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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:
W. R. McGREGOR, T.D.

MEMORANDUM

From Area Reporter,
124 Bank Street,
Coatbridge.

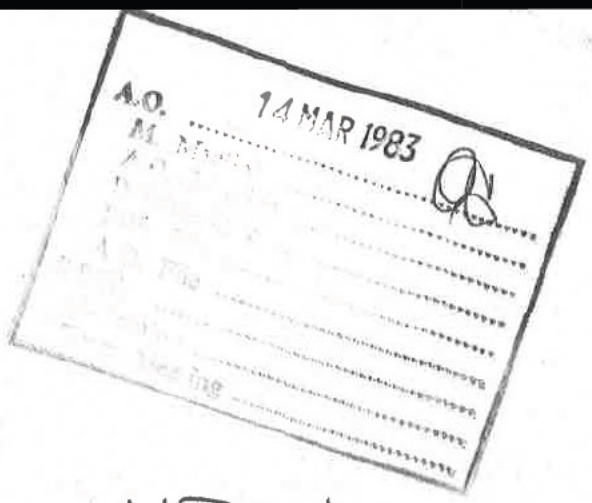
To: Department of Social Work,
Adam Avenue,
Airdrie.
c. District Manager.

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]		



S. W. - R. Gordon.

Date 11th March, 1983.

W P Graham
for Reporter

**Delete as appropriate*

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Instrument terminating supervision requirement.
(*Rule* 22).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

[redacted]th

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region hereby terminate [the foregoing supervision requirement] or [the supervision requirement attached and docqueted with reference hereto] as from[2]

10/3/83

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

1 Place and date

2 Date which termination is to take effect

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MEMORANDUM

From [redacted]

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Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement. (*Rule* 22).

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is hereby revoked.

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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.~~

[redacted]

.....
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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Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement. (*Rule* 22).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

At[1] Ayrshire on 10th March 1983

A children's hearing for the Strathclyde Region by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated[2] 27/4/82

to which[3] Caroline MacLachlan

is subject, hereby require h ~~e~~ [~~to reside in~~[4]

]

[to be under the supervision of[5] the Director of Social Work for the above authority.

]

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 27/4/82.

is hereby revoked.

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Chairman of the children's hearing

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Chairman of the children's hearing

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Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:
W. R. McGREGOR, T.D.

MEMORANDUM

From Area Reporter, 124 Bank Street, Coatbridge.

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

[redacted]

[redacted] *on for Appearance*

Margaret McCracken (3.7.[redacted]
Yvonne McCracken (1.4.7[redacted]
Caroline McCracken (26.1[redacted]
29 Rowyards Avenue,
Airdrie.

[redacted] Grounds Est. at C[redacted]

Kayreen Finnegan (10.6.78)
James Finnegan (10.11.74)
Gary Finnegan (24.12.75)
40a Rochsoles Drive,
Airdrie.

Stephen O'neill
315 Hull,
Airdrie.

[redacted] urt

c. Mr. J. Milton
Mrs. J. McCluskey
Mrs. G. McGinn.

Date 1st March, 1983.

[redacted]

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Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel
Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (Children's Hearings)

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

1. Name of Child..... M[redacted]

3. Address..... [redacted]

4. Present School..... [redacted]

5. Details of School Attendance sinc[redacted]
   This Term—Possible..... 14[redacted]
   Last Term—Possible..... 170[redacted]

6. General Comments (Any sig[redacted]
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   Appearance [redacted]
   gaining confi[redacted]
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   Reading has [redacted]
   to be helpe[redacted]

(Signature) William Young
Edith Shields

Date 13 - 1 - 83 (Designation) A.H.T.
Head Teacher

School.....

Name ..... *Address* .....

Date of Birth.....

Please note that when the above-named child appeared at a Children's Hearing on.....

.....the case was disposed of as follows:

Date ....

Reporter.

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Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel
Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (Children's Hearings)

EDUCATIONAL REPORT
(Supplementary)

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1. Name of Child.....Yvonne

3. Address.....29 R

4. Present School.....St Se

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School.....

Name ..... *Address* .....

Date of Birth.....

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Date ....

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[redacted] Social Work [redacted]

[redacted] the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated

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3. [redacted]

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Mrs. McCracken,
29 Whyteleafe Avenue,
[illegible].

P/C

Fiona Colin

10th December, 1982

Dear Mrs. McCracken and John,

I don't know if you remember some time ago I mentioned to you about re-structuring in our office. I shall no longer be covering your area, so Robin Gordon is now going to be your Social Worker.

I would like to visit you on Thursday, 16th December 16th A-bin between 4.30 and 5.00 p.m. If that doesn't suit, would you let me know.

Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona [illegible] Colin (Mrs)
Social Worker

Janet Caskey,
B.B.C. Children In Need Fund,
B.B.C.H.Q.
226 Clyde Street,
GLASGOW.

R/CC.

Fiona Palin

19th December, 1982

Dear Miss. Caskey,

RE: JOHN McCRACKEN AND CHILDREN,
PAUSAIL 2 AGE (3.7.74), TWO SON (1.4.77), CARE FOR (26.10.78),
40 [illegible] DRIVE, [illegible].

The above children were in the care of the local authority for over a year, and have just recently been returned to their father's care. Robin Gordon, Social Worker, is to be involved with the family and would be grateful for any help you could offer.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona J. Palin (Mrs)
Social Worker

Margaret McCracken
4c Willow Drive,
AIRDRIE.

FP/IB

Ms Palin

8th December, 1982

Dear Margaret,

I called out to see you on Tuesday afternoon, but you were not at home. Could you please call in to the office on Thursday afternoon 9th December at 2.00 p.m. It is important that you keep our appointment as I have to submit a report to the Court.

Yours sincerely,

F.M. PALIN
SOCIAL WORKER.

Margaret McCracken,
4c Willow Drive,
ARKLOW.

F/SL

Fiona Rollin

16th November, 1982

Dear Margaret,

The Social Worker from Bamiando has been in contact with me with regard to your forthcoming court appearance. I should like to call out to see you on Thursday round 3.30 p.m., to discuss this with you. If that doesn't suit, could you please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Rollin (Miss)
Social Worker

Fiona Falin
Social Worker

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Frank Robertson
District Manager

FF/CH

16th November, 1982

McCracken children, 29 Dawyards Avenue, Airdrie

As you will remember, Margaret Ann, dob 3.7.74, Yvonne dob 1.4.77 and Caroline dob 26.10.78 were in care for almost 2 years. They were returned home to their grand others who is tenant of the above house, at the end of this year. The house however, is a 2 appartment and the children's father also lives at that addr ss.

I have contacted the District Councillor and the Housing Department with regard to them being allocated a big er house, with little success. The housing Department ar ue that since Mr McCrac en has rent arrears from his previous tenancy and the children are his dependents, they are not obliged to rehouse Mrs McCrac en, his mother.

I should be grateful if you could take this case up with the Housing, as the family are finding it more and more difficult in coping in such cramped c nditions.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona F. Falin
Social Worker

Margaret McCracken,
4c Willow Drive,
AIRDRIE.

FMP/EJ.

25th October, 1982.

Dear Margaret,

I hope you enjoyed your week-end with Margaret Ann. Could you perhaps call in to see me on Wednesday at 2.00 p.m. to discuss future arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

FIONA M. PALIN, (MS.)
SOCIAL WORKER.

FMP/MMcT.

Margaret McCracken,
4C Willow Drive,
AIRDRIE.

November 22nd 1982.

Dear Margaret,

I am afraid I could not manage out to see you on Tuesday morning as I had to cover duty in the office. I discussed the possibility of Caroline coming to visit you, and this could be arranged next week. Caroline is going to Saltcoats with her Dad for a few days this week. She is at nursery Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

I discussed Matt's rights with regard to the baby, should he be placed with foster parents. Although Matt is registered as the baby's father, he has no legal rights and the baby could not be discharged to his care from foster parents.

Perhaps you would like to call into the office on Friday to discuss matters further.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms),
Social Worker.

TELEPHONE MESSAGES

NAME OF SOCIAL WORKER ..... F. PALIN.

NAME OF CALLER ..... EILEEN McGINTY

ADDRESS/AGENCY ..... [redacted]

DATE AND TIME OF CALL 2-11-82

a) Will call back later/tomorrow at .....

b) Would you telephone when you are available .....

c) Would you telephone at .....

d) Left the following message .....

Above phone: could you phone her tomorrow morning before 9.30 a.m. [redacted]

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

DATE | SOCIAL WORKER FB Fiona Paton | OFFICE

NAME McCracken | SCHOOL/EMPLOYER

AGE | D. of B. | MALE | FEMALE | RELIGION

ADDRESS Mitchell St Childrens Home, Torrance Ave F-GH. 29 Rowyards Avenue

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED | SINGLE | DIVORCED | WIDOW/ER | SEPARATED

DOCTOR | Tel. No.

TERMS | REFERRED BY

REASON

PRESENTING						
MOBILITY	AMBULANT		HOUSEBOUND		CHAIRBOUND	

ACTION

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Name and Address if Different from Above	Relation To Client	D. of B.	Marital Status	School/Clinic Employment	On File Yes/No
Granny + father 29 Rowyards Ave Mother 4c Willow Drive					

RESIDENT	Tick
Living Alone	
Community with Family/Relatives	
Home for Elderly	
Children's Home	
Hostel	
Foster Homes	
Lodgings	
Residential School	
Other Accom.	
Place for Adoption	
Local Authority	
Voluntary Org.	
Other L.A.	

FINANCIAL DETAILS

£	p	INCOME
		WEEKLY EARNINGS INCLUDING OVERTIME
		STATUTORY BENEFITS
		SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS
		FAMILY ALLOWANCES
		OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME (AND DETAILS)
		CAPITAL: BANK/POST OFFICE SAVINGS/SHARES/INSURANCE
		TOTAL

£	p	EXPENDITURE
		RENT (OR MORTGAGE)
		RATES
		HIRE PURCHASE
		OTHER EXPENDITURE (GIVE DETAILS)
		TOTAL

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DATE | SOCIAL WORKER ROBIN GORDON | OFFICE

NAME McCRACKEN GIRLS

ADDRESS 28 RAWYARDS AVENUE, AIRDRIE.

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[redacted]

Saw grandmother at the office a couple of times. Discussed the possibility of a joint meeting after Fiona and I had seen Margaret, between Margaret, John, granny, and Fiona and myself. Grandma felt that Margaret would never agree to this if grandmother were to be present! Things continue OK at home with the girls for the time being, although granny feels they desperately require shoes, and sai I would try to get section 12 money for this.

Joint visit made with Fiona. Margaret McCracken not at home!

Home Visit to granny to inform her of lack of success on Monday, but that we would try again next week.

Fiona Palin informed that, as expected, Margaret would be unwilling to the meeting where granny was to attend! However, she had agreed to meet John, with Fiona and myself present to discuss the possibil of Margaret Ann and Caroline going to live with her. Fiona said sh was surprised to report that Margaret seems very keen on the idea. Fed this information back to grandma later in the week, and she se very pleased at the news that Margaret was quite keen to have Margaret Ann and Caroline, although she said she knew that she woul never agree to her (granny) going to the meeting.

Fiona informed me that Margaret was coming into the office on Mond , 28th at 11.00 o'clock, so could we arrange the meeting with John then. Also, she would like to have the two girls for the weekend, could John take them over tomorrow at 5 O'clock and come back for them on Sunday night, also could he take some "messages" with him?

Called on granny to relay this information. She said she would get John to take the girls over as requested, and go back for them on Sunday night, and said she would send some grub over with them. She would also tell John re the meeting on Monday at 11.oo o'clock.

Robin Gordon
Social Worker

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DATE | SOCIAL WORKER: ROBIN GORDON

NAME: McCRACKEN GIRLS | OFFICE

ADDRESS: 28 RAWYARDS AVENUE, AIRDRIE.

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December, 1982
CL

Case transferred from Fiona Palin. Fiona continues to keep the mother, Margaret McCracken, Willow Drive, Craigneuk. Joint visit to home with Fiona Palin to meet grandma, John, and the girls. I already know Caroline and Yvonne from Mitchell Street, but had not met Margaret Ann before as she had been in Torrance Avenue. Grandma wanted to talk about financial problems more than anything else, particularly the fact that John had not been "paying his way" again. According to Fiona Palin (see case notes) this is a fairly regular, although probably justified, complaint of grandmas. Discussed for a short while with John the necessity of full financial commitment to the family home as far as the girls were concerned - the actual way the budget is worked out between the two of them is rather complicated, when John was working part-time Mrs. McCracken appears to have kept all the child benefit books plus him giving her a certain amount from his wages and seems to have been happy enough with this. Now that he is not working she insists on having most of Supp. Ben. check as well as child benefit books, leaving him a £5 (I think) for "pocket money". But John tries to take more than this! Anyway, having said that we might come back to this thorny problem at a future date if he did not "continue to pay his way", I got round to talking about the girls. Apparently, Margaret Ann and Caroline are still pining to go to live with their mum, although not Yvonne. I think grandma would be happier if social work were to sanction such a plan, and put pressure on to Margaret McCracken to agree this. However, said I would discuss the whole question with Fiona Palin and get back to them after Christmas.

It was agreed that I would take the girls over to visit their mum and get their Christmas presents during Christmas week. Visit made on Thursday, 23rd, met Margaret McCracken and also discussed possible future contact. She seemed to be very undemonstrative, almost "doing things" with the children in a vaguely, automatic way, like taking one up on her knee, or handing out a biscuit or glasses of juice to each one, and didn't seem completely "with it". However, whether this was just her nature, or whether she was hung over, I couldn't judge at that time.

January, 1983
CL

Week commencing January 3rd, granny came to the office on Wednesday to inform me that she had been unable to take Caroline to her hospital out-patient appointment in Glasgow because she did not have the money for the bus fare! I advised her that she would be able to claim this from the hospital almoners, and that she should inform me beforehand I would have lent or given her the money in the first place. She is also still maintaining that Caroline and Margaret Ann are still going on about going to live with their mum. The financial problems with John seem to have receded for the time being.

nuary, 10th

Discussed with Fiona the possibility of proposing to Margaret McCracken that she take Margaret Ann and Caroline. Fiona agreed to come back to me on this with a tentative date. Later agreed for a joint visit to be made by Fiona and me on Monday, 7th.

Home Visit to granny and the girls. Things continued to be a bit

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DATE

SOCIAL WORKER Fiona Palin

OFFICE

NAME McCracken

ADDRESS

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[redacted] Palin
Social Worker

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DATE | SOCIAL WORKER F.M. Palin | OFFICE

NAME McCracken

ADDRESS

5.11.82 [redacted]

9.11.82 Granny called in to say they'd spent some of £40 on food over week-end. 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

[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 DHSS 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 Caroline is settled at Wolsey. 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.

I visited Margaret on 18th November and discussed with her the [redacted] I informed her that Matt had no legal rights over the baby and if taken into care, could be discharged only to her.

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DATE | SOCIAL WORKER | OFFICE

NAME

ADDRESS

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December

9.12.82

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TRANSFER SUMMARY

Nancy & John McCracken, Margaret-Ann, Yvonne and Caroline.

The McCracken children were received into care on 22.8.80. Margaret 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.

Margaret-Ann, who's now 8, was placed in Torrance Avenue and Yvonne and Caroline were in Mitchell Street. When I became involved with the family in July 1981, Margaret was homeless, had taken up with Matt Grey and had 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 Counciller 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 there is a question of him going off to live with another woman.

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DATE | SOCIAL WORKER: F.M. Palin. | OFFICE

NAME McCRACKEN.

ADDRESS

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September 1982.
D.McT.

