

ADDITIONAL GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL

C.P.4a

Form of statement by reporter of grounds for the
referral of a case to a children's hearing. (Rule 15).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

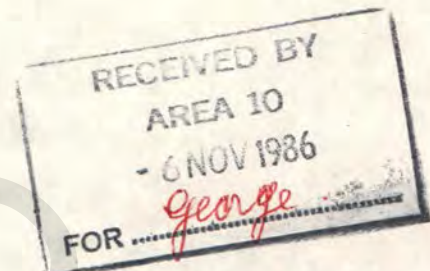
On Tuesday 2 December 1986 at 3.00 p.m.

1 Amanda Lynch (1 9 72), 53/3 Wester Hailes Drive, Edinburgh

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

Section 32(2)(g): That she has committed the offences specified below:

1. That she did on 8 October 1986 whilst acting together with another person in the shop premises at 131 Princes Street, Edinburgh, occupied by Virgin Retail Ltd steal 4 cassette tapes, this being an offence of theft.
2. That she did on said date whilst acting along with another person in the shop premises at 101-103 Princes Street, Edinburgh, occupied by Boots the Chemist, steal an electronic shaver, this being an offence of theft.



4 November 1986

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MALCOLM SCHAFFER

Reporter
Divisional

NOTES

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

1 Name and address of child

PARENT'S DECLARATION

- I declare that the information I have given is correct.
- I understand that I may be obliged to contribute towards my child's/children's maintenance while in the care of the Region.
- I understand that I must inform the Director of Social Work of any change in my address or financial circumstances.
- I have received a copy of the appropriate leaflets about the legislation relating to the reception into care of my child/children and have had them explained to me.

Signature of Parent or Guardian *A. Russell*

Date _____

Witness _____

Date _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Authorisation by Area Officer/Senior S.W. *A. Roberts* (Signature)

Area 10.

Allocated to G. Coates

Source of referral ALLOCATED CASE.

Reason for admission TRUANCY.

Lothian Regional Council
Department of Social Work

RECEPTION INTO CARE (RIC 1)

Child's Surname LYNCH	CP. No. 607512403
Forename(s) Amanda Evonne	Sex
Also known as	
Address on admission 53/3 West Hales Drive Edinburgh	

The Parent's Declaration on the back of this form (and if necessary, on any additional forms) must be signed.

D.O.B. 1-9-77	Place of Birth Simpson Park Edinburgh	Legitimate Illegitimate Extra-Marital	Religion Protestant	Date & Place of Baptism No.
Previous Residence(s) during past year				Child's Doctor Dr Mangony Sighthill H.E.
Nursery/School/Employment Carnpark.	PLACEMENT DETAILS			
Address of Placement CALDER GROVE.			Section 44(1)(a)	Admission Date 23.10.86

PARENTS			SOURCE OF INCOME		
Mother's Surname RUSSELL	Forename(s) Margaret	D.O.B. 29.7.40	Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/>		
Née FARRER	Known as	Custody YES/NO	Occupation Employer's name & address		
Present Address 53/3 West Hales Drive Edinburgh	Tel;	Marital Status Divorced	Yes	No	Order Book No.
Previous Address		Religion	FIS		
			Supp.Ben.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Father's Surname LYNCH	Forename(s) Richard	D.O.B. 6 Dec 1951	Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/>		
Known as		Custody YES/NO	Occupation Employer's name & address		
Present Address 12 Wardlaw Terrace	Tel;	Marital Status	Yes	No	Order Book No.
Previous Address		Religion	FIS		
			Supp.Ben.		

Total No. of children in family	Addresses & Tel. Nos. of close relatives or emergency contact Ms Brooks, 11 Babington Mans.
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PREVIOUS ADMISSIONS TO CARE			
FROM	TO	PLACEMENT	ACT & SECTION UNDER WHICH ADMITTED
14.8.78	31.8.78	F.P.S.	S. 15.
20.8.85	4.9.85	Calder Grove Rd.	40(7) P.O.S. Ord.

OTHER CHILDREN IN FAMILY			
SURNAME	FORENAMES	D.O.B.	ADDRESS (state if in care)
Evonne			
Russell	Evonne	23	N/K
"	TRACY	22	N/K
	Andrew		10 St Josephs Transit



LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

**PARENTAL CONSENT
TO MEDICAL TREATMENT
AND ACTIVITIES**

Child's Surname <i>R. LYNCH. Russell</i>	Case Number
Forename(s) <i>Amanda</i>	D.O.B. <i>1 9 72</i>

Home Address	Name and Address of G.P. <i>Dr Mangay - Sighthill H.C. - Walden Rd. Edinburgh</i>
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A CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT:

I hereby give my consent to vaccination against Poliomyelitis, Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, or any other disease, and to any treatment, injection or operative measures, including the administration of an anaesthetic considered necessary by a registered medical practitioner or dental surgeon, for the time that my child remains in the care of Lothian Regional Council.

I understand that wherever possible I will be consulted about any significant treatment so long as my whereabouts remain known to the Social Work Department.

CONSENT TO ACTIVITIES:

I give my consent to my child being involved in normal sporting, holiday and social activities during his/her stay in the care of Lothian Regional Council.

I also understand that if my child is to participate in any significant holiday, sport, or hazardous activity I will be notified and consulted about this so long as my whereabouts are known to the Social Work Department.

I also understand that sport and activities will be supervised, where appropriate, by a responsible adult.

I have detailed below those activities in which I do not wish my child to participate.

LIST OF ACTIVITIES NOT AGREED TO:

1.
2.
3.
4.

Signed <i>M. Russell</i> Parent/Guardian	Date <i>22 Oct 1986</i>
Signed <i>[Signature]</i> Witness	Date <i>23 Oct 1986</i>

B REFUSAL TO CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT:

I have been asked to give my consent to appropriate treatment for my child during his/her stay in the care of Lothian Regional Council and I have refused to give this consent.

Signed Parent/Guardian	Date
Signed Witness	Date

C TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The parents of this child are unable to be found or have refused to sign their consent to any essential medical treatment which the child may require.

* The child is now in the care of the Lothian Regional Council Department of Social Work under Section of the Act 19

OR * The child is subject to a Place of Safety Warrant/Court Order in terms of Section of the Act 19 and is presently being cared for by the Lothian Social Work Department.

