Manager.

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

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

Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate

Date of Hearing: *Name:* *Decision:*

[redacted]

AIRDRIE AREA OFFICE
26 JAN 1984
SOCIAL WORK DEPT.

S. W. - D. Stewart.
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Date 25th January, 1984.

for Reporter

**Delete as appropriate*

9.12

CP 12

Instrument continuing supervision requirement.
(Rule 22).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

At [redacted][1]

A children's hearing for the Strathclyde Region considering that [the foregoing supervision requirement] or [the supervision requirement attached and docqueted with reference hereto] is due to expire on[2] 10/3/84

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

J. Mackay
Chairman of the children's hearing

1 Place and date

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

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D. Stewart

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

AIRDRIE AREA OFFICE
5 AUG 1985
SOCIAL WORK DEPT.

Reporter:
F.J. KENNEDY LLB

MEMORANDUM

From Area Reporter
124 Bank Street
Coatbridge

To Department of Social Work
Airdrie Office
Coatbridge Office
c. District Manager

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

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on ....

at ....

A full list of th... f each case...

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Date 2nd August, 1985

W.T. Graham
for Reporter

Dawn

Have a message for you about Mrs Newman.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

MONKLANDS DISTRICT - EAST AREA OFFICE

CHANGE TO BE NOTED ON CARD INDEX

NOTIFICATION TO ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Name.....McCRACKEN.....

Address.....29 RAWYARDS AVE.

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TE	CHANGE	SOCIAL WORKER.	ADMIN.
-9.83	Case transferred	M. O'Toole	J. Burke
12/83	Case transferred	Dawn Stewart	M. Shaw

need new minute sheet.- transfer case to Mgt. O'Tack.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
MONKLANDS DISTRICT - EAST AREA OFFICE

CHANGE TO BE NOTED ON CARD INDEX
NOTIFICATION TO AIMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Name.....McCracken.....
Address.....29, Rayyards Av. Airdrie
..Torrence..Annue..F.G.H.
Mitchell St Childrens Home

DATE	CHANGE.	SOCIAL WORKER.	AIMIN.
17/81	Case allocated to F. Polin – 44(1)(b) Margaret Ann, Yvonne + Caroline	Franc Polin	M. THOMSON
	SEC 12 - John McCracken (Father)		M. Thomson
	- Nancy McCracken (Grand-mother)		M. Thomson
	29 Rayyards Ave		
	SEC 12 - Margaret McCracken W.F.A. Chapelhall.		M. Thomson
27/4/82	44(1)(a) Tonstalde with Mrs Nancy McCracken 29 Rayyards Ave Mgt Ann, Yvonne + Caroline		M. Thomson
29/6/82	Margaret McCracken (mother) now address 4 C Willow Drive Airdrie		M. Thomson
Dec 82	(Mgt. Ann, Yvonne + Caroline 44(1)(a)	Transfer to R. Goodall	M. Thom
4/4/83	Close John + Nancy McCracken 44(1)(a) to mother, Yvonne McCracken 44(1)(a) Mgt Ann + Caroline 4C Willow Drive	(close) Franc Transfer to Franc	M. Thomson. M. Thomson.

R.I.C.5

Strathclyde Social Work Department

CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

The following child(ren) has/have been:

* (a) received into care
(b) discharged from care
(c) transferred for other reasons—state—
(d) other change—e.g. of Social Worker, statute, etc.—specify—

*Tick as appropriate.

	1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child
Surname	McCracken	McCracken	
Forename(s)	Margaret Ann	Caroline	
Date(s) of Birth	3.7.74	23.10.78	
Religion	RC	R.C.	
Last School(s) attended	St. Columba's	St. Columbas	
Family Doctor	Dr Lwanda	Dr. Lwanda	
Transferred from:—	8 Queensberry Gdns	c/o Foster Parents	
	Uddingston	Mr & Mrs R.C.	
Transferred to—*	46 Wilton Dr		
	Airdrie		

If (d) these need not be completed. State present address only.

Date of transfer..... 12/8/85

Statute..... Social Work (Scotland) Act Section..... 44(1)(c)

Supervising Social Worker..... Dawn Hughes Tel. No..... 69344

Any special instructions:— Please cancel fostering allowance

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Signed..... Dawn M Hughes

Designation..... Social Worker

Area Office..... Monklands D.C.H.

Date..... 12/8/85

Office Copy

* If foster home, state forename, surname and full address of fosterparent to whom cheque should be made payable.

W3998s

[redacted] SOCIAL WORKER Fiona Palin OFFICE

McCracken

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[redacted]

daughter Elizabeth is coming up from Saltcoats to care for Yvonne. I asked her about the bunk beds - she isn't using them at present, but said she would have to ask John about it. When I asked her about seeing the children on a regular basis she mentioned that she felt she sees them often enought, that they had been round on Sunday. I felt it only fair that I should mention to Granny the concerns about [redacted] since Yvonne goes round there so much. The fact that Marie's children had been left unattended would not bother Granny however.

I left it with Mrs. McCracken that she should let me know about what John says about the bunk beds. The situation within the family remains the same as ever however, with one saying one thing, the other another and neither telling the truth. John John and Margaret still aren't divorced, and neither has made a move with regard to legal custody of the children.

[redacted]

Margaret called in at offie - gave £30 to help buy the kids some things for going back to school.

[redacted]

Margaret phoned asking about the money. I again informed her that I would be in touch as soon as the money came through. When I mentioned to her about the bunk beds, she said that she was thinking about moving now! She however says that the bunk beds would come in handy until such times as she moved. Caroline and Margaret Ann had apparently got on quite well at school.

[redacted]

Sent letter for permission to send for A124 for Matt so I could work out their laundry addition.

F. Palin
Social Worker

[redacted]