I contacted Jim Logue with regard to their housing problem. He at 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 be better off with John out of the house. Caroline is now at nursery school and Yvonne at school till 3, so that Certainly eases the burden. She does not manage to get out much, however, and has told me of a couple of occasions when she has returned home after being out for the evening and found the children in the house unattended. I do not see the situation ever improving unless Nancy decided to put John out and assume care of the children herself, or John turns over 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 to 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 explained this was just a trial weekend to see how things worked out. Money may be 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.

Mrs. McCracken went on to say that John was still spending as much time at 24 Rawyards Avenue and was considering moving in with Mrs. [redacted] when she is allocated her own house. Mrs. McCracken does not know what would happen to the kids.

Margaret's (mother) situation seems stable at present as she is not visiting Matt and seems content with the house and the baby. She knows

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DATE | SOCIAL WORKER: F.M. Palin. | OFFICE

NAME: McCRACKEN

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12.10.82. Contd. D.McT.

she should not leave Margaret Ann in the care of baby-sitters and i prepared to stay in all weekend with her.

Fiona M. Palin,
Social Worker.

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

25.10.82

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 the kids go back to Margaret because of her impending Court Case. According to Granny she is up with Mrs Millson a charge of forgery, and is going to say she has custody of 4 kids told Granny this was highly unlikely and that I would in all probability to asked to 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

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DATE | SOCIAL WORKER | OFFICE

NAME McCRACKEN

ADDRESS

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	and access.
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 and 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.	John had put the kids in their Granny's bed. Bed again wet. Yvonne and Margaret Ann had left for school before I arrived. Took Caroline to Mitchell St. collected 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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23.8.82.	Took plastic sheeting round Cannot complete sec.12 application until Granny returns from holiday. Kids fine.
	Met Margaret down in Airdrie. She was again asking when she could see the kids and I again told her she could contact me or see her lawyer. She had been in to see Matt and said she was moving to her own house next week and would be in touch with me. She did not ask how Yvonne was getting on at school and did not mention them 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 Margaret Anne was refusing to go to school because she was unwell. 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. [redacted] 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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11.6.82 Contd.

Mrs. McCracken said she was finding Caroline and Margaret Ann difficult at times, but 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 Court report requested for Mgt. 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 Bill Brown re: 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 told him 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 spend 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 Susan Cairney 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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30.6.82. Visited Margaret at Susan Cairneys. 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 contact myself with regard to the children, as otherwise I would be constantly running after her.

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. Mills. Mrs. McCracken said John has not been handing money 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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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. [redacted]

7.5.82. [redacted]

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.

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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. J. Casserly agreed to contact Tom McKenzie re Housing and Rent Arrears.

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.

[redacted]

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 children's mother just has them for a tea party. Then sends them 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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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 Caroline have 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]

Took Margaret Ann round to 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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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. Visited Margaret at 19 Howletnest. It seems that [redacted] got an exchange from Chapelhall so Margaret is still staying with her. Susan stated she would not put her out. Margaret seems quite hopeful of getting a house soon. I informed her of the panel to be held this afternoon and told her the children would be going to hermother-in-laws. Margaret was unhappy about this, but was not annoyed as she might have been. I explained that this did not mean she could not take the children at weekends. I tried to encourage her to visit Margaret Ann and take her out with the baby. Told Margaret I would contact her if she did not come to the panel this afternoon.

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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	/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] at the office, and wished to talk to me about the weekends. Nanna had said to [redacted] that she'd left Tracy aged 9 in charge of the children 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 that Yvonne has said her mum doesn't like her. 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 J. Casserly 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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/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 stil 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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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. Phone Mitchell Street - nothingelse happended at weekend. Said I'd visit Friday.

Called round to see Margaret Ann. She had been away to Saltcoats 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. [redacted]

15.2.82. [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. Margaret Tart 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]

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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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 Margaret Tart - told her nanna wasn't in but is to call in Thursday a.m.

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 - [redacted]

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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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 playing 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. Liz Clanachan and I discussed Nanna's inconsistency re. weekends. Liz 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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21.1.82. Contd. D.McV.

commented that she might not be able to take the children next weekend as her daughter is going for tests at Irvine Central and [redacted].

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 mun 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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15.12.81. Contd
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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.

[redacted]

She is now saying she wants to take the children for weekends. I made it quite clear that I decide who takes the children.

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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21.12.81.
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Phone call from I. Paterson - 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. [redacted] She did not come near the kids. 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

8.1.82.
D.McV.

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11.1.82.
D.McV.

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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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 Court out of nosiness. Apparently she got 60 days. 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 that [redacted] - she said that Gordon and Mathew had told her [redacted]. 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 Liz at Torrance Avenue and explained about Mathew and Charles telling [redacted] 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'a 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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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. [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] - Social Work Dept. closes at 4.30p.m.

Phoned K. Watters - she was not back.

9.12.81. D.McV. [redacted] Margaret and T.B. Passed K. Myres to K. Watters.

Visited Margaret Ann at Torrance Avenue. The weekend had been a big success. She stated that her Dad also told her that Mum was in prison. Margaret Ann seems to be coping well with this and has stated that she tells people to mind their own business when asking [redacted]. I played for a while with Margaret Ann and arranged to visit next 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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12.11.81 Cont'd/

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her about the children.

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

17.11.81 [redacted] 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 [redacted] 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. Checked with P.F. who said they would send letter to Cornton Vale. '[redacted]

1.12.81

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

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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 [redacted] - 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 - Margaret in Ante-natal ward, Stirling Royal Infirmary. Said I would try to visit.
9.12.81. D.McV.	[redacted] - Margaret discharged. Arranged to visit tomorrow morning.
1.12.81. D.McV.	Visited [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 going to smash the windows at 29 Rawyards Ave 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 [redacted], if not I said I would call out to see her again.

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) [redacted]
(ii) [redacted]
(iii) [redacted]
(iv) [redacted]
(v) [redacted]
(vi) [redacted]

For John we would go for:

(i) [redacted]
(ii) [redacted]

2.11.81 [redacted] 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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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 [redacted].

I. Paterson mentioned that she had heard that Margaret was in [redacted]

'[redacted] - Margaret there - she is up [redacted].

'Phoned Mitchell Street and informed them Margaret there.

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

9.11.81 'Phone call from Katrina Myers, Social Worker at [redacted] Margaret had been picked up a few days before her appearance in [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 amd kitchen. They wold not sit at peace. Took them back to Mitchell street and explained to staff I was going to Cornton Vale.

11.11.81 Visited Margaret at [redacted] had a talk with Katrina Myers who had spoken to Margaret. She did not want to see me and admitted she did not want me to know she 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 she was up on her deferred sentence and did not know what she [redacted]. She was reluctant to talk about the present offence, admitted [redacted] Her baby is due in March and she seems happy about the pregnancy. She states she is [redacted] as 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 [redacted] Agreed to keep in contact with Social Worker.

12.11.81 '[redacted] McCracken in custody, [redacted]

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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/

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/Marion, member of staff on duty, she said that Granny had complained 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.

Took Margaret Ann back to Torrance Avenue. Liz was unsympathetic about Margaret Ann being upset - said she was an actress and plays to an audience. I suggested to her that I contact school in Margaret Ann's slow learning ability - she said it was noticeable only because Gail was so bright. Told her that I would be calling a review.

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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3.9.81 Confirmed Wednesday arrangement with Mitchell Street.

9.9.81 Collected Mgt. Ann and took her to Mitchell St. The kids had a good time playing together. Their Mum had not been up to see them. Caroline was very upset when we left. Went back to Torrance Avenue with Mgt. Ann. Everying is going O.K. Said I would go round to see Mgt. Ann on Wednesday after school.

Visited Granny and John McCracken and had a long chat. Granny is still more than willing to have thechildren, though John has not made much of an effort to see them or look after them. Talking with the Granny it appears that Mgt. is still involved with the crowd at Rawyards Avenue, Mrs. Mills etc. The Granny was very concerned about the incident with Matt and the gun. I listened but did not comment. John has very chauvinistic ideas he does not see it as his place to run round paying bills etc. his mother has been doing it all for him. He won't accept responsibility of sorting things out for himself - he's still working full time. I put it to Mrs. McCracken that we were still considering returning the children to her care, but that I would want things to be discussed with Margaret. Mgt. Ann had said to me earlier on that she wanted to go to stay at her Grans as her Mum hit her and she did not like Matt. Yvonne most certainly does not like herMum. I have noticed in Marg. Ann recently a reluctance to talk about her Mum. Both Mrs. McCracken and John told me all sorts of hairy storys about Mgt. and the children, but it is difficult to descern fact from fiction.

I decided that a decision would have to be made next week where the children were going as I will be on holiday for a fortnight and although the girls enjoy seeing each other it is very upsetting when they have to separate.

I arranged to call out to see Mrs. McCracken on Wednesday 16th.

11.9.81 Met Margaret in Senga Grays house. Told her to come in to see me on Tuesday afternoon.

15.9.81 Called round to Mitchell Street. Only Caroline was there Yvonne was at Playgroup. Spoke to I.Paterson briefly. According to her Mgt. McCracken has not been to visit for about a month. Explained I was going to see Granny tomorrow and that I would see their Mum the following day and would be back in contact and would report back.

[redacted]

Yvonne out on Friday though. Margaret says that she is determined to obtaincustody of the children, that things would be different if she had her own house. I pointed out to her that the children were in care under a Panel order, and that it was up to the Social Work Dept. to decide where the children should go

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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. [redacted]

[redacted] Mgt. [redacted]

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. Mrs. McCracken feels that Margaret has had every chance and that her foster-parents did everything for her. They got her a house in Stevenson and apparently she had lots of men in. When they lived in Rawyards Avenue apparently Mrs. McCravken often looked after the kids and Mgt. got babysitters in. Mrs. McCracken is damant that the children will notbe looked after. I explained that we would try it out at week-ends etc. Said I would see her after I returned from holiday.

Visited Mgt. Ann and took her to the swing park. She started 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.

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10.8.81.
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I collected Margaret in Hawthorn Drive. She had been staying with the Moses family. Apparently she had been down to London with Matt to visit her natural mother, and when they came back all their clothes etc. were sold. Margaret said that to make up for this money, Mrs. Moses agreed to sign over her child benefit book. Margaret also lost over £100 from her purse, as she had money Matt had from selling a car, plus her benefit, plus money she was owed by Matt's father. [redacted]

After much deliberation Margaret decided that she would go back to her friend's house and have a bath and would find somewhere to stay the night. I told her to phone me in the morning.

11.8.81.
D.McV.

Margaret phoned and asked me if I had contacted Housing. She apologised that Matt had not com to meet me. I explained that I would meet him some other time. He seems to have accepted that our department will have to investigate into his background. Margaret stated that she had slept in Matt's car. I asked her to go to Housing this afternoon and to give me a phone. She asked that I contact her lawyer, Ross Harper & Murphy. I agreed to do this. No further contact with Margaret.

14.8.81.
D.McV.

Visited Torrance Avenue and took Margaret Ann out for the afternoon. Apparently there had been an incident a few weeks where Margaret Ann had been out and met Matt who took her back to the house. A member of staff was then sent back to get her. Since that time Margaret Ann has wet herself a couple of times during the day.

Margaret Ann and I went for a run in the car, to the office and then to the market. She chatted away. She said she would prefer to stay with her Nanna than with her Mum as Matt sometimes hit her. How much of this is fabricated, I do not know. She really seemsto miss her sisters and talks a lot about how she will look after them when they are together again. Took Margaret Ann back around 5.

19.8.81.
D.McV.

Went to Mitchell Street . Caroline and Yvonne had a good holiday. Filled Isobel in on what had been happening with their Mum. Nanna had taken kids down at weekend. Isobel is hoping Yvonne will start play school soon. Arranged with Isobel to being Margaret Ann on Wednesday for tea.

20.8.81.
D.McV.

Isobel phoned to say that Yvonne has got a place in Nursery. She goes Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week. Tuesday and Thursday the next. Their Mum had been to take them out and is coming back again on Sunday to take them to the Zoo. [redacted]

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NAME

ADDRESS

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20.8.81. Contd. D.McV.

Phoned Torrance Avenue - spoke to Margaret Ann and told her about Wednesday. She could not hear me on the phone.

Action:

1. Will write letter to F. Robertson re. housing application.
2. Contact lawyer.
3. Contact Mr. McCracken and explain his wife's intentions.

I feel I cannot contact Psychiatrist on Margaret's behalf if I do not know which Psychiatrist she has to see.

F. Palin.

21.8.81

[redacted]

24.8.81

[redacted]

25.8.81

[redacted]

26.8.81

[redacted]

27.8.81

[redacted] say that her son could not manage to see me. She mentioned gun incident that Mgt. Ann had already told me about when Matt was shot in the eye. Mrs. McCracken again stated thst she was willing to give up work - explained possible difficulties re mother. Mrs. McCracken said she would be quite willing to let the children go to their mother.

2.9.81

Arranged to visit John McCracken 9.9.81 - 7.00 p.m. Will take Mgt. Ann to Mitchell St. for tea. Only Nanna has visited Mitchell Street in the last week when I checked with them. 'Phoned Torrance Avenue - Said I would take Mgt. Ann to tea in Mitchell Street next Wednesday.

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7.7.81. D.McV. Case allocated to Fiona Palin.

8.7.81. D.McV. Visited Mitchell St. Children's Home and met Yvonne and Caroline. Caroline was very sleepy and did not quite know who I was. I was quite disturbed by Yvonne's comments - "My Mum hates me", "My Mum says I'm ugly". I did not get much time to talk to staff, except to inform them that I am now the Social Worker.

9.7.81. D.McV. Arranged to visit Mr. McCracken, 10.7.81, to compile information for Court Report. Had sent letter to 24 Rawyards by mistake. When I arrived at the house Caroline and Yvonne were there. Interviewed Mr. McCracken to gather information for the Court Report. Apparently he is casually employed as a brickie at present for a [redacted], Bellshill, and earns around £60 per week. Apparently he stopped claiming benefit around 2 months ago. He still goes to the T.A. at weekends and on a Wednesday night and plays pool.

Mr. McCracken has been staying with his mother since February. He gives his mother £15 dig money, pays £5 - £6 weekly to H.P. for furniture for his own house.

Mrs. McCracken (senior) seems to bring the children up to the house a lot. Their mother apparently lives in Craigneuk.

Apparently Mrs. McCracken (senior) has applied for a bigger house for the children. She has only one other daughter in Saltcoats.

I said to Mr. McCracken that I would probably recommend a fine.

17.7.81. D.McV. Called up to Mitchell St. Yvonne and Caroline at their Granny's. Had a long chat with Isobel Paterson about the futility of the children's situation. The care staff are very much for the granny, but [redacted] Isobel stated that she had given Mrs. McCracken the opportunity to phone and speak to me. Caroline going into hospital next week for skin graft.

23.7.81. D.McV. Phoned Mitchell Street, all has gone well with Caroline.

Office call - Mrs. McCracken (senior) asked if Margaret Ann could go to Saltcoats for the weekend. I said I did not see why she could'nt but would be in touch.

30.7.81. D.McV. Went to Torrance Avenue and met Margaret Ann. She had been out with her Mum the day before, Liz at Torrance Avenue stated that Granny never comes there, but that both Mum and Dad visit around once per fortnight. I mentioned to Liz about the weekend at Saltcoats. She stated that Margaret Ann still wets the bed and their could be problems with mother and father if she got to go. We decided she should not go.