Since the Lothian Regional Council does not at this stage hold parental rights in respect of this child I would request medical staff, in consultation with their colleagues, to consider offering any necessary medical or surgical treatment despite the absence of parental consent.

Signature	Designation	Date
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Medical Information at Application (RIC 2)

Child's Surname LYNCH	
Forename(s) Amanda	
D.O.B. 1.9.72	CP.No.

Previous Infections - indicate YES or NO or NOT KNOWN. If YES, give date.

Measles	Yes -	Chicken-pox	YES
German Measles	NO	Scarlet Fever	NO
Whooping Cough	NO	Diphtheria	NO
Mumps	NO	Other - Specify	Suffers from Asthma.
Dysentery	NO		

Completed Inoculations - indicate YES or No. If Yes, give date.

Smallpox	NO	Polio	YES
Triple Antigen - diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus.	YES	Measles	NO
B.C.G.	YES	Other - Specify (e.g. German Measles)	

Has the child had any operations? If so, where, when, and for what?

NO -

Is a special diet required e.g. diabetic? If so please specify.

NO

Has the child attended a Child Guidance Clinic? If so when and where?

NO

Does the child have any particular behavioural difficulties?

New school Attendance
Enuretic

PARENT'S DECLARATION

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

Signature In Russell

Date 23 Oct 1986

PLEASE COLLECT NATIONAL HEALTH CARD

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILD



- Reception into care medical
- 28 day medical
- Annual medical
- Transfer/discharge medical

Please Return to

Name *B. Coates*

Address *SWD*
5 MURRAYBURN CATE.

Administration of Children's Homes Regulations 1959, Boarding out of Children (Scotland) Regs. 1959,

Surname <i>LYNCH</i>	Home Address <i>53/3 WESTER HAILES DR.</i>	Date of Birth <i>1.9.72.</i>
Forenames <i>AMANDA</i>	Present Address (if different)	Sex <i>F.</i>

Next of Kin (if applicable) | Name and Address

1. Immunisation Record	First Medical	Additions since last examined	
Polio Vaccination	1.	2.	3.
Triple Antigen	1.	2.	3.
Whooping Cough	1.	2.	3.
Diphtheria/Tetanus	1.	2.	3.
Rubella	1.	Has the child had the appropriate immunisation for his/her age?	
Measles	1.		
B.C.G.	1. <i>5.11.85.</i>		
		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

2. History of illness, infections or injuries.

Since Birth	Since last seen
<i>ASTHMA since FEBRUARY 1985. (No severe attacks).</i>	

3. The condition of: (please elaborate in Section 10 if necessary)

Eyes/Sight	<i>Wears glasses for reading. ~ 6/12 both eyes without glasses.</i>
Ears/Hearing	
Throat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tonsils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teeth and Gums	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
*Skin and Scalp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Linear burn (C) anterior thigh from ironing her trousers!</i>

*Please indicate presence and extent of bruising, vermin etc. and any need for treatment

4. Evidence of abnormality in the following systems (comment in Section 10 if necessary)

Cardiovascular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Respiratory	<i>Occasional wheeze.</i>
Alimentary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Central Nervous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Genito-urinary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>- still occasional nocturnal enuresis.</i>
Other	<i>Periods - mild dysmenorrhoea.</i>

5. State of Nutrition

Healthy.

6. Are speech and articulation satisfactory?

YES.

7. Does the child suffer from incontinence?

Urinary YES NO Faecal YES NO Very occasional nocturnal enuresis.

8. Particulars of present medication/treatment

Ventolin rotacaps 200mcg. - As necessary.
 Panster for dysmenorrhoea. Because 2 lefts to try.

9. Particulars of any condition of which the carers should be aware:

e.g. allergies, medication to which the child does not respond, bedwetting, attendance at hospitals/clinics etc. Evidence of abnormality of development or behaviour which is inconsistent with the child's age.

Allergic rhinitis.
 Asthma.

10. Has there been any change in the child (physically or mentally) since last seen by you?

No.

11. Child's general state of health and any other comments.

Healthy.

12. CERTIFICATE I certify that I have today examined Ananda LYNCH who is* / ~~is not~~ already known to me, and find this child fit* / ~~unfit to~~ be in care, i.e. this child does* / ~~does not require hospital~~ care.
 I also certify that I find this child free from infection* / suffering from the conditions mentioned above. ✓
 This was an initial* / ~~subsequent*~~ / ~~emergency*~~ consultation by me. *Delete as appropriate

Signature <u>J.A. Lang.</u>	Name and Address (in block capitals) <u>J.A. LANG.</u>
Date <u>23/10/86</u>	<u>Sighthill Health Centre,</u>
	<u>Calder Rd, Edinburgh.</u>

Reception into Care - Information to Care Staff (RIC 6)

Full Name of Child <i>Amanda Evane LYNCH.</i>	D.O.B. <i>19 72</i>
*LEGITIMATE/ILLEGITIMATE/EXTRA MARITAL Act & Section under which admitted <i>S.W.S. 1968 44(1)(b).</i>	
Admitted by (SW) <i>G. Coates.</i>	
SW Area & phone no. <i>Wester Hailes A.O.</i>	Date form completed <i>23 Oct 1984</i>

*Delete as appropriate

Home Address <i>53/3 Wester Hailes Drive Ed.</i>	Admitted from (if different) <i>—</i>	School/Nursery attended <i>Carne Park School.</i>
		Staff Contact <i>Mrs Heslop. H.T.</i>
		Other agencies involved

Name of Father <i>Mr Richard Lynch.</i>	D.O.B. <i>6 Dec 1935.</i>	Occupation <i>Scrap metal Merchant.</i>	Address <i>12. Wardlaw Terrace.</i>	Tel. No.	Marital status
Custody *YES/NO					
Name of Mother <i>Ms Margaret RUSSELL.</i>	D.O.B. <i>29 7 40.</i>	Occupation <i>Housewife</i>	Address <i>53/3 Wester Hailes Drive.</i>	Tel. No.	Marital status
Custody *YES/NO					

Doctor's Name & Address <i>Dr Mangray Sight hill H.C. Tel.No. 4535335.</i>	Siblings & Addresses <i>Andrew. 70. St Josephs Tracy } N.K. Evan.</i>	Possible Visitors <i>Friends Father Mother Sibs.</i>
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Names of other significant adults <i>—</i>	Addresses <i>—</i>	Relationship <i>—</i>
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Reasons for admission.
Via Hearing system New School - Attendance for assessment.