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30.7.81. Contd. D.McV.	I. Paterson phoned. Mother had caused a scene yesterday as Nanna was coming to take the children, so mother did not get to take them. Nanna then did not appear. Said I would speak to Nanna.
31.8.81. D.McV.	Mrs. McCracken (senior) phoned. Mentioned about Wednesday. Said she had met another woman down the street. She was not too pleased that Margaret Ann could not go away for the weekend. I explained she could take her for the day.
	Letter sent informing Mr. McCracken of Panel.
4.8.81. D.McV.	Children's Hearing - only Granny turned up. Again she was very much turning the children against their mother - putting pressure on the children to state who they wished to go with. Nothing decided at Hearing - father did'nt make it.
5.8.81. D.McV.	Mrs. McCracken (junior) phoned, furious she did not know about the Panel. It was explained that I did not knowthe address. Mary Fegan left message for me to phone her at 68 245.
6.8.81. D.McV.	Phoned Margaret McCracken and arranged for her to call at office on 7.8.81, at 9 a.m.
7.8.81. D.McV.	Margaret called at office. She was very angry angry about the Panel, said her mother-in-law had walked past her in the street twice and ha not told her about the Panel. She felt that the children's granny should not have been there. I stress to her that this would'nt arise if she kept in regular contact with me, and if she felt she could'nt see the children's home staff, then she could pass on a message via myself. She stated, however, that since she was on nerve tablets she could not stick to a regular day to visit the children. She was making up all sorts of stories about the children having lice in their hair.
	Margaret was threatening to just walk into a house. I am doubtful how much she has actually pursued the housing side.
	Next time I see Mrs. McCracken I intend to: 1. Discuss divorce 2. Explain we would have to go into Matt's background. 3. Investigate Housing and suggest I write a letter to Mr. McKenzie.
	Collected Margaret Ann from Torrance Avenue. We bought her sisters some toys for going on holiday. Margaret Ann played with Yvonne until she had her tea. Caroline was in bed. I took Margaret Ann back to Torrance Avenue. Caroline and Yvonne are now off to Bultins for a week.
10.8.81. D.McV.	Phone call from Margaret McCracken. She had an argument in her digs and was homeless. She had been picked up by the Police for B.O.P. I agreed to go out and collect her.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT S.1842

LIAISON OFFICER,
AIRDRIE.

Dear Sir,

I have to advise you that the under-mentioned appeared before Sheriff McIlwraith cited Court on 22nd December 1980 having been charged with offence/s detailed.

[redacted]

Yours faithfully,

Court Liaison Officer.

[redacted]

Area in which offence

Type of Report/s Required

When required ..... a.m./~~p.m.~~

Whether

Previous

Remarks

A.O. 22 DEC 1980

A.O.

Attention

Allocation

16.1.81 8 Def. 15/7/81
Sup S.E.R

The Area Officer,
Strathclyde Regional Council,
Social Work Dept.
Adam Ave.

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Names of Accused	Date of Disposal	120 Sentence (if any)

Under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975

A.W. AIRDRIE.
30 October 1980.

IN THE SHERIFF COURT OF SOUTH STRATHCLYDE, DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY AT AIRDRIE.

THE COMPLAINT OF THE PROCURATOR FISCAL AGAINST

[redacted]

P.A.
SER.

[redacted]

Apprehension and Search

Sheriff.

NOTICE OF PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS APPLYING TO JOHN ROBERT McCRACKEN.

In the event of your being convicted of the charge(s) in the Complaint it is intended to place before the Court the following previous conviction(s) applying to you.

Date	Place of Trial	Court	Offence	Sentence
[redacted]				

Dd. 8048311 5/80 M. & I. Ltd.

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

Monklands District
Area Office
Adam Avenue
Airdrie ML6 6DN

Strathclyde Regional Council

Fiona
copy for your file
MY

Tel Airdrie 69291 Ext

Royal Glasgow Workshops for the Blind
111Saracen Street
Glasgow
G22 5JF

Our ref FP/MT

Your ref

If phoning or calling ask for

Date 5 October 1982

Dear Sirs

[redacted]

Airdrie

PLEASE PAY ON THIS INVOICE

NO FURTHER STATEMENTS WILL BE ISSUED

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V.A.T. No. 262-3171-82

DUPLICATE

Royal Glasgow Workshops for the Blind

111 SARACEN STREET
GLASGOW, G22 5JF

Tel. No.: 041-336 8252
(5 lines)

Social Work Dept.
Ms Fiona Falin
Monklands Dist.
Area Office
Adam Av
AIRDRIE

ER'S ORDER No.	MODE OF DELIVERY	TP DATE
er	15.9.82	15.9.82

Quantity Supplied	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	Price £	Price p	V.A.T. £	V.A.T. p
	SALE				
1	Set of Bunk Beds 6'3 x 2'6 complete	£68	50		

Del.to: McCracken
29 Rawyards Av
Airdrie

Received with thanks
13.10.82.

Margaret McCracken
4a Willow Drive,
[illegible]

FP/GH

1st October, 1982

Dear Margaret,

I shall call out to see you at home on Tuesday 5th October, at 2.30pm. If that doesn't suit, could you please let me know.

Yours Sincerely,

Fiona M. Malin
Social Worker

TELEPHONE MESSAGES

NAME OF SOCIAL WORKER ..... FIONA .....

NAME OF CALLER ..... MRS. McCRACKEN ..... 53611 .....

ADDRESS/AGENCY .....

DATE AND TIME OF CALL .....

Will call back later/tomorrow at .....

b) Would you telephone when you are available .....

c) Would you telephone at .....

d) Left the following message .....

..... Can you call when you .....

..... are free .....

Mrs Margaret McCracken
4a Willow Drive,
Airdrie

FP/GH

29th September, 1982

Dear Margaret,

I believe Margaret Ann was up seeing you last week end and enjoyed her visit. I should be glad if you would call into the Department to discuss arranging more regular access visits for the children. Could you please call at the Department on Friday, 1st October at 2.00pm.

If that doesn't suit, could you please let me know.

Yours Sincerely,

Fiona M. Palin
Social Worker

Petty Cash Voucher

Folio _____

Date 30/9 19 82.

For what required	AMOUNT £	p
Bedding		
	100	00

Signature Ann M° Cracken

Passed by Jane M. Palin

S.2736

Mrs N. McCracken
29 Rawyards Avenue,
Airdrie

[redacted]/CH

29th September, 1982

Dear Mrs McCracken,

Your cheque for beds and bedding has now arrived at the department. Perhaps you could call at the department on Thursday or Friday to arrange how you wish to spend the money.

Yours Sincerely,

F. Dalin
Social Worker

CONFIDENTIAL

THIS COPY TO BE RETAINED BY THE APPLICANT

URGENT

Strathclyde Regional Council

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Section 12 Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968

Departmental Handbook Chapter 9.2 and 9.3

1. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE REQUESTED/LOAN/GRANT/LOAN + GRANT

2. TOTAL SUM REQUESTED £300 PURPOSE BEDS. BEDDING ETC

If regular payments are requested state amount/frequency/duration .....

3. NAME(S) AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT(S)

MRS NANCY McCRACKEN
MR JOHN McCRACKEN
29 RAWYARDS AVE
AIRDRIE

Account Number Where Appropriate .....

4. HOUSEHOLD DETAILS

NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT(S)	SOURCE OF INCOME	AMOUNT OF INCOME
NANCY McCRACKEN				
JOHN McCRACKEN		son	labourer	£40-50
MEGANN McCRACKEN	3/7/74	grand daughter	-	-
YVONNE McCRACKEN	1/4/71	grand daughter	-	-
CAROLINE McCRACKEN	9/10/75	grand daughter	-	-

5. (a) HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY BUDGET

Income	Expenditure
Child Benefit £16.05	Rent paid direct
Grandmothers Supplementary Benefit £19.05	Electricity £1-£1.50
Fathers Earnings £40-£50	Coal £2.30
	Prudent £2
	Hirschad £3
	Insurance £1.50

(b) REPAYMENT AGREEMENT IF APPLICABLE

for Loan in Cash.

(a) Circumstances leading to present application:

The McCracken children were taken into Care under a place of Safety Order in August 1980. Neither parent have initiated custody proceedings and the Childrens mother does not maintain contact with them. The children are currently residing with their grandmother, and are subject of s 44(1)(c).

(b) Length of contact, budgetary help, etc. given to family:

The children were not returned home until April of this year. During that time their father had to be constantly encouraged to maintain contact. Since Mrs McCracken only had a 3 department Local authority house. She had no room for new beds.

(c) Future plan showing positive help that loan or grant would afford:

Mrs McCracken had a double bed which all 3 children slept in. As the eldest 2 are bed wetters, the bed is now ruined. Since Mrs McCracken does not have custody of the children Supplementary Benefit will not help with beds and bedding. Mrs McCracken has no other means of buying bedding

(d) What previous assistance given in preceding year, how was it used?

The dept. has helped a couple of times with clothes, Mr McCracken does not maintain the children as he should, but spends most of his wages on himself. He does not claim F.I.S. as he is working on a casual basis, and does not pay tax and National Insurance

7. CHECK LIST

		Tick off as checked
(a) ALL APPLICANTS Check:—	(i) Account to which loan/grant is requested (in debt cases only)	☑
	(ii) Documentation of income (pay slips, pension allowance book, etc.)	☑
	(iii) Family expenditure (rent card, H.P. payments, etc.)	☑
Eligibility for:—	(iv) Rent Rebate/allowance/rates rebate	☑
	(v) Free school meals	☑
	(vi) Mobility Allowance/Attendance Allowance	☑
	(vii) Help from other sources	☑
(b) APPLICANTS WHO ARE EMPLOYED Check eligibility for:—	(i) Family Income Supplement	☑
(c) APPLICANTS WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED Check eligibility for:—	(i) Supplementary Benefit—weekly payment, grant or special weekly addition/fuel/diet/essential H.P.	☑
	(ii) Possibility of direct fuel/rent control	☐

8. Social Worker Frances Palin Date 17/9/82

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

Area Officer ..... Date .....

FMP/EJ.

Blindcraft,
11 Saracen Street,
GLASGOW, G22 5SF

14th September, 1982.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I should like to order a set of bunk beds priced £68.50p for Mrs. N. McCracken, 29 Rawyards Avenue, Airdrie. Could you arrange for the account to be sent to the above address, marked for the attention of Fiona M. Palin.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

FIONA M. PALIN, (MS.)
SOCIAL WORKER.

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

Strathclyde Regional Council

PLEASE NOTIFY STAND-BY OF AMENDMENTS/UPDATES, CANCELLATIONS ETC. OF THIS INFORMATION

403.

With Compliments

Effective 13/8/82 until 28/8/82 — A.O. John Casserley (0501/23328)

ALERT FORM

Serial No. 5660

Date Received 13/8/82

Time 6.20.

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

STAND-BY SERVICE

6 WOODSIDE CRESCENT
GLASGOW
Telephone 041-

From Social Worker Fiona Paton

Area Team

Telephone

Division 69291

17 AUG 1982
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Client's Surname Mc CRACKEN — Forenames

Present Address 29 RAWYARDS AVE, AIRDRIE — Age/DOB

Previous Address — Telephone

Children	Name	Age	Sex
	Margaret Ann	13/4/74	F
	Yvonne	1/4/77	F
	Caroline	26/10/78	F

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

Name	Relationship/Occupation	Address	Telephone
Dr PATRA who Nancy Mc Cracken	G.P. Pat. G/mother	High St. Airdrie 29 Rawyards Ave, Airdrie	69999

DETAILS OF PROBLEM AND ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTIES

Children discharged from care on 30/4/82 now at home under Sect. 44(1)(c) condition that they reside with Pat. G/m Mrs Nancy Mc Cracken at above address.

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

Caroline is being cared for at Mitchell St. Children's Home. Margaret & Yvonne being cared for by Carers: Pat. G'mother P/G works due to [illegible] holiday

ACTION REQUESTED OF STAND-BY STAFF IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY

If it is reported that the Mc Cracken children are left unattended, please investigate (children previously in care because they had been left unattended by Carers).

Councillor Logue
20 Scarhill Avenue,
Airdrie.

FP/GH

14th September, 1982

Dear Councillor Logue,

RE: Mrs Nancy Gardiner or McCracken, 29 Rawyards Avenue, Airdrie

The above named is now caring for her 3 grand-children, Margaret Ann d.o.b. 3.7.74, Yvonne d.o.b. 1.4.77, and Caroline 26.10.78. The children's father, John McCracken, previously of 12 Rawyards Avenue, is also resident within the house. The children were discharged from care on 30th April 1982 and are at present subject of a home supervision order with a condition that they reside with their grandmother. Neither the children's mother or father have custody of them at present.

This department has made approaches to the Housing Department with a view to obtaining another house for Mrs McCracken. The Housing Department have said however, that since the children's father has rent arrears from his previous tennancy, Mrs McCracken cannot be considered for a larger house until arrangements are made to repay the arrears. The family are desperately in need of a larger house, as their father and the children share a bedroom. Mrs McCracken also has given up her job to care for the children on a full time basis.

I should be extremely grateful if you could take up Mrs McCracken's case with the Housing Department. Should you require further information do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Fiona M. Falin
Social Worker

ARNOTTS

VAT REG. No. 259 9768 79

ACCOUNT CUSTOMER SHOULD RETAIN THIS INVOICE FOR CHECKING

DATE	ASST. No.	DEPT. No.	TYPE OF ACCOUNT	CHECKED BY
13-8-82	714	430	C	SW

GOODS OR SERVICE	£	p
BLAZER.	18	95

WRITE CUSTOMER'S NAME AND ADDRESS IN BLOCK LETTERS

ACCOUNT No. 1557-1714-7146

NAME STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

ADDRESS SKAINMSHILL HOUSE
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INVOICE NUMBER

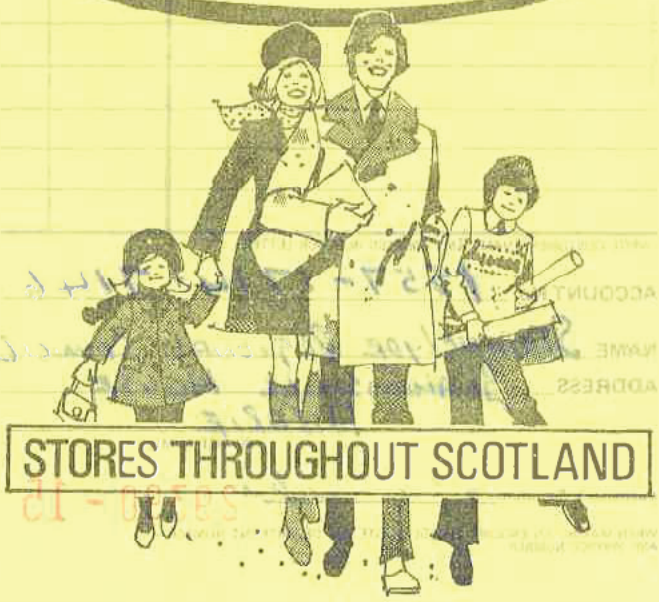
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WHEN MAKING AN ENQUIRY PLEASE QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT NUMBER AND INVOICE NUMBER

FOR
BIG VALUE
SHOPPING

ARNOTTS



STORES THROUGHOUT SCOTLAND

20th August, 1982

Mrs. Gardiner,
29 Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

Dear Mrs. Gardiner,

Further to our recent conversation, I have spoken with Mr. McKenzie, Director of Housing, regarding the possibility of your being allocated a 4-apartment. Mr. McKenzie has advised me that if you receive a letter from the Social Work Department to the effect that you have taken the children from their care into your permanent care and that you were also forced by the circumstances to give up your employment, Mr. McKenzie is of the opinion that a 4-apartment will be allocated to you.

I would, therefore, suggest that you contact the Social Work Department and ask for this information in writing. Once you receive a letter from them, please hand it to me and I will ensure that it is personally delivered to Mr. McKenzie.

Trusting that this will be the case and assuring you of any help which I can give at anytime.

Kindest regards.

Logue

JIM LOGUE, Councillor

FMP/DMcV.

Mrs. N. McCracken,
29 Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

August 30th 1982,

Dear Mrs. McCracken,

I hope you enjoyed your holiday. I have not been able to order the bunk beds as yet, as I have to get your signature for the form and need some financial details. I shall call up to see you tomorrow, Tuesday at 2.00p.m.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms),
Social Worker.

ARNOTTS

VAT REG. No. 259 9768 79

ACCOUNT CUSTOMER SHOULD RETAIN THIS INVOICE FOR CHECKING

DATE	ASST. No.	DEPT. No.	TYPE OF ACCOUNT	CHECKED BY

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WRITE CUSTOMER'S NAME AND ADDRESS IN BLOCK LETTERS

ACCOUNT No.

NAME

ADDRESS

INVOICE NUMBER

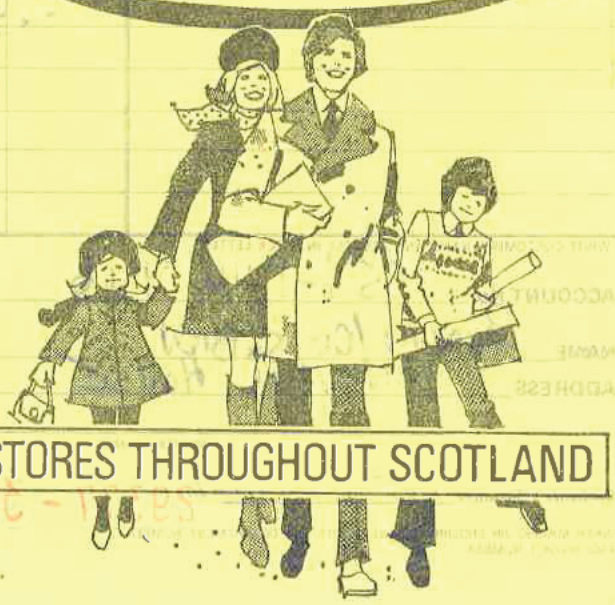
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Customer's Signature

WHEN MAKING AN ENQUIRY PLEASE QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT NUMBER AND INVOICE NUMBER

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STORES THROUGHOUT SCOTLAND

Memorandum

From Assistant District Manager

Strathclyde Regional Council

Airdrie
Tel 54611 **Ext** 9

Our ref AH/MMcG

Your ref

Date 22 June 1982

To Fiona Palin
Social Worker
East Area Office
Airdrie

Subject MARGARET ANN McCRACKEN
Ex TORRANCE AVENUE FAMILY GROUP HOME

I refer to your memo re the above named and note that on discharge she was short of clothing and I am asking Mrs Carruthers to get a cheque for Fifty Pounds (£50) and have this paid directly to Margaret Ann's grandmother.

This will be done as quickly as possible.

Anne Howie

ANNE HOWIE (Miss)
Assistant District Manager

c.c. Mrs D Carruthers

22 JUN 1982
S.S.W.
Team Meeting

Margaret McCracken,
c/o 19 Howletnest Road,
ARDGLE.

FMF/EJ.

14th June, 1982.

[redacted]

PIONA M. PALIN, (MS.)
SOCIAL WORKER.

Yura

Mr. T. McKenzie,
Director of Housing,
Monklands District Council,
195 Main Street,
COATBRIDGE ML5 3BW

[redacted]

Dear Mr. McKenzie,

[redacted]

J.A. CASSERLY
AREA OFFICER.

FMP/DMcV.

Margaret McCracken,
c/o 19 Howletnest Road,
Airdrie.

May 13th 1982.

Dear Margaret,

I'm afraid I could not manage up yesterday as I had to go to Chapelhall in the afternoon. I shall be free on the mornings of Tuesday, 18th and Wednesday, 19th so could you please let me know if either of those times would be suitable for you to see Yvonne and Caroline?

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms),
Social Worker.

Fiona Palin,
Social Worker,
Monklands East Area Office,
Adam Avenue,
Airdrie.

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FMP/DMcV.

A. Howie,
Assistant District Manager,
Grahamshill House,
Airdrie.

May 13th 1982.

MARGARET ANN McCRACKEN (3.7.74)
FORMERLY OF TORRANCE AVENUE
FAMILY GROUP HOME.

The above child was discharged from care on 30th April, 1982. She is now living with her father and grandmother at 29 Rawyards Avenue, Airdrie. In comparison to her two young sisters, who were in Mitchell Street Children's Home, Margaret Ann has very few clothes. She is very much in need of underwear, a pair of shoes, a jacket, a skirt, a blouse, a cardigan, a jersey and a pair of jeans.

I should be grateful, therefore, if £100 could be made available to buy Margaret Ann these items of clothing.

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms),
Social Worker.

Gina,
base file
John
13/5/82

monklands district council

Director of Housing

Thomas McKenzie, M.I.H.

195 Main Street,
Coatbridge ML5 3BW
Tel.24941

Your Ref:
Our Ref: RIS/EB

5th May, 1982

- 6 MAY 1982
A.O. .....
M. Meeting .....
A.O. [illegible] .....
District [illegible] .....
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Allocation .....
Team Meeting .....

Social Work Department,
Monklands District,
Area Office,
Adam Ave.,
AIRDRIE.

For the attention of Miss F. Palin.

Dear Madam,

[redacted]

Yours faithfully,

Iain Sim

Case Manager.

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:
W. R. McGregor, T.D.

MEMORANDUM

From [redacted] lork,

[redacted]

Subject: Reporters' Duties and T[redacted]mation, etc. (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 6 (1) (2) (3)

In ac[redacted]ned in Rule 6 of the above Statutory Instrument the decision([redacted]ing is/are* undernoted.

An[redacted]h copy requirement where appropriate.

Da[redacted] *Name:* *Decision:*

[redacted]

S. W. - F. Palin

29 APR 1982

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District [redacted]
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S.S.W.
Allocation
Team Meeting

28th April, 1982
Date .....

for Reporter

**Delete as appropriate*

W H & CO LTD G—CP 11

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement. (*Rule* 22).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

At[1] Ayr 27 4 82

A children's hearing for the Strathclyde Region [illegible] of variation of [and in substitution for] the [illegible] requirement [illegible] is subject,]

[to be under the supervision of [illegible]]

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement is hereby revoked.

[illegible] *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.

To reside with father in grandmother's house
Mrs Nancy McCracken 29 Rayyards Avenue Ayr
RAYYARDS.

J Shelton

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.

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	McCRACKEN
Forename(s)	MARGARET ANN	YVONNE	CAROLINE
Date(s) of Birth	3/7/69	1/9/77	26/10/78
Religion	RC	RC	RC
Last School(s) attended	St Edwards Primary	—	—
Family Doctor	Dr Paire	Dr Paire	Dr Paire
If (d) these need not be completed. State present address only. Transferred from:—	Torrance House	Mitchell St Children's Home	Mitchell St
	F.C. Private	Home Address	Children's Home, Hamilton
Transferred to—*	29 Rowands Av	29 Rowands Av	29 Rowands Av
	AIRDRIE	AIRDRIE	AIRDRIE

Date of transfer..... 30th April 1982.....

Statute..... Children (Scotland) Act 1937 Section..... 21 (2) (a)

Supervising Social Worker..... Fiona M. Paire..... Tel. No..... Airdrie 69451

Any special instructions:—.....

.....

Signed..... Fiona M. Paire.....

Designation..... Social Worker.....

Area Office..... Airdrie.....

Date..... 5-5-82.....

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

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

MONKLANDS DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

AIRDRIE AREA OFFICE

FMP/DMcV.
ADAM AVENUE,
AIRDRIE, ML6 6DN.

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968

SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORT

Name Margaret Ann McCracken (3.7.74)
Yvonne McCracken (1.4.77)
Caroline McCracken (7.11.78)

Address Torrance Avenue Family Group Home
Mitchell Street Children's Home.
Mitchell Street Children's Home.

Date of Birth As above. **Age** 7, 5, 3 years. **Religion** .....

Hearing Airdrie Children's Hearing. **Date** 27.4.82

Grounds of Referral Review.

Since the last Children's Hearing the children's grandmother has continued to visit them regularly and has now stated her willingness to care for the children on a long term basis, despite housing difficulties. The Social Work Department has been working towards them going to their grandmother since before Christmas of last year, and the children have stayed at her home for several weekends.

Two Child Care Reviews have been held within the Residential Establishment recently, where concerns were voiced about the children 'drifting in care'. Mrs. McCracken (senior) is assuming a great responsibility, bringing up three young children, and has been asked by this department to give up her job. Mrs. McCracken's life-style will, therefore, change dramatically, and she will also have to cope with the children seeing their mother.

The weekends the children have spent with their father and grandmother seem to have gone reasonably well, except for one weekend when Mrs. McCracken went out to work and left the children in the care of a twelve year old girl. Mrs. McCracken is adamant that this will not happen again and has been warned of the serious consequences of such actions.

[redacted] about three times since the last Children's Hearing. Mrs. McCracken (junior) still maintains she wishes to assume care of the children, but she has neither the accommodation nor the resources to do so. She is unaware at present of the plans for the children, though I have requested that she contact me to discuss the children's future.

Yvonne very much wishes to go and stay with her grandmother, while Caroline still views the Children's Home as her home. Margaret Ann has very mixed feelings about whether she would like to stay with her mother or grandmother. I feel, however, that it is important that the girls are placed together and their grandmother is happy to take them all. Mrs. McCracken should qualify for alternative housing once the children are placed with her. I should, therefore, respectfully suggest that the Panel Members consider varying the children's Supervision Order to allow them to reside with their father and grandmother.

Fiona M. Palin
Fiona M. Palin (Ms),
Social Worker.

April 1st 1982.

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CHILD BENEFIT
DUPLICATE DEATHS

DHSS Rm 4000 J

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY
Child Benefit Centre (Washington)
PO Box 1
Newcastle upon Tyne NE88 1AA

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xref 81990998 NN

MEMORANDUM

MISS FIONA PALLIN
STRATHCLYDE SOCIAL WORK DPT
MONKLANDS DISTRICT
AREA OFFICE
ADAM AVENUE
AIRDRIE ML6 6DN

22/4 1980

Re: Mr John Robert McCracken
29 Rawyards Avenue
Airdrie, Strathclyde.

Mr John McCracken has advised us to contact you to obtain any information we may require.

Before we can action his claim to Child Benefit we need the answers to the following questions. We would be grateful if you could supply the necessary information.

① Can you please state the exact date in July 1980 Mrs McCracken ceased to live with his wife.

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② Did he take the order book from this date and cash it or did his wife cash it and hand it to Mr McCracken at a later date.

③ Did the children live with him continuously from the date of his separation up to the date they were admitted into care or were they in their mother's care for this period.

④ Please state Mrs McCraken's address, if known to you

Mt.

FMP/DMcV.

Mrs. N. McCracken,
29 Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

May 4th 1982.

Dear Mrs. McCracken,

I'm afraid I could not manage out on Tuesday afternoon. I shall drop in to see you on Thursday at 5.00p.m. I hope this suits O.K.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms),
Social Worker.

D.H.S.S.
Child Benefit Centre (Washington)
P.O. Box 1,
Newcastle Upon Tyne,
NE88 1BR

FP/CL

Fiona Palin

29th April, 1982

[redacted]

Fiona M. Palin (Ms)
Social Worker

Mrs. McCracken,
29 Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

FP/CL

Fiona Palin

29th April, 1982

Dear Mrs. McCracken,

A single bed will be delivered to you tomorrow afternoon. I shall bring round some bedding with Margaret Ann and will collect the rest of Yvonne and Caroline's things on Tuesday morning.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms)
Social Worker

Margaret McCracken,
c/o 19 Howletnest Road,
AIRDRIE.

FP/CL

Fiona Palin

29th April, 1982

Dear Margaret,

The panel members decided that the girls should go to live with Nancy and John as from 30th April. Perhaps you could call into the office to see me next Tuesday, 6th May to talk about this.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms)
Social Worker

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:
W. R. McGregor, T.D.

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]		

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S. W. - F. Palin.

Date 28th April, 1982.

for Reporter

**Delete as appropriate*

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Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement. (*Rule* 22).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

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is hereby revoked.

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†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.

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4. [redacted]

J Hulton

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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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Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement. (*Rule* 22).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

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[to be under the supervision of [redacted]]

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement [redacted]

is hereby revoked.

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Chairman of the children's hearing

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Notification to child or parent of decision of children's hearing at a review of a supervision requirement. (Rule 18).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

To[1] Mrs. McCracken,
c/o Social Work,
Adam Avenue,

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124 Bank Street,
Coatbridge.
Tel. 29498.

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1 Name and address of parent/child
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Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement. (*Rule* 22).

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

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Chairman of the children's hearing

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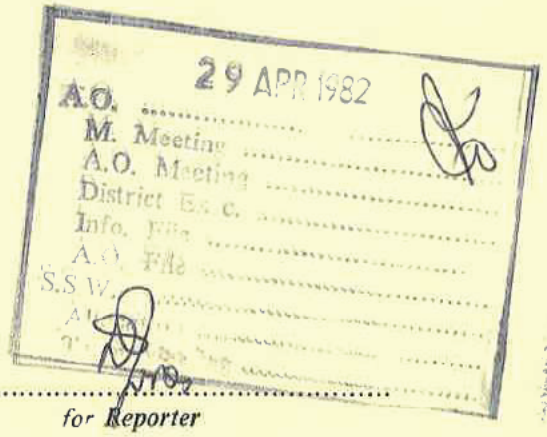
SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

To[1] Mrs. McCracken,
c/O Social Work,
Adam Avenue,
[redacted]

You or your parent/child may appeal to the sheriff against the decision within a period of three weeks from the date of the decision.

You may ask me for a statement of the reasons for the decision of the children's hearing.

124 Bank Street,
Coatbridge.
Tel. 29493.



28th April, 1982.
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for Reporter

1 Name and address of parent/child
2 Specify the decision in question

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

Monklands District
Area Office
Adam Avenue
Airdrie ML6 6DN

Strathclyde Regional Council

Margaret McCracken,
c/o 18, Howletnest Road,
AIRDRIE.

Tel Airdrie 69291 Ext 67

Our ref FP/CL

Your ref

If phoning or calling ask for Fiona Palin

Date 23rd April, 1982

Dear Margaret,

I hope you and the baby are both well. I am sorry I wasn't in when you phoned last Tuesday. I didn't know you were in hospital till the Wednesday, or I would have came over to see you. Could you please phone or call in to see me on Monday morning so I can explain what's happening with Margaret Ann, Yvonne and Caroline.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona M. Palin

Fiona M. Palin (Ms)
Social Worker



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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel
Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (Children's Hearings)

EDUCATIONAL REPORT
(Supplementary)

1. Name of Child..... 2. Date of Birth.....13.7.74

3. Address.....

4. Present School.....ST EDWARDS AIRDRIE.....

5. Details of School Attendance since Supervision Requirement was made on.....

This Term—Possible...134..... Absences.....

Last Term—Possible...170..... Absences.....20.....

6. General Comments (Any significant change

[redacted]

(Signature) Mary McD Farrell.

Date 8 April 82 (Designation) Head Teacher.

School.....

Name ..... *Address*.....

Date of Birth.....

Please note that when the above-named child appeared at a Children's Hearing on.....

.....the case was disposed of as follows:

Date ....

Reporter.

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

NAME OF SOCIAL WORKER ..... FIONA .....

NAME OF CALLER ..... MRS. MC CRACKEN .....

ADDRESS/AGENCY .....

DATE AND TIME OF CALL ..... 20/4/82 ..... 2-15 .....

a) Will call back later/tomorrow at .....

b) Would you telephone when you are available .....

c) Would you telephone at .....

d) Left the following message .....

..... To let you know she phoned .....

Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

[redacted]

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1. Children to spend every weekend at grandmother's - details of arrangements [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Present situation with family since [redacted]

Since the last review was held [redacted] To my knowledge [redacted] has been [redacted]. Yvonne and [redacted] 5 weekends. They were also at [redacted] iod.

Despite encouragement from myself, John McCracken has not, as far as I know, approached his lawyer with regard to custody of the children.

Margaret McCracken, the children's mother, was informed of decisions made at review held on 27th November, 1981. She stated she would not wish to visit the children while they were staying at her grandmothers.