Child's attitude to RIC/What was the child told?
and at hearing. Fully discussed prior to

Carer's contract with Social Worker e.g. duration of placement. <i>6 wks.</i>	Forms Rec'd - tick RIC - 2 RIC - 3 RIC - 4 RIC - 5
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Previous Admissions to Care

Placement	Act & Section under which admitted	From/To
F.P. ^s	#4.8 S 15	14/8/78-31/8/78
Calder Grove -	40 (7). P.O.S. act.	20/8/85-4/9/85

Behavioural Problems

No serious behavioural problems although Amada can be rather headstrong and is used to getting her own way.

Brief Details of Family Situation

Amada lives with her mother who is a single parent family. Has reasonably regular contact with her father. Her brother Andrew is at St Josephs School, parent for anxiety and delinquency problems. No involvement with drugs. Mrs Russell is a very passive person and unable to exert herself with Amada, because of this it is difficult to rely upon her to follow through any plans.

Future Plans

1. Parents;

Would like Amada to return home but recognises that the school problems are fairly untractable

2. Department;

low assessment.



Lothian Regional Reporter
A. F. Finlayson,
1/3 Howden Street, Edinburgh EH8 9HH
Telephone: 031-667 9431

Mr J Ballard
Assessment Co-Ordinator
Howdenhall Children's Unit
Howdenhall Road
EDINBURGH

Our reference MS/JMS

Your reference

Date 20 October 1986

Dear Mr Ballard

AMANDA LYNCH (1 9 72)
53/3 WESTER HAILES DRIVE, EDINBURGH

Mandy's name may ring a bell for you as you prepared an assessment report of 13 November 1985, a domiciliary assessment, I may add. The problem with Mandy has been all along not going to school. Subsequent to the assessment meeting Mandy did not return to WHEC on a regular basis but a placement was found for her at Cairnpark. That also she has been unable to go to. Mandy remains a very pleasant natured, nice girl although there are concerns that she may be starting to get into trouble through her non attendance, and I gather there is at least one outstanding police report. In view of her prolonged poor attendance at school, the hearing considered the time has now been reached where placement in care must be sought.

On an initial basis a placement has been decided upon at Calder Grove Reception Unit where Mandy will go as from 23 October. The hearing would be interested to see if Mandy can attend Cairnpark from Calder Grove, and this may help determine the possibility of a further placement and whether we should be looking at this in terms of Group B or residential schooling.

To assist the hearing a co-ordinated assessment would be very helpful and I would be grateful if you could consider arranging such. Apart from Calder Grove and Cairnpark, others who should be prominently involved are George Coates, social worker at Wester Hailes and Terry Gaffney at Special Educational Services.

A further hearing has been arranged for Tuesday 2 December 1986 at 3.00 p.m. and the report would be welcome for then. I enclose copies of the necessary papers.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Schaffer
Divisional Reporter

If telephoning please ask for

All communications to be addressed to the Reporter

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

.....17. October..... 19 86

A children's hearing for the Lothian Region by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated¹ 21 5 86

to which² Amanda Lynch (1 9 72), 53/3 Wester Hailes Drive, Edinburgh

is subject, hereby require her [to reside in³ Calder Grove Reception Unit, Edinburgh]

[to be under the supervision of⁴ a social worker to be nominated by the Director of Social Work, Lothian Region]

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 21 5 86 is hereby revoked.

..... Linda Jones

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.

..... Linda Jones

Chairman of the children's hearing

¹ Date of previous supervision requirement
² Name of child

³ Name of residential establishment
⁴ Name of local authority or other supervisor

Name: Amanda Lynch

Decision of hearing held on 17 10 86 : Supervision requirement varied to name Calder Grove Reception Unit as from 23 10 86.

The Children's Hearing reached the foregoing decision for the following reasons:

Amanda is not now attending any school. We asked for a co-ordinated assessment of Amanda's needs while she resides at Calder Grove and attends Cairnpark. It is now three years since she has attended school and we hoped for some improvement in her situation:

Linda Jones

(Chairman)

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

Name and Address	Date of Birth	School	Class
AMANDA LYONCH 53/3 WESTERHALES DRIVE EDINBURGH	11/9/72	CAIRNPARK	

Grounds of Referral:

SOCIAL WORK REVIEW

Reporter's Decision dated:

- 1) No formal Action
- 2) No action current S.R.
- 3) No action insufficient evidence

- 4) Voluntary measures of care
- 5) Police Warning recommended
- 6) Juvenile liaison recommended

Children's Hearing Decision dated: 17/10/86

- 7) Referral Discharged
- 8) Continued to _____ /date to be fixed
- 9) Supervision requirement
Condition _____

10) Residential Supervision Requirement

Place ~~TO RESIDE CALDERGRAVE~~ RECEPTION UNIT AS FROM 23/10/86

- Pending Placement (a) At Home
- (b) Assessment Centre
- (c) _____

- 11) Supervision requirement dated _____ continued
- 12) Supervision requirement terminated.

RECEIVED BY
AREA 10
23 OCT 1986
FOR George

A10/GC/PN

Amanda Russell
53/3 Wester Hailes Department
Edinburgh

10th October 1986

Dear Amanda

I am sorry you did not come in to see me as I arranged.

I will call to see you on Wednesday 15th October at 11.30am
to discuss my recommendation to the Panel which will be held on
Friday 17th at 12 noon.

Yours sincerely

GEORGE COATES
Social Worker

Amanda Lynch
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive
EDINBURGH EH14 3DH

A10/GC/AB

22 August 1986

Dear Amanda

I was very pleased to hear that you'd got back to school and hope you're enjoying it. Keep up the good work.

Perhaps you could drop in to see me next ~~Friday~~ after school to let me know how things have gone.