The children's grandmother has had many problems to face: she receives no support from her son with regard to the children, her daughter who lives in Saltcoats is pregnant andhas been quite ill, her mother went to Ireland for a holiday and took a heart attack and her brother who live with her [redacted] e poi[redacted] is now detained [redacted] These events have all occurred since the last review was held and Mrs. McCracken seems to have been finding it increasingly difficult to cope with the children.

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. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

have visited the children once per week since the last review was held. Visits to Yvonne nd Caroline take the form of playing with them. I have spent more time with Margaret-Ann on n individual basis, taking her out to the cafe, and taking her to visit her young sisters.

he children very much look forward to weekends at home, Margaret-Ann however is very confused bout when going home owing to grandmother not taking the children every weekend.

. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

[redacted] she alled in to see me and informed me [redacted]. advised her with regard to her Housing Rights and asked that she keep in regular contact with e. She expressed a wish to take the children at weekends, but did nothing to allow this to appen. My next contact with Margaret was when she visited Margaret Ann on 27th January, 1982 She did not wish to visit the two younger children, and was indicating concern regarding her other-in-laws brother who had [redacted] I have had no contact with the hildren's mother since that time.
I have seen John McCracken once since the last review, to ask him to sign a form. Granny McCracken calls into the office on Thursday mornings to discuss arrangements for the weekend, nd to collect money to feed the children. I have on occasion had to pressure Mrs. McCracken nto taking the children at the weekend.

. Areas of Concern:

a) Family I was very concerned to learn that Mrs. McCracken and John both went out to work the ast Sunday the children were home, leaving them in the care of a 9 year old girl. This is especially serious in view of the circumstances surrounding the children's admission to care.

) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review.)
Margaret Ann is not quite sure whether she would like to stay with her mother or grandmother. She is upset that she is unable to see her m ther, though I have explained to her that I do not know where she is.
Yvonne is stating quite clearly that her mother does not like her, and her grandmother seems o have been implanting these ideas. Yvonne has been going to Chapel, Margaret Ann has not. Jone of the children are baptised as Roman Catholics so Yvonne is not eligable to register at he local Roman Catholic School. Yvonne is not at present registerd at any school owing to

. Other agencies involved: uncertainty about future plans.

Yvonne and Caroline both now attend the playgroup in the Community Centre, and are doing well here.

Margaret Ann's school work seems to have improved and she is receiving extra help with reading Caroline has had one appointment with the speech therapist, and shall be taking part in some sort of treatment programme.

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

All three children are drifting in care at present. They desperately need to move to a family situation. If the placement with their grandmother is not going to work, moves should be made very quickly to find an alternative family. It seems to suit mother, father and grandmother for the children to remain in residential care. Ther has never been any contact with aunts, uncles or other members of extended family. Mother and father's visiting pattern is eratic. The children, especially Margaret Ann need to know exactly what is happening with regard to their grandmother and father resuming care of them.

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

The plan for the children was for them to continue visiting their father and grandmother every weekend, while their grandmother obtained another house, and their father pursued the custody issue. Mrs. McCracken (senior) has stated that she will not consider taking the children until she obtains a bigger house. She states that the Housing Department are unwilling to consider her application owing to the children's fathers rent arrears. Approaches have been made to the Housing Department on her behalf. The issue of the children's mother having access to the girls has still not been resolved.

These plans very much depend on the standard of care offered by Mrs. McCracken (senior). Should these fail, an alternative family should be sought for the children, placing all 3 girls together.

)(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No Not Known

0. Any further comments:

Mrs. McCracken's (junior) baby is due this week and it is not known whether she will visit the children more regularly or cease contact.

I am concerned about clarification of the children's Religion since their mother wishes them to be protestant. Their grandmother's Roman Catholic. Their father seems to have no opinions with regard to the children.

The children are very much in need of a stable placement as a family group.

1. Persons who will atttend review (from area team):

J. Casserly - Area Officer
M. Nicol - Senior Social Worker
P. Malin - Social Worker

Signed:.....

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 11th March, 1982

Strathclyde Regional Council

REVIEW PROCEDURE

Residential Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM C

[redacted]

Date [redacted]

Date [redacted]

Sum[redacted]

1. Ph[redacted] admission/last review (include details of recent accidents or illness):

2. Emotional Development:

none

3. Behavioural Problems:

none

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Form C continued (2 of 3)

C

. Contact with parents and other relatives:

[redacted]

. Contact with siblings:

[redacted]

. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

'. School attended:

[redacted]

School report attached/

Educational observations:

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b) Outwith home:

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Form C continued (3 of 3)

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. Relationships:

a) Within home: good

b) Outwith home:

0. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

[redacted]

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

[redacted] Lays [redacted] [redacted] grand [redacted]

[redacted] Remarks:

[redacted]

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

[redacted]

Signed: Ely Monaghan

Designation: Officer in charge

Date: 10 3 82

Strathclyde Regional Council

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REVIEW PROCEDURE

CONFIDENTIAL

School Report

Name of Child: MARGARET ANN MC CRACKEN

Date of Birth: 3.7.74.

School attended: ST EDWARD'S ARDGLE

Date of Commencement at School: 19.8.80

Class: P3.

Education Performance:

Margaret gets on with lower section of class. Improvement can be seen in Reading skills. Keeps pace with class in Maths but although she requires individual help frequently. Concentrates on tasks and gets a number passed and then tackles it's difficult when in group.

Relationships with Peers:

Appears to get on well with the pupils but frequently tells tales on them. Has a liking for Carol's attention & attention.

Relationships with Staff:

Friendly & outgoing.

Areas of Difficulty, Concern or Special Treatment:

Continue

School Report continued (Confidential)

E (2)

Any recommendations which would assist staff of the Social Work Department to assist the child while in school:

Further comments or information to be considered by the Review Panel:

Mrs Dixon seems at times to begin to understand Constantly looks for how much money she spends etc. It has been noted that now she seems to spend more with the Rev Reed in the Class who is also from the Early Years Home.

Name of Staff Member who would be interested and able to attend all or part of the Review:

Head Teacher Mrs C Farrell

Signed: M M C Farrell

Designation: Head Teacher

Date: March '82

Strathclyde Regional Council

REVIEW PROCEDURE

Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM F

Date of Review: 23.3.82

Name of Home: MITCHELL STREET CHILDREN'S HOME

Name of Child: YVONNE, MARGARET ANN, CAROLINE McCRACKEN

Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 19.8.80

Date of Birth: 1.4.77, 3.7.74, 7.11.78

[redacted]

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

Concern that children had been left in the care of a young child whilst home one weekend.

Concern about the children's responses to the conflict between all the adults in their lives and the upset resulting.

Concern about the children's religious upbringing.

The fact that the plans made at the previous reveiw regarding the children going home at weekends haven't been carried out and children now seem to be drifting in care.

Summary of Discussion:

Discussion commenced with Mrs. McCracken senior and children's father being asked to explain why they had failed to carry out the decisions of the previous interview. Reasons as follows:

Mr. McCracken didn't think children had to come home every weekend.
Mrs. McCracken working weekends and couldn't always care for children.
Mr. McCracken had made an appointment with solicitor, then cancelled it. Hadn't made anothe appointment.
Mr. McCracken hadn't informed Social Worker he was now working weekends.
Mrs. McCracken not prepared to give up work until children home for good.
Neither adult thought there was anything wrong with leaving the children with a twelve year old.

Both adults denied that their lack of action in carrying out the decisions of the previous review should be interpreted as a lack of interest in getting the children home. Mr. & Mrs. McCracken agreed however, that it could be seen to look like such.

Grand-mother prepared to give up work to care for the children if they came home soon. Father agreed to share care, and his mother agreed to make sure this happened. She said she wouldn't want the children returned to care just because her son wouldn't help.

After detailed discussion staff didn't raise any objections to children going home to grand-mother and father, providing one of the adults gave up work. Social Work Department would support the family, but if children were returned to our care for unacceptable reasons, we would take steps to make sure they weren't returned. Accepted by Mr. McCracken and his mother. Recommendation to Hearing that children be returned to their father.

Discussion also ensured about Children's religious upbringing. This is left to Mr. McCracken, but that he should keep in mind that they, but particularly Margaret Ann regards herself as a Catholic. If the children attend Catholic schools, they need to be baptized otherwise will miss out on events shared with other children - first communion etc

Father advised that Mrs. McCracken junior still has rights in relation to the children - he should discuss with Social Worker if she and children want to see each other. Meantime children visit at weekends as much as possible.

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REVIEW PROCEDURE

CONFIDENTIAL

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School Report

Name of Child: MARGARET ANN McCRACKEN

Date of Birth: 3.7.70.

School attended: St Edward's Primary

Date of Commencement at School: 19.8.80

Class: P3.

Education Performance:

Has settled into lower section of class. Improvement has been seen in reading skills. Keeps pace with class in class work although does require individual help frequently. Concentrates on tasks and may get a limited amount done. Talks to children sitting in group.

Relationships with Peers:

Appears to get on well with the pupils but frequently [illegible] to [illegible] attention & esteem.

Relationships with Staff:

Friendly & outgoing.

Areas of Difficulty, Concern or Special Treatment:

Continue

REVIEW PROCEDURE

School Report continued (Confidential)

E (2)

Any recommendations which would assist staff of the Social Work Department to assist the child while in school:

Further comments or information to be considered by the Review Panel:

Mrs Gordon seems at times to show signs of insecurity. Certainly looks as how much money falls upon her. It has been noted that now she seems to spend more with the children in the class and to also from the Early Years Unit.

Name of Staff Member who would be interested and able to attend all or part of the Review:

Head Teacher Mrs Farrell

Signed: M M C Farrell

Designation: Head Teacher

Date: March '82.

Strathclyde Regional Council

REVIEW PROCEDURE

Residential Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM C

Name of Home:

Name of Child

Date of Birth:

Date of Revie

Summary

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

sore throat and flu

2. Emotional Development:

none

3. Behavioural Problems:

none

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Form C continued (2 of 3)

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. Contact with parents and other relatives:

[redacted]

. Contact with siblings:

[redacted]

. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

. School attended: St. Edwards

School report attached/not available

Educational observations:

. Leisure pursui[redacted]

a) Within hom[redacted]

b) Outwith home:

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REVIEW PROCEDURE

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

Name of Home: MITCHELL STREET CHILDRENS HOME

Name of Child: YVONNE McCRACKEN

Date of Birth: 1·4·77

Date of Review Meeting: 12th MARCH 1982

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

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

Yvonne is quite a healthy child. She has quite good build for her age.

Yvonne was in hospital just before Christmas due to high temperature and throat infection. She picks up the common cold very easily.

Poor eater has to be coaxed to eat.

Has quite good concentration.

~~Can be easily~~

. Emotional Development:

Yvonne is quite a quiet wee girl who tends to play alot on her own. I think she is very hurt that her mum doesn't visit regulary, but she tries to hide this and it helps her to think of how much her nana likes her.

She is a bit withdrawn.

Evonne is quite a bad bed wetter.

Can be easily hurt.

. Behavioural Problems:

She can be a bit stubborn and doesn't like to be told no.

Mostly quite well behaved and does as she is asked.

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Form C continued (2 of 3)

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. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Mum visits very rarely.
Dad visits very rarely although we expect he sees the children when they are at his mothers.
Nana visits usually once through the week and sometimes has children out for the weekend.

. Contact with siblings:

Sister Caroline
Sister Margaret Ann visits most Wednesdays at home and spends weekends with her at nana's

. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports: NONE

'. School attended: PLAY SCHOOL - COMMUNITY CENTRE

chool report attached/not available

ducational observations:

. Leisure pursuits:

a) Within home: READING, JIGSAWS, PICTURE BOOKS, TELEVISION, DRAWING

b) Outwith home: BATHS, WALKING,

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REVIEW PROCEDURE

Form C continued (3 of 3)

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9. Relationships:

(a) Within home: QUITE EASY GOING, GETS ON WITH EVERYBODY.

(b) Outwith home: TEND TO STICK WITH PEOPLE SHE KNOWS AND DOESN'T REACH OUT TO MAKE RELATIONSHIPS

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

ONLY AREA OF CONCERN IS ABOUT HOW SHE FEELS ABOUT HER MUM SHE HAS SAID ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION THAT HER MUM DOESN'T LIK HER, LAST WEEK SHE SAID IT WAS BECAUSE "BM GOING TO STAY WITH MY NANA" and that her nana had told her this.

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

12. Remarks:

SHE IS QUITE HAPPY, CLEVER AND TIDY IS PLEASANT AND CAN BE QUITE MOTHERLY TOWARDS CAROLINE. SHE TAKES A PRIDE IN HOW SHE LOOKS AND TRYS TO PLEASE. CAN BE QUITE AFFECTIONATE

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

MISS PATERSON (OFFICER IN CHARGE)
MARGARET TART (KEY WORKER)
FIONA PALIN (SOCIAL WORKER)

Signed: Miss Margaret Tart

Designation: Housefather

Date: 11/3/92

Strathclyde Regional Council

FMF/DMcV.

Mr. Marshall,
Reporter's Department,
124 Bank Street,
Coatbridge.

April 1st 1982.

Dear Sir,

RE: McCRACKEN CHILDREN, TORRANCE AVENUE F.G.H. AND MITCHELL STREET CHILDREN'S HOME.

I should be grateful if a Review Hearing could be called concerning the above-named, as soon as possible.

Could you please arrange for the grandmother, Mrs. Nancy McCracken, to be invited with the father. Both reside at 29 Rawyards Avenue, Airdrie. I am unsure of the children's mother's permanent address.

Yours faithfully,

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms),
Social Worker.

Margaret McCracken,
c/o Cairney,
28 Gibb Street,
CHARLEHALL.

FP/CL

Fiona Palin

1st April, 1982

Dear Margaret,

I hope this letter reaches you at this address as I'm not sure if this is where you are staying or not. I should like you to get in touch with me, as plans have not been made for the children's discharge from care. I shall be on holiday next week.

Hope you are keeping well,

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms)
Social Worker

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Mrs. N. McCracken,
29 Rawyards Avenue,
ARGYLE.

FP/CL

Fiona Palin

31st March, 1982

Dear Mrs. McCracken,

Could you please call in at the office on Thursday, 1st April after your work to discuss arrangements for the children, as I shall be on holiday next week.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms)
Social Worker

LANARKSHIRE HEALTH BOARD — MONKLANDS & CUMBERNAULD DISTRICT

Monklands District General Hospital

MONKSCOURT AVENUE,
AIRDRIE, ML6 0JS.
Tel: AIRDRIE 69344

OUR REF. IC/JH
YOUR REF.

If telephoning, ask for

Speech Therapy Department
Monklands Hospital
Monkscourt Avenue
AIRDRIE

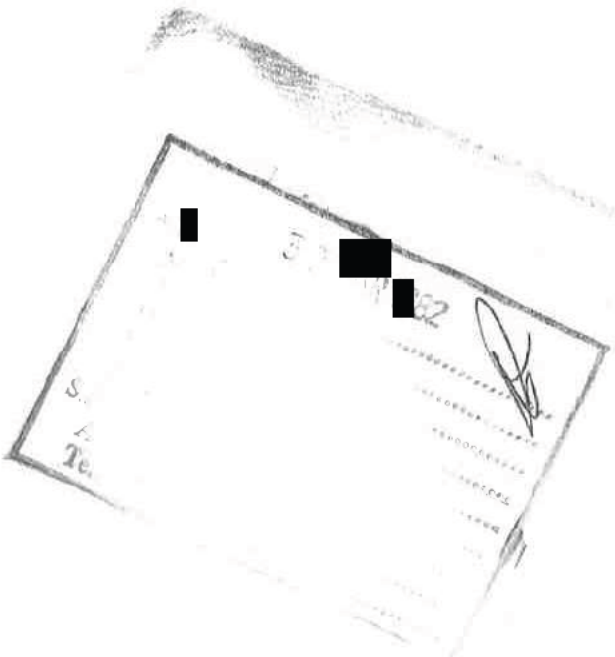
26th March 1982

[redacted]

Yours sincerely,

Iris Clarke

IRIS CLARKE
[redacted]



Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child:	Margaret Ann McCracken	~~Yvonne McCracken~~	~~Caroline McCracken~~
Date of Birth:	3.7.74	1.4.77	7.11.78
Name of Home:	Torrance Avenue Family Group Home.	Mitchell St. Children's Home.	Mitchell St. Children's Home.
Date of admission:	19th August, 1980.		

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1. Children to spend every weekend at grandmother's - details of arrangements to be made between F. Falin, Social Worker and father and grandmother of children. Long term view of returning to father.
2. Father agreed to contact solicitor and pursue interim custody.
3. Mother to be informed of these decisions.

Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Section 44 (1)(b) Social Work Scotland Act.

Any action indicated:

Current address/es of:

a) Parents: John McCracken (father), 29 Rawyards Avenue, Airdrie. Margaret McCracken (mother), N.F.A. Chapelhall.

b) Siblings not in care:

c) Siblings in care:

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

Since the last review was held 15 weekends have elapsed. To my knowledge Ma[redacted] to stay with her grandmother 6 weekends. Yvonne [redacted] They were also at home during the Christmas period.

Despite encouragement from myself, John McCracken has not, as far as I know, approached his lawyer with regard to custody of the children.

Margaret McCracken, the children's mother, was informed of decisions made at review held on 27th November, 1981. She stated she would not wish to visit the children while they were staying at her grandmothers.

The children's grandmo[redacted] with regard to the chi[redacted] Mrs [redacted] with her mother held [redacted] back, and events have all occurr[redacted] These [redacted] seems to have been unable to cope with the children.

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...e/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

have visited the children once per week since the last review was held. Visits to Yvonne nd Caroline take the form of playing with them. I have spent more time with Margaret-Ann on n individual basis, taking her out to the cafe, and taking her to visit her young sisters.

he children very much look forward to weekends at home, Margaret-Ann however is very confused bout when going home owing to grandmother not taking the children every weekend.

. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

have seen the children's mother twice since her release from custody. On 16th December she alled in to see me and informed me that [redacted]

She expressed a wish to take the children at weekends, but did nothing to allow this to appen. My next contact with Margaret was when she visited Margaret Ann on 27th January, 1982 he did not wish to visit the two younger children, and was indicating concern regarding her other-in-laws brother who had held. [redacted] I have had no contact with the hildren's mother since that time.

have seen John McCracken once since the last review, to ask him to sign a form. Granny cCracken calls into the office on Thursday mornings to discuss arrangements for the weekend, nd to collect money to feed the children. I have on occasion had to pressure Mrs. McCracken nto taking the children at the weekend.

. Areas of Concern:

a) **Family** I was very concerned to learn that Mrs. McCracken and John both went out to work the ast Sunday the children were home, leaving them in the care of a 9 year old girl. This is specially serious in view of the circumstances surrounding the children's admission to care.

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

Margaret Ann is not quite sure whether she would like to stay with her mother or grandmother. She is upset that she is unable to see her mother, though I have explained to her that I do not know where she is.

Yvonne is stating quite clearly that her mother does not like her, and her grandmother seems to have been implanting these ideas. Yvonne has been going to Chapel, Margaret Ann has not. None of the children are baptised as Roman Catholics so Yvonne is not eligable to register at the local Roman Catholic School. Yvonne is not at present registerd at any school owing to uncertainty about future plans.

. Other agencies involved:

Yvonne and Caroline both now attend the playgroup in the Community Centre, and are doing well there.

Margaret Ann's school work seems to have improved and she is receiving extra help with reading Caroline has had one appointment with the speech therapist, and shall be taking part in some sort of treatment programme.

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

All three children are drifting in care at present. They desperately need to move to a family situation. If the placement with their grandmother is not going to work, moves should be made very quickly to find an alternative family. It seems to suit mother, father and grandmother for the children to remain in residential care. Ther has never been any contact with aunts, uncles or other members of extended family. Mother and father's visiting pattern is eratic. The children, especially Margaret Ann need to know exactly what is happening with regard to their grandmother and father resuming care of them.

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):
The plan for the children was for them to continue visiting their father and grandmother every weekend, while their grandmother obtained another house, and their father pursued the custody issue. Mrs. McCracken (senior) has stated that she will not consider taking the children until she obtains a bigger house. She states that the Housing Department are unwilling to consider her application owing to the children's fathers rent arrears. Approaches have been made to the Housing Department on her behalf. The issue of the children's mother having access to the girls has still not been resolved.

These plans very much depend on the standard of care offered by Mrs. McCracken (senior). Should these fail, an alternative family should be sought for the children, placing all 3 girls together.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No Not Known

10. Any further comments:

Mrs. McCracken's (junior) baby is due this week and it is not known whether she will visit the children more regularly or cease contact.

I am concerned about clarification of the children's Religion since their mother wishes them to be protestant. Their grandmother's Roman Catholic. Their father seems to have no opinions with regard to the children.

The children are very much in need of a stable placement as a family group.

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

J. Casserly - Area Officer
M. Nicol - Senior Social Worker
C. Talin - Social Worker

Signed:.....

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 11th March, 1982

Strathclyde Regional Council

REVIEW PROCEDURE

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

Name of Home: MITCHELL STREET CHILDRENS HOME

Name of Child: YVONNE McCRACKEN

Date of Birth: 1·4·77

Date of Review Meeting: 12th MARCH 1982

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

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

Yvonne is quite a healthy child. She has quite good build for her age.

Yvonne was in hospital just before Christmas due to high temperature and throat infection. She picks up the common cold very easily.

Poor eater has to be coaxed to eat.

Has quite good concentration.

~~Can be easily~~

. Emotional Development:

Yvonne is quite a quiet wee girl who tends to play alot on her own. I think she is very hurt that her mum doesn't visit regulary, but she tries to hide this and it helps her to think of how much her nana likes her.

She is a bit withdrawn.

Evonne is quite a bad bed wetter.

Can be easily hurt.

. Behavioural Problems:

She can be a bit stubborn and doesn't like to be told no.

Mostly quite well behaved and does as she is asked.

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Form C continued (2 of 3)

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4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Mum visits very rarely.
Dad visits very rarely although we expect he sees the children when they are at his mothers.
Nana visits usually once through the week and sometimes has children out for the weekend.

5. Contact with siblings:

Sister Caroline
Sister Margaret Ann visits most Wednesdays at home and spends weekends with her at nana's

6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports: NONE

7. School attended: PLAYSCHOOL - COMMUNITY CENTRE

School report attached/not available

Educational observations:

8. Leisure pursuits:

a) **Within home:** READING, JIGSAWS, PICTURE BOOKS, TELEVISION, DRAWING

b) **Outwith home:** BATHS, WALKING,

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Form C continued (3 of 3)

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9. Relationships:

(a) Within home: QUITE EASY GOING, GETS ON WITH EVERYBODY.

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10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

ONLY AREA OF CONCERN IS ABOUT HOW SHE FEELS ABOUT HER MUM SHE HAS SAID ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION THAT HER MUM DOESN'T LIK HER, LAST WEEK SHE SAID IT WAS BECAUSE "BM GOING TO STAY WITH MY NANA" and that her nana had told her this.

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

12. Remarks:

SHE IS QUITE HAPPY, CLEVER AND TIDY IS PLEASANT AND CAN BE QUITE MOTHERLY TOWARDS CAROLINE. SHE TAKES A PRIDE IN HOW SHE LOOKES AND TRYS TO PLEASE. CAN BE QUITE AFFECTIONATE

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

MISS PATERSON (OFFICER IN CHARGE)
MARGARET TART (KEY WORKER)
FIONA PALIN (SOCIAL WORKER)

Signed: Miss Margaret Tart

Designation: Housemother

Date: 11/3/92

Strathclyde Regional Council

Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

[redacted] D

Name of Child: [redacted]

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Name of Home: [redacted]

Date of admission [redacted]

[redacted]

Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Section 44 (1)(b) Social Work Scotland Act.

ıny action indicated:

. Current address/es of:

ı) Parents: John McCracken (father)
29 Rawyards Avenue,
Airdrie.

[redacted]

)) Siblings not in care:

:) Siblings in care:

Present situation with family since
ince the last review was hel

[redacted]

[redacted]

McCRAKENS WEEKEND VISITS.

Dec.	4th	Fri - Sun	
	12th	Sat - Sun overnight	
	18th	Children not well	
	25th	Fri - Mon	
Jan	2nd	Sat - Sun overnight	
	16th	Sat - Sun overnight	
	22nd	Fri - Sun	
	29th	Fri day only.	
Feb	5th	Fri day only	
	12th	Fri - Sun	
	21st	Sun - day only	
	26th	Fri - Sun	
March	5th	Fri - day only	
	7th	Sun - day only	

Fiona

Mrs M° Brachren called at office to see you re:-

1) Mrs M° Brachren might not be able to attend next Tuesday 23RD.

2) She has two days off work tomorrow (Thursday) & Friday. Can she get the children to-night and return them on Saturday.

Could you possibly contact her this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

John

Clinic 8th Feb.
28 Gobbst
Baby due 22nd April.

MESSAGE FOR

M ..... Gina Falin .....

While You Were Out

MRS. McCracken

of 29 Ravenscraig Ave

Telephone No. .....

Telephoned		Please ring	
Called to see you	✓	Will call again	
Wants to see you		Urgent	

MESSAGE: Mrs. McCracken came in to see you about Revision on Sums at 11.30 am - Can she have the children home today instead of at weekend? - She will try to phone you at 2pm. today

Date 17.3.82 Time 10.40 AM

Received by Secretary

S.2167

She is going to Glasgow but will be home at 4pm.

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Mrs. N. McCracken,
29 Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

FF/CL

16th March, 1982

Dear Mrs. McCracken,

I was very annoyed that you did not call at the office to see me on Thursday. Could you please ensure that you call to the office at 12.00 a.m on Thursday , 18th March.

It has been brought to my attention that the last time you had the children home for the weekend, they were left unattended. This will be discussed at the review on the 23rd.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona F. Talin (Ms)
Social Worker

Memorandum

Strathclyde Regional Council

From MR. J.A. CASSERLY, AREA OFFICER.

To [redacted] Tel Ext

[redacted] Our ref JAC/IB

Subject [redacted]

[redacted]

in time.

J.A. CASSERLY
AREA OFFICER.

Director: F E Edwards RD BA DipAss FIBW FBIM

Monklands District
Area Office
Adam Avenue
Airdrie ML6 6DN

Fiona

Strathclyde Regional Council

Tel Airdrie 69291 Ext

Our ref JAC/18

Your ref

If phoning or calling ask for Mr. Casserly

Date 12th March, 1982

Mrs. N. McCracken,
29 Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

Dear Mrs. McCracken,

REVIEWS OF CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL CARE - McCRACKEN CHILDREN

A Review Meeting concerning future plans for the child/children named above is to be held within Mitchell Street Children's Home on 23rd March, 1982 at 11.30.

I should be pleased if you could attend this meeting and look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,

J.A. CASSERLY
AREA OFFICER.

Director: F E Edwards RD BA DipASS FIBW FBIM

Monklands District
Area Office
Adam Avenue
Airdrie ML6 6DN

Strathclyde Regional Council

Tel Airdrie 69291 Ext

Mr. John McCracken
29 Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

Our ref JAC/IB

Your ref

If phoning or calling ask for Mr. Casserly

Date 12th March, 1982

Dear Mr. McCracken,

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Yours sincerely,

J.A. CASSERLY
AREA OFFICER.

Memorandum

Strathclyde Regional Council

From District Manager

To Chairperson (Area Officer)
Social Worker for child in care
Officer-in-Charge, Children's Home
Keyworker in Children's Home

Tel Ext

Our ref FR/CP

Your ref

Subject RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE REVIEW

Date 9th March, 1982.

The undernoted cases will be reviewed on 12th March, 1982

in Mitchell Street, Children's Home, Airdrie. Please arrange to attend this Review.

Caroline, Yvonne & Margaret McCracken

(To be held at 11.oo a.m. on above date).

p.p. L. Primrose

Mr. F. Robertson
District Manager

~~9.15am/1.45pm~~ _____

~~10.00am/2.30pm~~ _____

~~10.45am/3.15pm~~ _____

~~11.30am/4.00pm~~ _____

REVIEW PROCEDURE

Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child:	Margaret Ann McCracken	Yvonne McCracken	Caroline McCracken
Date of Birth:	3.7.74	1.4.77	7.11.78
Name of Home:	Torrance Avenue Family Group Home.	Mitchell St. Children's Home.	Mitchell St. Children's Home.

Date of admission: 19th August, 1980.

Summary [redacted] last review (if appropriate):

1. [redacted]

3 [redacted]

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

Section 44 (1)(b) Social Work Scotland Act.

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: John McCracken (father)
29 Rawyards Avenue,
Airdrie.

Margaret McCracken (mother)
N.F.A. Chapelhall.

(b) Siblings not in care:

(c) Siblings in care:

3. [redacted]

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FMP/DMcV.

John McCracken,
29 Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

March 10th 1982.

Dear John,

You have now had a week and a half to approach your Lawyer regarding custody of the children. I expect you to have taken some steps before Friday.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms),
Social Worker.

cc fiona

W. Nicol,
Senior Social Worker.

J. Casserly,
Area Officer.

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WN/DMcV.

MC.CRACKEN CHILDREN.

March 5th 1982.

Following discussion with the O.I.C's and Fiona Palin, it was agreed as appropriate that we ask that a Review take place in relation to the children, either next Friday, or as soon as possible thereafter.

This is necessary because agreed plans have not been adhered to and there is concern about the quality of care given to the children on their weekend visits to the grandmother's home.

.....
W. Nicol,
Senior Social Worker.

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

NAME OF SOCIAL WORKER ..... FIONA .....

NAME OF CALLER ..... SPEECH THERAPIST .....

ADDRESS/AGENCY .....

DATE AND TIME OF CALL .... 15/2/82 ..... 9.30 .....

a) Will call back later/tomorrow at .....

b) Would you telephone when you are available .....

c) Would you telephone at .....

d) Left the following message .....

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Will be in all day except lunch time

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could you call in to see her

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FMP/IMcV.

Mrs. N. McCracken,
29 Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

February 10th 1982.

Dear Mrs. McCracken,

Please call at the office on Friday morning as I will not be in on Thursday.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Malin (Ms),
Social Worker.

The Department of Education - School Section,
Regional Offices,
Almada Street,
HAMILTON.

FMP/EJ.

14th January, 1982.

Dear Sir,

RE: YVONNE McCRACKEN (D.O.B. 1.4.77.) FORMERLY OF 12 RAWYARDS AVENUE, AIRDRIE.

The above named child is at present in the care of the Social Work Department, and currently resides in Mitchell Street Children's Home, Airdrie. She should enrol at St. Andrew's Primary School in the near future, but this seems pointless as hopefully she will no longer be in the care of the Social Work Department in August. Our plan is for Yvonne to go to live with her grandmother, but this will involve her grandmother moving house.

I have tried without success to contact your Department by telephone on several occasions, for guidance on this matter. I should be grateful if you could inform me whether Yvonne should enrol at St. Andrew's Primary School or whether she should wait until August and enrol at the school in the area she is living in.

I should appreciate your help.

Yours faithfully,

F.M. PALIN, (MS.)
SOCIAL WORKER.

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

NAME OF SOCIAL WORKER ..... Fiona

NAME OF CALLER .....

ADDRESS/AGENCY .....

DATE AND TIME OF CALL ..... 29/1/82 12.15 p.m.

a) Will call back later/tomorrow at .....

b) Would you telephone when you are available .....

c) Would you telephone at .....

d) Left the following message .....