Yours sincerely

GEORGE COATES
Social Worker



CAIRNPARK SCHOOL
REDHALL HOUSE DRIVE
EDINBURGH, EH14 1JA

Mrs HELEN M. HESLOP, Headteacher

2nd July 1986

Telephone 031-443 0903
Our reference HMH/MMN
Your reference

Mr. Geo. Coates,
Social Work Office,
Wester Hailes,
Edinburgh.

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Dear Mr. Coates,

Amanda Lynch (1.9.72)

As you know Amanda Lynch was admitted here on 9th June 1986. This has given her the opportunity of being present on 36 occasions. Amanda, however, has been absent on 19 of these. (Poss. 36. Act. 17)

Amanda appears to be quite happy when she is in school but will never really settle down and make any progress with this unsatisfactory attendance.

I understood when Amanda was admitted to Cairnpark that her attendance was to be very carefully monitored.

I draw your attention to the poor start she has made and suggest that I inform you very soon after the new session whether there is any improvement in her attendance. If not, you may wish to consider taking the matter back to the Children's Hearing Panel.

Yours sincerely,

Helen M. Heslop (Mrs.)
Head Teacher.

Copies to: Malcolm Schaffer, Div. Reporter.
Mr. T. Gaffney, Child Guidance, Ed. West,

RECEIVED BY
AREA 10
- 4 JUL 1986
FOR G. Coates

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

Name and Address	Date of Birth	School	Class
AMANDA LYNCH 53/3, WESTER HAILES DRIVE EDINBURGH	1.9.72	WHEC/ CAIRNPARK	

Grounds of Referral: REVIEW.

Reporter's Decision dated: _____

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) No formal Action | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4) Voluntary measures of care | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) No action current S.R. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5) Police Warning recommended | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) No action insufficient evidence | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6) Juvenile liaison recommended | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Children's Hearing Decision dated: 21.5.86.

- 7) Referral Discharged
- 8) Continued to _____ /date to be fixed
- 9) Supervision requirement W4 (1) a.
 Condition CONDITION DROPPED.
- 10) Residential Supervision Requirement
 Place _____
 Pending Placement (a) At Home
 (b) Assessment Centre
 (c) _____
- 11) Supervision requirement dated _____ continued
- 12) Supervision requirement terminated.

RECEIVED BY
 AREA 10
 21 MAY 1986
 FOR George

Amanda Russell
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive
EDINBURGH

A10/GC/AB

14 May 1986

Dear Amanda

Just a line to say that I will call round to see you next week on Wednesday, 21 May at about 2.30/3.00pm.

Hope this is convenient.

Yours sincerely

GEORGE COATES
Social Worker

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL



REPORTER
TO THE
CHILDREN'S HEARINGS EDUCATION

14 MAY 1986

Director W. D. C. Semple,
40 Torphichen Street,
1-3 HOWDEN STREET Edinburgh EH3 8JJ
EDINBURGH EH8 9HH Telephone 031-229 9166

Our reference PE/S/LM/KJC

Your reference

Date 12 May 1986

Mr M Schaffer
Divisional Reporter
Lothian Regional Council
Reporter to the Children's Panel
1/3 Howden Street
EDINBURGH

Dear Mr Schaffer

AMANDA LYNCH : 1.9.72

In response to your letter of 1 May 1986, as you know Amanda has been recommended for special education and we have Cairnpark School in mind. Amanda is currently on the waiting list and I wrote to the parent last month to indicate this.

Amanda will be admitted to Cairnpark School as soon as possible. I am hoping this will be in June 1986, but cannot be completely sure of this.

Yours sincerely

Education Officer



If telephoning please ask for

Miss Moodie - Ext 2137

All communications to be addressed to the Director

Mandy Russell
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive
EDINBURGH

A10/GC/AB

4 April 1986

Dear Mandy

Just a note to say I will call to see you next Thursday,
10 April at 4pm. Hope you get back to school.

Yours sincerely

GEORGE COATES
Social Worker

Mandy Russell
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive
EDINBURGH

A10/GC/AB

1 April 1986

Dear Mandy

Thank you for calling in on Thursday last. However, our appointment was for this Thursday, 3 April at 3.30pm. I'm sorry that the time was not clear to you, perhaps I should have given you a note but I'll look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely

GEORGE COATES
Social Worker

A10/GC/PN

Amanda Russell
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive
Edinburgh

7th March 1986

Dear Amanda

I am sorry that you did not come into see me as we had arranged. I have also heard that you have not attended school as we agreed.

I would like you to come to my office next Thursday, 13th March at 3.30 pm to have a word with me and see if there is anyway we can help resolve your problem with school.

A copy of this letter will be sent to your mother.

Yours sincerely

GEORGE COATES
Social Worker

Amanda Russell
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive
Edinburgh

A10/GC/JW

20th February 1986

Dear Amanda

I am sorry that you did not keep the appointment I had made for you last Thursday.

I have also heard from Hazel that your school attendance has slipped this past week. There may of course be a reasonable explanation for this but if the school is not contacted, nobody can be sure of why this is happening.

By the time you receive this letter you may already be back at school. I hope so anyway.

Can you please call in to my office to see me on Monday 24th February at 3.30pm. I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely

George Coates
Social worker

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Telephone : 031-444 1314



Your Ref.

If telephoning please ask for :

Our Ref. BJJ/JY

Mr Glennie

CHILD GUIDANCE SERVICE
ST. GILES SCHOOL
BROOMHOUSE CRESCENT
EDINBURGH EH11 3UB

6 February 1986

Mr Schaffer
Reporter
Children's Hearing's Panel
1/3 Howden Street
Edinburgh

Dear Mr Schaffer

Amanda Lynch : 1.9.72

I have finally seen Amanda and her mother following two failed appointments towards the end of last year.

I discovered from them, that Amanda had not attended school this term and this was due to the fact that they had failed to keep two appointments in school to discuss her timetable and re-admission.

I discussed with them the Panel's suggestion that special educational provision might be appropriate for Amanda. They readily agreed to this without the normal discussion and enquiry about the nature of this provision, and in a way that left me quite unconvinced about their commitment.