Mrs M'Cracken (Karen) not taking the 2 children for the weekend because house to be flooded and the kitchen ceiling is down. They are homeless out for the day.

If you want to contact Mgt Tor will be in after 2.00 p.m.

PM

F. Palin,
Social Worker,
Adam Avenue,
Airdrie.

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Mr. F. Robertson,
District Manager,
Hrahamshill House,
Airdrie.

FMP/LMcV.

January 21st 1982.

McCRACKEN CHILDREN, MITCHELL STREET CHILDREN'S HOME AND TORRANCE AVENUE FAMILY GROUP HOME.

The McCracken children, Margaret Ann (3.7.74), Yvonne (1.4.77) and Caroline (7.11.78), have been in the care of the Social Work Department since August, 1980. As you probably remember, I contacted you a few months ago with a view to trying to obtain housing for their mother.

On 27th November, 1981, a review was held at Mitchell Street Children's Home, when it was decided that we should work towards the children being returned to their grandmother. At present, the grandmother resides in a three apartment local authority house at 29 Rawyards Avenue, Airdrie. Also resident in this house is the children's father and their aunt. The three girls are at present going to their grandmother's at weekends, and this is working well.

I hope that the children will go to live with their grandmother some time in the near future, but this will not be possible until Mrs. McCracken (senior) is allocated a bigger house. I should, therefore, be extremely grateful if you could discuss this matter with Mr. McKenzie, Housing Manager.

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms),
Social Worker.

File -

The Manager,
Department of Health and Social Security,
Graham Street,
AIRDRIE.

JAC/EJ.

21st January, 1982.

Dear Sir,

RE: MARGARET ANN McCRACKEN, (D.O.B. 3.7.74.)
YVONNE McCRACKEN (D.O.B. 1.4.77.) AND CAROLINE McCRACKEN (D.O.B. 7.11.78.)

The above children were received into the care of this Department on 19th August 1980. Although the family were advised that child benefit would cease to be payable after eight weeks, they were also advised that the Department of Health and Social Security would contact them in due course. Since this department failed to notify Department of Health and Social Security that the children had been received into care, the family were not contacted in the usual way asking for the return of the Child Benefit Book. Consequently, they have been claiming child benefit during the period that the children have been in care. From time to time the children have spent weekends at home.

I should be grateful if you would let us know your decision in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

J.A. CASSERLY,
AREA OFFICER.

Memorandum

Strathclyde Regional Council

From Mr. F. Robertson
District Manager

To Mr. J. Casserly
Area Officer
Airdrie

20 JAN 1982

A.O. .....
M. Meeting .....
A.O. Meeting .....
District Exec. .....
Info. File .....
A.O. File .....
S.S.W. .....
Allocation .....
Team Meeting .....

Airdrie
Tel 54611 Ext 7
Our ref FR/JC
Your ref
Date 18 January 1982

Subject McCRACKEN CHILDREN

I would acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of 14 January 1982, concerning the Child Benefit Book pertaining to the children in care.

I would suggest that you meet with the Manager of the local D.H.S.S., explain the situation and the fact that we failed to advise his Department when the children were taken into care. It will then be for the D.H.S.S. to decide whether to reclaim the money from the family or from this Department.

In consultation with the District Administrative Officer I am advised that in most Districts the Area Office advises the D.H.S.S. whenever a child is taken into care and this would appear to be the most expedient arrangement. However, this is a matter which we could well discuss at the next District Executive Meeting.

I agree that we should not be colluding with the family and should quickly bring the matter to the attention of D.H.S.S. as indicated.

F. Robertson
District Manager

Copy - Mrs. E. Hinshaw, D.A.O.

Lanarkshire Health Board,
Primary Care Services,
14 Dalzell Drive,
MOTHERWELL, ML1 2BZ

FMP/EJ.

12th January, 1982.

Dear Sir, Madam.

RE: YVONNE McCRACKEN, (D.O.B. 1.4.77) FORMERLY 12 HAWYARDS AVENUE, AIRDRIE.

The above child is in the care of the Social Work Department. It has been brought to my attention that Yvonne does not have a medical card, her G.P. is Dr. Patra, Airdrie. I should be grateful if you could send me a card for Yvonne.

Yours faithfully,

FIONA M. PALIN, (MS.)
SOCIAL WORKER.

REVIEW ON McCRACKEN CHILDREN - 27TH NOVEMBER 1981.

Margaret Ann McCracken - d.o.b. 3.7.74.
Yvonne McCracken - d.o.b. 1.4.77.
Caroline McCracken - d.o.b. 7.11.78.

Margaret Ann, Yvonne and Caroline have now been in care for over a year, and as yet no formal plan has been drawn up for their future. When I assumed responsibility for this case in July of this year, G. McCann the previous Social Worker had suggested that Margaret McCracken the children's mother, should be supported in her attempts to care for the children. I contacted the Housing Manager on Margaret's behalf via the District Manager but it seems that Margaret never followed this through.

On 7th August 1981, a Children's Hearing was held to review the girls' Supervision Order. Mr. McCracken was informed of the Hearing, but did not attend. Granny McCracken attended the Hearing, but apparently walked past Margaret before the Panel, and did not tell her it was due to take place. Margaret was not informed as I was unaware of her whereabouts at the time and she had not contacted myself.

[redacted] Mr. McCracken has never approached myself with regard to resuming care of the children. He continues to reside in his mother's house and has made no attempt to pay his debts or rent arrears. His mother has in fact assumed responsibility for his debts. It should be noted that before the McCracken children were received into care, Mr. McCracken was offered the support of a Home-help, day care facilities etc. to help care for the children. He refused these offers on the basis that he could not cope. Granny McCracken offered no help in caring for the children at this time and in fact has such feelings of bitterness about her daughter-in-law that she felt that her assuming care of the children would "let Margaret off". On 11th February 1980 it has been recorded that Granny McCracken phoned the Social Work Department Stand-by Service requesting that the children be received into care, that her son could not cope, and that she was not willing to have her lifestyle interrupted.

The situation with the McCracken children does not seem to be any further forward than it was when they were received into care.

John McCracken.

As already stated, he has never approached myself with a view to assuming care of the children. He is living in his mother's three-apartment Local Authority house and is employed as a labourer. He has visited the children, but never on a regular basis and never stays for long. He appears to be happy for the children to be in care, as it is convenient for him.

Margaret McCracken.

[redacted]

McCracken children. (Cont'd.)

Granny McCracken.

Mrs. McCracken has certainly visited the children regularly, though Margaret Ann does tend to be left out. She appears to be willing to take the children, despite the fact I have pointed out to her that she would not be considered to foster the girls if their father was in the house.

Margaret Ann McCracken.

[redacted]

Yvonne.

Yvonne is very much her Granny's favourite. She very much wants to go and stay with her Granny. She has mentioned to myself that her mum does not like her.

Caroline.

[redacted]

It seems now there is a clear choice, either the children are placed with their Granny with all the inherent risks, or we consider placing the children in an alternative family. It seems imperative however that the girls are placed together.

Frans M. Palin

F. PALIN,
SOCIAL WORKER.

26th November, 1981.

Folio _____

Petty Cash Voucher

Date 24-12-1981

For what required	AMOUNT £	p
Expenses for Children in care to go Rome	15	00
	15	00

Signature Mrs M° Bracken

S.2736

Passed by Trevor Pain

FMP/DMcV.

Mrs. McCracken,
29 Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

December 17th 1981.

Dear Mrs. McCracken,

Please call at the office on Monday, 21st December, at 11.30 a.m.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Dalin (Ms),
Social Worker.

FMP/MoV.

Mrs. N. McCracken,
29 Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

December 8th 1981.

Dear Mrs. McCracken,

Could you please call into this office here on your way home from work on Thursday morning to discuss financial arrangements for the children going home next weekend.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms),
Social Worker.

List of Visits and outings

July	31st	Mrs.	Mac	Gran.
August	2nd.	"	"	"
August	6th.	Mrs.	Mac	"
August	8th	"	"	"
August	16th	"	"	"
August	17th	"	"	"
August	20th	Mrs.	Mac C	Mum.
August	21st.	"	"	Gran
August	27th	"	"	Gran.
Sept	2nd.	"	"	Gran.
Sept	7th.	"	"	Gran
Sept	14th	Mrs	"	Dad.
Sept	16th.	Mrs	"	Gran
Sept	20th	Mrs	"	Gran.
Sept	28th	Mrs	"	Gran.
Sept	30th	Mrs	"	Gran
Sept	4th	Mrs	"	Gran
Oct	8th	Mrs	"	Gran
Oct	16th	Mr.	"	Dad.
Oct	18th	Mrs	"	Gran.
Oct	25th.	Mrs.	Mac C	Gran
Oct	26th.	Mrs.	" "	Gran.
Oct	26th	Mrs	Mac.	Mum.
Nov	1st	Mrs	Mac C	Gran.
Nov	5th	Mrs.	Mac C	Gran
Nov	9th	Mrs	Mac C	Gran
Nov	16th	Mrs .	Mac C	Gran.
Nov	19th	Mrs	Mac C	Gran
Nov	19th	Dad	Mac C.	

12·7·81 Mrs McCracken ~~visited~~ out with Dad
25·7·81 Mrs McCracken Dad Margaret Ann out Mum
29·7·81 " " " "
9·8·81 Margaret Ann Gran's all call
16·8·81 Margaret Ann out with Mother
23·8·81 Margaret Ann out With dad
24·8·81 Margaret Ann Mum Paged visit
11·9·81 Magaret Ann Dad " "
20·9·81 Magaret Ann Mum pay visit
11·10·81 Magaret Ann out with Dad
18·10·81 " " " "
25·10·81 " " " "
31·10·81 Margaret staying the night at Grans
8·11·81 Margrit Ann out with Dad

for Margaret Ann Social worker

REVIEW PROCEDURE

Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM I

Date of Review: 27.11.81.

Name of Home: Mitchell Street Children's Home.

Name of Child: Margaret Ann McCracken Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 11.2.80.

Date of Birth: 3.7.74.

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

This review was arranged in a hurry and it was accepted that the residential workers would report verbally at the review.

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

1. [redacted] The degree of commitment to the children by the parents is minimal and gives considerable cause for concern. 4. Bitterness between grandmother McCracken and the mother of the children. 5. Margaret Ann (7) ambivalent about her position. Tends to be isolated 6. The children are split up between two homes. 7. Drifting in care.

Summary of Discussion:

The discussion was around the areas mentioned above and about Mr. McCracken's and grandmother McCracken's limitations and ability to care for the children. Grandmother McCracken expressed a willingness to have the children living permanently with her and there was considerable discussion about the practical and relationship difficulties surrounding this proposal. There is not really sufficient accommodation for the children and there may be financial difficulties. Mrs. McCracken, the mother of the children would require access to the children and relationship between her and grandmother is very difficult. The children were considered to be too young to attend the full review but came in for a

Continued overleaf

Minutes of Review Meeting continued

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

1. Children will spend every weekend at grandmother's - details of arrangements to be made between F. Palin, Social Worker and father and grandmother of children. Long-term view of returning to father.

2. Father agreed to contact solicitor and pursue interim custody.

3. Mother to be informed of these decisions.

Date of next review:

Names and Designations of review panel:

Mr. McCracken (father)
Mrs. McCracken (grandmother)
F. Palin (Social Worker East Office)
I. Paterson (Officer-in-Charge).

Chairman of Review Meeting: J A Cassidy

Designation: Area Officer

Date: 17/1/83

Strathclyde Regional Council

FMP/IMcV.

Mrs. Nancy and Mr. John McCracken,
29 Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

November 24th 1981.

Dear Mrs. McCracken and John,

A Review has been arranged to discuss the children's future on Friday, 2nd November at 2.00p.m. Could you please phone me on Friday morning to confirm arrangements and attendance?

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms),
Social Worker.

R.I.C.4

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

PARENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS ASSESSMENT FORM

NOTE: NO ASSESSMENT IS REQUIRED WHERE THE FATHER IS UNEMPLOYED OR IF SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS ARE BEING PAID

1. Name of Child: MARGARET ANN YVONNE and CAROLINE McCRACKEN
2. Date Received into Care: 19th August 1980
3. Admitted To: TORRANCE AVENUE F.C.H. MITCHELL ST. CHILDRENS HOME
4. *Father/~~Guardian~~'s Name: JOHN McCRACKEN
5. Occupation: LABOURER
6. Mother's Name: MARGARET McCRACKEN
7. Address: 29 RAWYARDS AVENUE AIRDRIE
8. Details of Gross Income of Working Parent: £ 60 per week
9. Payslips Available? ~~YES~~/NO*

   If YES, give dates which confirm Gross Income:

   If NO, do the earnings appear reasonable? YES/~~NO~~*
10. Is this the first child received into care from this family? YES/~~NO~~*

    If NO, give details:

11. Certification:

    The information given above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

    (Signed) ..... Social Worker

    Agreed (Signed) ..... Area Officer

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY:

1. Date Received:
2. Assessment Calculation:

   5% of £ 3 = ((8) above) = 3 = p.w. *

   2½% of £ ((8) above) = p.w. *

   Total 3 =
3. Assessed at £ 3. = per week (N.B. Max. is £30.00 per week)
4. EFFECTIVE FROM: 1
5. Social Worker Notified:

Completed By (Signed) .....

Checked By (Signed) .....

Date 19/11/87

* Delete as necessary

FMP/DMcV.

Mr. John McCracken,
29 Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

November 18th 1981.

Dear Mr. McCracken,

I have filled in a form stating you are now earning and should be paying maintenance for the children.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms),
Social Worker.

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

NAME OF SOCIAL WORKER ..... Fiona .....

NAME OF CALLER Mrs. Smith or Mr. Farrell .....

ADDRESS/AGENCY ..... St. Edward's School .....

DATE AND TIME OF CALL ..... 3:11:81 ..... 9.10 a.m. .....

a) Will call back later/tomorrow at .....

b) Would you telephone when you are available ✓.....

c) Would you telephone at .....

c) Left the following message .....

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Fiona Palin
Social Worker
Adam Avenue
Airdrie

Mr F Robertson
District Manager
Grahamshill House
Airdrie

69291 67'

FMP/MT

The McCracken Children
Mitchell Street and Torrance Ave Family Group Home

30 October 1981

I should like to call an urgent review to discuss the situation of the above named children. They have been in care now for over a year yet, and no definite plans have been made as yet for the children.

Owing to the new Child Care Review Package I am unsyre as yet as to the administrative arrangements involved in calling a review. I should be grateful if you could inform me of details as soon as possible.

FIONA M PALIN

MS. F. PALIN, SOCIAL WORKER.

MR. F. ROBERTSON, DISTRICT MANAGER

FP/IB

MRS. MARGARET McCRACKEN
NO FIXED ABODE, AIRDRIE.

9th October, 1981

With reference to your memorandum of 17th September, 1981, neither Mr. or Mrs. McCracken have legal custody of the three children. The children are in care under a 44(1)(b) order, but Mrs. McCracken has applied for custody. I am unsure whether Mr. McCracken is contesting custody or not.

I feel that if Mrs. McCracken is not allocated a house in the near future, this Department may well have to look at the alternative of the children remaining in care.

F.M. PALIN
SOCIAL WORKER.

Mr. J. McCracken,
29 Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

FP/IB

Miss Palin

2nd September, 1981

Dear Mr. McCracken,

I should like to call out to see you to discuss your daughter's future.

I propose to call out on Wednesday 9th September at 7.00 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

F.M. PALIN
SOCIAL WORKER.

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

NAME OF SOCIAL WORKER ..... FIONA .....

NAME OF CALLER ..... MRS. MC CRACKEN .....

ADDRESS/AGENCY .....

DATE AND TIME OF CALL .... 24/8/81 ..... 2.15 p.m. .....

a) Will call back later/tomorrow at .....

b) Would you telephone when you are available .....

c) Would you telephone at ..... 662208 .....

d) Left the following message .....