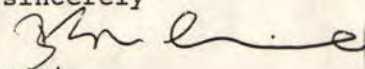
That Amanda, who does have educational and relationship difficulties, would cope better in a small group setting is probably the case, but I would suggest that this is an over simplification of the problems she and her mother present in relation to her education.

There are several factors which suggest that special day school provision might not be a satisfactory solution to the current problems.

- 1 Amanda and her mother have failed to co-operate with the considerable input and support that has and is being offered by her teachers at WHEC.
- 2 The family seem to place little value in education and in the requirement to attend school.
- 3 Amanda appears to feel that she is in charge of the situation, can do as she wishes and Mrs Russell seems unable or unwilling to impose her authority as a parent.
- 4 The view of the Assessment Report (13.11.85) that "there was little likelihood of Amanda's attendance pattern changing whilst she remain at home".

I can understand the Panel's reluctance to recommend residential care in this case, and given that a point of impasse has been reached, I will initiate the special day school, ^{proceeds} hoping that we are not about to make this sorry tale into a saga.

Yours sincerely


B J Glennie
Senior Psychologist



cc Mr G Coates SWD Area 10
Mrs MaCaulay WHEC

GUIDANCE

KAR/EG.

30th January, 1986.

Mrs. Russell,
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive,
EDINBURGH.

Dear Mrs. Russell,

AMANDA LYNCH - d.o.b. 1/9/72
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive, Edinburgh.

Further to our meeting on 29th January, 1986, I am writing to confirm Amanda's re-admission to school with effect from Monday, 3rd February, 1986, on the understanding that the conditions you agreed to are upheld. These were as follows:-

- (i) Amanda would follow the part-time timetable.
- (ii) Amanda would comply with the rules, regulations and disciplinary requirements of the Centre.

The entry in Amanda's school record card as regards the exclusion is as follows:

"Excluded from school on 16th December, 1985, for failing to comply with the rules, regulations and disciplinary requirements of the school."

I also have to inform you of your right to refer the decision to exclude Amanda under Section 28H of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1980, to an Appeal Committee set up and maintained under Section 28D of the Act.

If you wish to appeal you should direct this to the Regional Secretary, Lothian Regional Council, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, within 28 days of receiving this letter.

Please let me know if you disagree with my understanding of our discussion.

I would be obliged if you would sign the attached contract and return it with Amanda on Monday, 3rd February, 1986.

Yours sincerely,

ALEXANDER GOODALL,
Principal.

30TH JANUARY, 1986.

KAR/EG.

CONTRACT FOR RE-ADMISSION OF AMANDA LYNCH

At a meeting held in Wester Hailes Education Centre on Wednesday, 29th January, 1986, attended by Mr. Robertson, Assistant Headteacher Second Year, Mrs. Macaulay, Mr. Coates, Social Worker, Mrs. Russell and Amanda, it was agreed that Amanda would follow a part-time timetable pending a report from Mr. Glennie, Child Guidance.

Her timetable is as follows:

MONDAY: Period 2 - Maths: Period 3 - English.

TUESDAY: Periods 4, 5 - Home Economics.

WEDNESDAY: Period 1 - English: Period 2 - Second Base.
Period 3 - Maths.: Period 4 - Guidance.

THURSDAY:

FRIDAY: Period 1 - Home Economics: Period 2 - Maths.
Period 3 - English.

Mrs. Russell agrees to accept responsibility for Amanda when she is not in school and to attend a meeting each week in W.H.E.C. on Fridays at 9.00 a.m.

I agree to the arrangement outlined above.

Parent's signature

Assistant Headteacher's signature

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL



Tel: 444 1314

EDUCATION

Director W. D. C. Semple,
Child Guidance Centre
St Giles School
Broomhouse Crescent
Edinburgh
EH11 3UB

Mrs Russell
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive
EDINBURGH
EH14 3DH

Our reference BJG/EM

Your reference

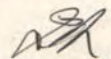
Date 20th January, 1986.

Dear Mrs Russell

I have been asked by the Reporter to see you and Amanda on account of her schooling difficulties.

I would like to see you both on Monday, 27th January at 9.30 a.m. in Wester Hailes Education Centre.

Yours sincerely,


B J Glennie
Senior Psychologist

If telephoning please ask for

Mr Glennie

All communications to be addressed to

cc HT WHEC

- Mr G Coates, Area 10 SWD

re: Amanda LYNCH (1.9.72)



A10/GC/PN

Mrs Margaret Bussell
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive
Edinburgh

20th January 1986

Dear Mrs Russell

I was surprised and disappointed when neither you nor Amanda came to the school as arranged by Hazel McCauley on Thursday.

It is imperative that we resolve the situation regarding Amanda's schooling as quickly as possible to prevent things deteriorating any further. I have re-arranged a meeting at the school for Thursday 23rd January at 1.30 pm. Could you and Amanda call at the Guidance Office in the school at that time?

Yours sincerely

GEORGE COATES
Social Worker

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

Name and Address	Date of Birth	School	Class
AMANDA HYNCH 53/3, WESTER HAINES DR. EDINBURGH	1.9.72.	WHEC	

Grounds of Referral: THEFT + TRUANCY

Reporter's Decision dated: _____

- | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) No formal Action | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4) Voluntary measures of care | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) No action current S.R. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5) Police Warning recommended | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) No action insufficient evidence | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6) Juvenile liaison recommended | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Children's Hearing Decision dated: 13.1.86

- 7) Referral Discharged
- 8) Continued to _____ /date to be fixed
- 9) Supervision requirement hwa.
 Condition of attendance at Child Guidance Centre
- 10) Residential Supervision Requirement
 Place _____
 Pending Placement (a) At Home
 (b) Assessment Centre
 (c) _____
- 11) Supervision requirement dated _____ continued
- 12) Supervision requirement terminated.

RECEIVED BY
 AREA 10
 10 JAN 1986
 FOR George

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE AND ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Date of change 10.1.86

Area 10	Social Worker 950. COATES	Reference Number (children only) 607512403		
Surname (client) LYNCH	Sex F	DOB 1-9-72	Religion	
Forename(s) AMANDA	Name of School/Employer			
Also known as RUSSELL.	Address of School/Employer			
Present Address (before change) and name of foster parent or carer if appropriate 53/3 WESTER HAILES DR.				
New Address (after change) and name of foster parent or carer if appropriate u l c c				
Statutory Authority before change Act	Section		-	
Statutory Authority after change Act	Section		44(i)(a)	

SECTIONS A B C D MUST BE COMPLETED

A REASON FOR CHANGE Specify in Box 3

Admission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discharge	<input type="checkbox"/>
Death	<input type="checkbox"/>
Closure of Case	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change of Statutory Provision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Order Made	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ceased	<input type="checkbox"/>	Varied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change of Address					
Change of Name					
Marriage					
Transfer to other Area Team					
Transfer to other Division					
Transfer to other Local Authority					

B CLIENT OR RESOURCE GROUP

Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Physically Handicapped	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Physically Ill	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mentally Handicapped	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mentally Ill	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Offenders	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Disadvantaged	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Others specify		
Foster Parents	Day Carers	Other Carers

2 OTHER INFORMATION (Children only) date

Hearing Date	10/1/86
Hearing Result specify in Box 3	
Next Hearing due	
Review Date	
Review Result specify in Box 3	
Next Review due	
Letter to Natural Parents	
Aged 16 Education continuing specify in Box 3	
Employment Commenced	
Employment Changed	
Income/Benefit Changed specify in Box 3	
Special Regular Payments commence	
Special Regular Payments cease	
Change of School specify in Box 3	
School Report received	
Change of Doctor specify in Box 3	
Medical Report received	

C TYPE OF PLACEMENT

Living at Home	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Departmental Home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voluntary Home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holiday	<input type="checkbox"/>
Share the Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lodgings Supported	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unsupported	<input type="checkbox"/>
Residential Employment	<input type="checkbox"/>
List 'D' School Day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Residential	<input type="checkbox"/>
Penal Establishment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adoption	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fostering Short Term	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long Term	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relatives	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm'ty Carer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day Care Whole days	<input type="checkbox"/>
No. of days	
Day Care Part days	<input type="checkbox"/>
Time in hours	
Guardianship (Mental Health)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supervision at home Informal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Statutory	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other specify	

3 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

S-R-44(i)(a) at home with condition to attend the Child Guidance Centre.

D RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLACEMENT

Own Authority	-	Supervising
Other Authority	-	Supervising
Own Authority	-	Financing
Other Authority	-	Financing

	Initials	Date
Social Worker		
Area administration	<i>A. Todd</i>	<i>16.1.86</i>

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

..... 10 January 19⁸⁶

A children's hearing for the Lothian Region, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 44(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, being satisfied that¹ Amanda Lynch (1/9/72), 53/3 Wester Hailes Drive, Edinburgh

is in need of compulsory measures of care require her ~~to reside in~~²

to be under the supervision of³ a Social Worker to be nominated by the Director of Social Work, Lothian Region

subject to the conditions noted below.

~~The operation of this supervision requirement is postponed until~~

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AREA 10
15 JAN 1986
FOR George

..... M. A. BARR
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.
- 1. Amanda will attend the Child Guidance Centre as directed by the Educational Psychologist.

..... M. A. BARR
Chairman of the children's hearing

¹Name and address of child

² Name of residential establishment

³ Name of local authority or other supervisor

Name: **AMANDA LYNCH**

Decision of hearing held on **13/1/86** : **SR at home with condition of attendance at Child Guidance Centre.**

The Children's Hearing reached the foregoing decision for the following reasons:

Mandy and her mother have not been able to make the commitments to co-operating with WHEC in regular school attendance. The Panel Members made clear the serious view they took of both the offences of theft and also the fact that Mandy's schooling has been almost non-existent this school year.

A condition of the requirement is that both Mandy and her mother attend appointments made with Special Education and until alternative schooling can be arranged Mandy will attend whatever part-time classes at WHEC can be arranged.

An early Hearing has been requested to encourage Mandy in the short term and also to hear the views of Special Education as soon as possible.

M A BARR

(Chairman)



Lothian Regional Reporter
 A. F. Finlayson,
 1/3 Howden Street, Edinburgh EH8 9HH
 Telephone: 031-667 9431

Mr Brian Glennie
 Special Educational Services
 St Giles School
 Broomhouse Crescent
 EDINBURGH
 EH11 3UB

Our reference MS/GV

Your reference

Date 14 January 1986

Dear Mr Glennie

AMANDA LYNCH (1/9/72)
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive, Edinburgh

Amanda's case is familiar to you and you provided a brief note for Panel Members on 20 November 1985. Amanda and her mother appeared back at the Children's Hearing on 13 January 1986. The Hearing was made aware that Amanda was currently excluded from school and that Wester Hailes Education Centre had reluctantly taken the view that there was very little further they could offer Amanda.

The Hearing did not take the view that residential care was appropriate and has made a Supervision Requirement. They are concerned however obviously to see Amanda receiving appropriate education as soon as possible and in particular wonder whether Canonmills would prove appropriate. There is evidence that Amanda does relate best in smaller groups or classes. The lack of co-operation in particular by Mrs Russell in keeping appointments was discussed at length within the Hearing.

As a result the Hearing have asked whether you could see Amanda and Mrs Russell again to determine whether there is appropriate alternative day school provision that can be offered to Amanda. To assist this end they have placed Amanda under supervision with condition of attendance at Child Guidance Centre as directed by you. The Social Worker is George Coates and I am sure he would be prepared to assist with any appointments. The Hearing have given clear instructions that should an appointment not be kept they would expect the case to be called back for a further review, in which case a Residential Assessment may be necessary.

I gather in the meantime Wester Hailes Education Centre may offer Amanda some form of part-time schooling but in the circumstances the Panel Members would welcome your early involvement. Once your assessment is to hand the Hearing have asked that a further Hearing be called by Mr Coates, although they stated this would take place earlier in the event of non co-operation from the family.