..... Would like an appointment for her son .....

..... John Mc Cracken .....

FMP/LMcV.

Mr. McCracken,
2D Rawyards Avenue,
AIRDRIE.

August 21st 1981.

Dear Mr. McCracken,

Could you please telephone me to arrange a suitable time for you to call at the office here to discuss future plans for your daughters.

Yours sincerely,

.....
Fiona M. Palin (Ms),
Social Worker.

FMP/MT

Mr J McCracken
24 Rawyards Avenue
AIRDRIE

31 July 1981

Dear Mr McCracken

I have discussed the matter of Margaret Ann going to Saltcoats with the staff at Torrance Avenue, and with my Senior, and we feel that it is in her best interests that she only go for the day.

I enclose notification of the Children's Hearing on Tuesday and trust you will be in attendance.

Yours faithfully

FIONA M PALIN
Social Worker

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Notification to child or parent of decision of children's hearing at a review of a supervision requirement. (*Rule* 18).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

To [redacted]en,

On [redacted]de Region

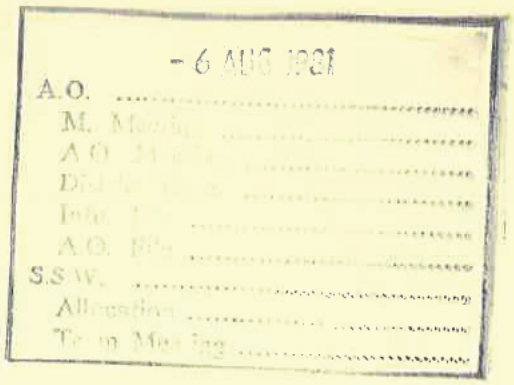
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124 Bank Street,
Coatbridge.
Tel. 29498

5th August, 19 81

for Reporter

1 Name and address of parent/child

2 Specify the decision in question

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Instrument continuing supervision requirement.
(*Rule* 22).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

At [1] [illegible]

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] [illegible]

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

.....
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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Notification to child or parent of decision of children's hearing at a review of a supervision requirement. (*Rule* 18).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

To[1]

[redacted]

124 Bank Street,
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.....5th August,....19....81

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for Reporter

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Chairman of the children's hearing

1 Date and time.

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W H & CO LTD G—CP 8

Notification to child or parent of decision of children's hearing at a review of a supervision requirement. (Rule 18).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

To[1] [redacted]

On [redacted]

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You [redacted]

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Instrument continuing supervision requirement.
(Rule 22).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

At [1] *Edinburgh* [redacted]

expire [redacted]

and being [redacted]

Chairman of the children's hearing

1 Place and date

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

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

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Allocation .....

Reporter:
W. R. McGREGOR, T.D.

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.

[redacted]

Name: *Decision:*

S. W. - F. Palin

Date 5th August, 1981

.....
for Reporter

** Delete as appropriate*

Instrument continuing supervision requirement.
(*Rule* 22).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

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Chairman of the children's hearing

1 Date and place

2 Insert date being not more than the ending of last review of the requirement by which it was imposed

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- 6 AUG 1981

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Instrument continuing supervision requirement.
(*Rule* 22).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

At [redacted]

[redacted]

Chairman of the children's hearing

1 Place and date

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SWD/19

-6 AUG 1981

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Date 5th August, 1981

for Reporter

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W H & CO LTD G - CP 12

Instrument continuing supervision requirement.
(*Rule* 22).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

At [1] the [2nd] day of [May] 19[87]

A children's hearing for the Strathclyde Region considering that [the foregoing supervision requirement] or [the supervision requirement attached and designated with reference hereto] is due to expire on [2] the [2nd] day of [May] 19[87]

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

.....
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 has occurred.

W H & CO LTD G—CP 2b

Notification of children's hearing to parent having a duty to attend hearing (where a supervision requirement is being reviewed). *Rule* 8(1).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

To[1] Mr. McCracken.
12 Rawyards Avenue.
Airdrie.

Your child[2] Margaret McCracken (3.7.74)

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A children's hearing is a group of [redacted] ecially selected for their [redacted] g and helping children who are in trouble. They meet to discuss with a child and his parents any difficulties that may have arisen, to discover the reasons for these difficulties and to find an answer which is in the best interests of the child. In some cases this may involve compulsory supervision or even removal from home. Further information on the hearing is set out in the leaflet which has been written for your child entitled 'To tell you about the Children's Hearing' a copy of which accompanies this notification.

When they are considering what is best for your child, the children's hearing will want to find out your views and you may, if you wish, bring with you to the hearing someone to help you in discussing what might be done. The personal expenses of this representative (but not any fees) may be refunded if they are not less than fifteen pence (15p).

Your own personal expenses (but not any loss of earnings) in coming to the hearing may be refunded if those expenses (together with any expenses of your child and [wife] [husband] in coming to the hearing) are not less than fifteen pence (15p).

If you do not attend the hearing, you may be liable to a fine of not more than £50. If there is a very good reason, such as illness, why you will be unable to attend the hearing, you should contact the Reporter immediately at

1 Name and address of parent
2 Name and address
3 Specify reason
4 Name of child
5 Address of Reporter

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Your child[2] [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]

4 Name of child
5 Address of Reporter

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

To[1] Mr. McCracken
12 Rawyards Avenue.
Airdrie.

Your child[2] [redacted]

has been referred to a children's hearing[3] for the purpose of Reviewing in terms of Section 48(3) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968 the Supervision Requirement dated 15th September, 1980
and it is important that [you] [both you and your wife/husband] should be there to take part in the discussion about your child.

[redacted]

[You] [both you and [redacted] of section 41(2) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 19[redacted] Bonklands Area of Strathclyde.

on (date) Tues[redacted]

at (time) [redacted]

at (place) [redacted]

Please read [redacted]

5 12[redacted]

[redacted]

NOTES

A children's hearing is a group of three people specially selected for their interest and concern in understanding and helping children who are in trouble. They meet to discuss with a child and his parents any difficulties that may have arisen, to discover the reasons for these difficulties and to find an answer which is in the best interests of the child. In some cases this may involve compulsory supervision or even removal from home. Further information on the hearing is set out in the leaflet which has been written for your child entitled 'To tell you about the Children's Hearing' a copy of which accompanies this notification.

When they are considering what is best for your child, the children's hearing will want to find out your views and you may, if you wish, bring with you to the hearing someone to help you in discussing what might be done. The personal expenses of this representative (but not any fees) may be refunded if they are not less than fifteen pence (15p).

Your own personal expenses (but not any loss of earnings) in coming to the hearing may be refunded if those expenses (together with any expenses of your child and [wife] [husband] in coming to the hearing) are not less than fifteen pence (15p).

If you do not attend the hearing, you may be liable to a fine of not more than £50. If there is a very good reason, such as illness, why you will be unable to attend the hearing, you should contact the Reporter immediately at

1 Name and address of parent
2 Name and address
3 Specify reason
4 Name of child
5 Address of Reporter

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

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To[1] Mrs. McCracken
c/o Social Work Dept.
Adam Avenue, Airdrie

Your children: [redacted] McCracken

[redacted] for the [redacted] in terms of Section [redacted]

[redacted] both you and your wife/husband] [redacted]

[redacted] 2) of the Social [redacted]

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for [redacted]

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MONKLANDS DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

AIRDRIE AREA OFFICE

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ADAM AVENUE,
AIRDRIE, ML6 6DN.

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968

SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORT

Name Margaret Anne McCracken
Yvonne "
Caroline " Address Torrance Avenue, Family Group Home.
Mitchell Street, Children's Home.

Date of Birth 3.7.74; 1.4.77
7.11.78 Age 6yrs; 4yrs; 2yrs. Religion

Hearing Airdrie Children's Hearing Date

Grounds of Referral NVIT.

The McCracken family have been known to myself for only 2 weeks, so I therefore enclose the report on the last Child Care Review held on the children. This report outlines the previous social workers assessment of the family. Obviously since I have known the family for only 2 weeks I am, unable to offer my own assessment of their situation.

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Mrs. McCracken (Senior) certainly visits the children regularly, and takes them down to her own house. The children, especially Yvonne, look upon their grand-mother's house as home. Although Mrs. McCracken (Senior) is now saying that she is willing to give up her work to look after the girls, I don't think she has thought of the long-term implications of assuming responsibility for the children's upbringing. It is also difficult to comprehend, going back to the original circumstances of the children coming into care, how Mrs. McCracken (Senior) could allow the children to be taken into care, in part, to spite her daughter-in-law. The possibility of placing the children with Mr. McCracken and Mrs. McCracken (Senior) seems doubtful therefore.

Margaret McCracken, the children's mother, I have not in fact met, as yet, despite having left messages with the staff at the Children's Home asking her to contact me. I am unaware of where Margaret McCracken is living at the moment, so am unable to contact her. I must point out also that neither Mr. or Mrs. McCracken have been in contact with myself to discuss the Children's Panel.

In view of the fact that there seems to have been little movement from either Mr. or Mrs. McCracken in the last few months with regard to the children, I feel that the status quo should be preserved for the children's sake. Caroline is now only two years old, yet has been in the care of the local authority twice. Any move that the children make must be a permanent one. I feel therefore that it is in the best interests of the children that they remainwhere they are for the present, until the Social Work Department is able to draw up a long-term plan for the children's future in conjunction with their parents. I would therefore respectfully suggest that the Panel Members consider continuing the 44(1)(b) Order.

S.1293

22nd July, 1981

Fiona M. Palin (Ms.)
SOCIAL WORKER.

MINUTES OF CHILD CARE REVIEW

Margaret Anne McCracken,
Caroline McCracken.

Present: Bob Jardine, P.O.S.S.,
Isobel Paterson, O.I.C.,
Rachael Morrison, 2nd I.C.,
M. Harkey, Housemother.
Gerry McCann, Social Worker for the McCracken girls.
Megan Dorris, Senior Social Worker. (Minutes).

Reports compiled by I. Paterson and G. McCann were circulated.

Discussion focused on the parents' individual circumstances. Care staff expressed some reservations about the motivation of both parents, but agreed that there was insufficient evidence or grounds to try for alternative families. Gerry McCann has had close contact with Mrs. McCracken and feels that she is determined to have her children out of care, but genuinely lacks the means to accommodate them.

After examining what both parents and Mrs. McCracken senior seemed to be offering the girls. It was agreed that we should try and assist Mrs. McCracken and advocate on her behalf, so that the children could be returned home as a matter of urgency.

It was also agreed that Gerry McCann would propose to Mrs. McCracken that he calls a Children's Hearing Review and recommend a 44(1)(a) supervision. That the children would then remain in care under Section 15, which would enable this department to notify the Housing Department of our intention to return the children to their mother's care.

Review Report

8.5.81

Margaret-Anne McCracken	(3. 7.74)	-	Torrance Avenue, Family Group Home.
Yvonne "	(1. 4.77)	-	Mavisbank Children's Home.
Caroline "	(7.11.78)	-	" " "

Unfortunately the situation for the McCracken girls has not changed much recently. A number of problems are evident but it should be said firstly that both Mr. & Mrs. McCracken retain the desire, obviously in conflict, to eventually care for their children again. From checking the visiting books it would seem that both have maintained about the same level of contact with the children i.e. on average about once a week.

At one stage Mr. McCracken was to seek an interim custody order and take the children to his mother's home. She in turn has applied for a bigger house to cater for the three children. [redacted]
Mrs. McCracken (Senior).

Mrs. McCracken's situation is also complex. She has applied for housing in her own right but the Housing Department refuse to treat her as anyone other than a single person which means that she is only eligible for a one-apartment house. Her lawyer has been in touch with the Housing Department and their response is that she will be considered for a larger house if this Department gave an undertaking that we would discharge the children to her care should she be allocated a bigger house. In such an instance her lawyer will pursue a custody but at present he regards this as pointless since she has no permanent home. I have explained the position regarding the Hearing Order 44(1)(b) but the Housing Department will not accept the Catch - 22 of the situation.

Several other points should also be made. Firstly it appears certain that there is now no chance of a reconciliation between Mr. & Mrs. McCracken. Both have [redacted] to the Department in the past but there is no evidence that he represents [redacted] Their relationship appears fairly stable and in the little contact I have had with him I found him reasonably mature and aware of the implications of Margaret having the children.

It is clear that both parties wish to care for the girls and difficult to decide who is better able to do so. Mr. McCracken could but only with a high level of committment from his mother, who still harbours much resent for her daughter-in-law. Mrs. McCracken could also do so with support and in some ways is only prevented by the local housing policy. My own feeling is that on balance Mrs. McCracken has a more realistic view of the problems of being a single-parent. She is also more keen to have the three girls together.

This is coupled with my conclusion that, were we to pursue legal action to keep the children in care on a permanent basis, say through Section 16 (which I suspect would be virtually impossible to justify) it would be Mrs. McCracken who would be most motivated to challenge us through the legal process.

It should be remembered that we are dealing with two people who have genuine feelings for their children but who may also appear immature and who may, by the nature of the present situation, demonstrate that they themselves have gone thorough particularly damaging experiences as children. Also, the girls do still have fairly good relationships with each parent, although their continuing to be in care is bound to adversely affect their ability to discern just what expectations they should/

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should reasonably have of their carers.

It may well be that in the future a Court will have to decide on the custody of the children in the divorce action but the immediate solution seems to be more in the direction of supporting Mrs. McCracken's application for housing. Alternatively we can wait until the outcome of Mr. McCracken's Court appearance in July.

G. McCann
SOCIAL WORKER.

8th May, 1981

INFORMATION 26.3.81

Yvonne Mc Cracken.

Isobel Paterson phoned, concerned about A/N. Seemingly children went out with mother on Tuesday in a car with five adults. Since her return, Yvonne has talked constantly about the fact her mother thinks or says she is ugly. To-day, Yvonne asked to wear a special red jumper in case it might make her mother think she is beautiful. Isobel is worried ~~Please~~ this is obviously preying on the child's mind. Could Gerry ~~She~~ phone Rachel, Isobel is on leave.?

[redacted]

Mary

Gerry,
Supportive T/C to Rachel on Friday. Please discuss.

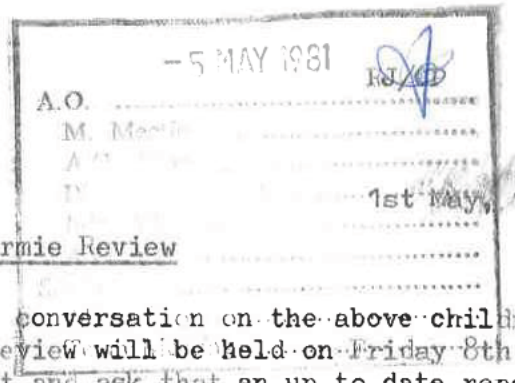
MONKLANDS EAST AREA SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, ADAM AVENUE, AIRDRIE

INTAKE/REFERRAL FORM

Name _____ D. o. B or Age		Referral No.				
Address _____		Date a.m./p.m. ...../...../19.....				
		Intake Worker				
Household Composition		**Allocation** ...../...../19 **Senior**				
		Action	N.F.A.	F.A.	S.T.	L/Tr.
Referred Letter/Phone/Office Call		DATE				
Previous Referrals: None/NFA/Closed Case/Open Case		ALLOCATED TO				
Admin.						

Mr. R. Jardine
P.O.S.S.

Miss I. Paterson
O.I.C. Mitchell Street,



1st May, 1981.

McCracken Children & Arthur Fermie Review

Further to our recent tlephone conversation on the above children, I would like to confirm that a review will be held on Friday 8th May, 1981 at 2.30. within Mitchell Street and ask that an up to date report be available.

pp R. Jardine
Principal Officer Supportive Services

c.c. Mr. G. McCann ✓
R. Jardine
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