Yours sincerely

MALCOLM SCHAFFER
 Divisional Reporter

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MEMORANDUM

Our Ref: MS/JMS

From: Malcolm Schaffer

Your Ref:

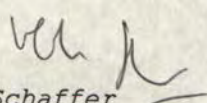
To: George Coates
Social Worker
Area 10

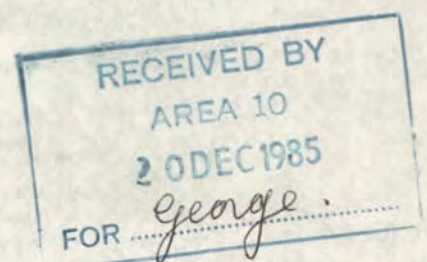
Date: 18 December 1985

AMANDA LYNCH (1 9 72)
53/3 WESTER HAILES DRIVE, EDINBURGH

Thank you for your attendance at Amanda's Children's Hearing on Tuesday, when alas Amanda and her mother did not appear. In their absence the hearing has been adjourned until Monday 13 January 1986 at 2.00 p.m. Should Amanda not appear on that day, the hearing have indicated that they will grant a warrant for Amanda's apprehension by the police, and I enclose a copy of the letter to Mrs Russell confirming this. You will see that I have also encouraged her to keep her appointment with the school on 7 January and no doubt you will be re-inforcing these messages when you next see them.

We look forward to your presence on 13 January.


Malcolm Schaffer
Divisional Reporter





Lothian Regional Reporter
A. F. Finlayson,
1/3 Howden Street, Edinburgh EH8 9HH
Telephone: 031-667 9431

Mrs Margaret Russell
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive
EDINBURGH

Our reference MS/JMS

Your reference

Date 18 December 1985

Dear Mrs Russell

You will recall that a Children's Hearing was due to Amanda on 25 November 1985. You telephoned on the day to explain that Amanda and yourself were ill and unable to attend. A further hearing was therefore arranged for Tuesday 17 December 1985 at 3.30 p.m.

Panel members were very concerned that neither Amanda nor yourself appeared on this day, nor gave any reason for your absence. Mr Coates did visit your home on the day and was unable to get any reply. This is of particular concern in view of the fact that I gather Amanda has now been excluded from school.

A further hearing has therefore been arranged for Monday 13 January 1986 at 2.00 p.m., when both Amanda and yourself are required to be present. Should you not appear, the hearing have indicated that they will issue a warrant for Amanda's apprehension by the police. This is not something which is desirable and nor should it be necessary, so I very much hope that Amanda and yourself will put in an appearance on that day.

I also know that the school are wanting to meet Amanda and yourself on 7 January to talk about Amanda's exclusion and whether she can get back to school. It will be very important for you both to keep that appointment as well. I hope you manage to do so.

I enclose formal notification for the next hearing.

Yours sincerely

If telephoning please ask for

All communications to be addressed to the Reporter



MEMORANDUM

Our Ref: PJW/JMS

From: Pauline J Walker

Your Ref:

To: Mr George Coates
Social Worker
Area 10

Date: 27 November 1985

AMANDA LYNCH (1972)
53/3 WESTER HAILES DRIVE, EDINBURGH

This confirms our telephone conversation of 25 November 1985, when I advised you that Mrs Russell, Amanda's mother, had been in touch to advise that both she and Amanda were unwell and not able to be present at the hearing. In the circumstances I agreed to postpone this to a future date, namely Tuesday 17 December 1985 at 3.30 p.m.

I have written to Mrs Russell today underlining the importance of her attendance along with Amanda at that hearing. I have also indicated to her that I would require written confirmation from her doctor if either she or Amanda were prevented by illness from attending that hearing.

Pauline J Walker

PJW
Pauline J Walker (Mrs)
Assistant Reporter





Lothian Regional Reporter
A. F. Finlayson,
1/3 Howden Street, Edinburgh EH8 9HH
Telephone: 031-667 9431

Mrs Margaret Russell
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive
EDINBURGH

Our reference PJW/JMS

Your reference

Date 27 November 1985

Dear Mrs Russell

Thank you for your call on 25 November, explaining that you and Amanda were not sufficiently well to attend her hearing that afternoon. In the circumstances I agreed to postpone this, and am writing to you now to advise that a hearing will now go ahead on Tuesday 17 December 1985 at 3.30 p.m. Both you and Amanda are required to be present at that hearing.

Clearly it is important that both you and Amanda come to that hearing so that matters may be discussed and some kind of understanding reached for Amanda for the start of the new term at school.

If illness does prevent either of you coming to the next hearing, then I think I would require written confirmation from your doctor that you are unable to attend.

Yours sincerely

Pauline J Walker (Mrs)
Assistant Reporter

If telephoning please ask for

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LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Telephone : 031-444 1314



CHILD GUIDANCE SERVICE
ST. GILES SCHOOL
BROOMHOUSE CRESCENT
EDINBURGH EH11 3UB

Your Ref.

If telephoning please ask for :

Our Ref. BG/JY

Mr Glennie

20 November 1985

Mrs Walker
Children's Hearings Panel
1/3 Howden Street
Edinburgh

Dear Mrs Walker

Amanda Lynch : 1.9.72

At the Assessment Meeting recently, I undertook to see Amanda and her mother again to see what could be done to resolve the schooling problem which is currently one of persistent non attendance, breaking of school rules and challenging her teachers' authority in classes.

I am not at all convinced (and this view is shared by other participants at the Assessment Meeting) that these problems can readily be solved by further modifications of Mandy's school timetable nor that her attendance at another school resource would be satisfactory. (Mandy herself has in the past rejected the idea of any change of schooling).

In situations, both in school and elsewhere, that put any demands on her or attempts to set limits, she has shown a willingness to challenge "authority" and do as she pleases. Mrs Russell seems unable or unwilling to rectify this attitude and in fact has actively encouraged this behaviour by herself deliberately keeping Mandy off school in the past and failing to attend Panels and other appointments. They did not keep the appointment I had with them this week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'B Glennie'.

B Glennie
Senior Psychologist

cc George Coates Area 10 ✓
Mrs Macaulay WHEC



ADDITIONAL GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL

C.P.4a

*Form of statement by reporter of grounds for the
referral of a case to a children's hearing. (Rule 15).*

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

On Monday 25th November 1985 at 2.45 p.m.

1 Amanda Lynch, 53/3 Wester Hailes Drive, Edinburgh

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

Section 32(2)(g) - that she has committed the offences specified below;

2. That she did on 25th July 1985 whilst acting along with another person in the shop premises occupied by John Menzies PLC, 107 Princes Street, Edinburgh, steal 2 packets of sweets, this being an offence of theft.
3. That she did on date above stated, whilst acting along with another person, in the shop premises occupied by What Every Woman Wants, 7/9 South Bridge, Edinburgh, steal two 'T' shirts, 2 elephant ornaments and 2 shoe ornaments, this being an offence of theft.



..... 15th November 19⁸⁵

.....
PAULINE J WALKER (MRS) Reporter
(Assistant)

NOTES

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

1 Name and address of child

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL



Tel: 444 1314

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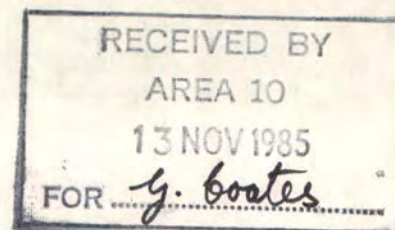
Director W. D. C. Semple,
Child Guidance Centre
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Our reference BJK/EM

Your reference

Date 12th November 1985

Mrs Russell
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive
EDINBURGH
EH14 3DH

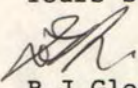


Dear Mrs Russell

I have been asked by the Reporter to the Children's Panel to see you and Amanda about her schooling.

I hope to see you in Wester Hailes Education Centre on Monday, 18th November at 9.45 a.m. Please get in touch if this is not convenient.

Yours sincerely


B J Glennie
PP Senior Psychologist

If telephoning please ask for

All communications to be addressed to

cc HT W.H.E.C.
cc Mr Coates SWD Area 10
re: Amanda LYNCH (1.9.72)



Lothian Regional Reporter
A. F. Finlayson,
1/3 Howden Street, Edinburgh EH8 9HH
Telephone: 031-667 9431

Our reference PJW/LMcL

Your reference

Date 15th October 1985

Mr John Ballard
Assessment Co-ordinator
Howdenhall Children's Unit
Howdenhall Road
EDINBURGH

Dear Mr Ballard,

REQUEST FOR DOMICILIARY ASSESSMENT

re:- Amanda Lynch (born 1.9.72), 53/3 Wester Hailes
Drive, Edinburgh. School:- Wester Hailes Education Centre

You will see that Amanda attended a Children's Hearing on 16th October 1985, which continued a hearing previously adjourned, to consider up to date reports from the Social Work Department and from the school.

The hearing members heard that Amanda had returned to school, where her attendance is better than it was, but she is finding it very difficult to cope with school and her behaviour has been causing quite a number of problems. Basically the view of the school is that Amanda operates best in a small group situation.

The hearing on 16th October decided to adjourn with a request for a Domiciliary Assessment, to Monday 25th November 1985, at 2.45 pm.

The reasons for this written by the chairman are, "Amanda is still having problems within Wester Hailes. Her teachers feel that she copes well in the setting of a small group, but they are unable to offer this facility on a permanent basis. Although Amanda appears to be causing no problems other than school, we felt that a full assessment would give us a clearer indication of her educational and social needs and how these could best be met."

I attach for your information copies of papers which were available to the hearing on 16th October and give a clear outline of the case as it is known to us.

Hearing members particularly wished Special Educational Services to be involved in the assessment perhaps in identifying what would be an appropriate school resource for Amanda.

Yours sincerely

PAULINE J WALKER (MRS)
Assistant Reporter

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All communications to be addressed to the Reporter

The contents of this report may require to be disclosed to children and parents at a Children's Hearing, but will not be quoted verbatim. Similarly, Social Workers and Reporters may require to disclose the substance of the report to families.

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

AREA 10

CONFIDENTIAL

SCHOOL REPORT FOR REPORTER TO CHILDREN'S PANEL

Please complete both pages of this report and return white and yellow copies as soon as possible to:

Reporter to Children's Panel 1/3 Howden Street, Edinburgh
 9A Newmills Road, Dalkeith
 X5 Edinburgh Road, Bathgate X

26985 Date

Name <i>Amanda Lynch</i>	D.of B. <i>1 9 72</i>	Date of transfer from Primary to Secondary School
Address <i>53/3 Wester Hailes Drive Edinburgh</i>		Date of leaving school
School <i>Wester Hailes Education Centre</i>	Class	

PURPOSE OF REPORT	GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL RECEIVED BY AREA 10 15 OCT 1985 FOR <i>George</i>
Initial Investigation Report	
Progress Report	
Children's Hearing on: <i>Wednesday 16 October 1985 at 10.15 a.m.</i>	<i>to continue hearing adjourned on 4 9 85</i>

Attendance

Last 4 weeks		From 4/9 (Last panel - 10th Oct)	This session		Last 10 weeks Last Session	
possible	actual		possible	actual	possible	actual
50	30		80	41	90	34

Please indicate any reasons for absence/illness; *absence without reasonable cause; any pattern of absence; latecoming and the involvement of the Educational Welfare Department.

Mandy has been absent on six and a half days, her mother sent notes explaining these absences - colds, stomach pains. Mandy has also had three half days and one full day's unexplained absences (truancy). It is significant that she has only had one full weeks attendance since the last panel and that was a week when we had a one-day strike. During the weeks ending 27th Sept - 4th Oct Mandy only spent half of each week in school.

* If possible, note the number of absences attributable to this.

Academic Progress throughout the School

(Please give details of course followed, ability, achievement. Please mention any special difficulties/abilities and detail any adjustment or remedial help)

Mandy is obviously having quite a bit of difficulty fitting back into normal schooling. She is in a small group for Maths and French, to catch up with the work. She is receiving special help from the P.T. Guidance in a small group looking at behaviour difficulties in school. She has been removed from Science and Social Studies on a temporary basis.

Specialist Services/Health

(Please detail any contact with Specialist services, e.g. speech therapy; Child Guidance; Social Work Department; Psychiatric Services; School Health (other than routine). Are there any health factors affecting the child?)

Mandy has been referred to Child Guidance and a second referral has just been made. I have enclosed the initial report. The Social Work Dept is also involved. Mandy has been off school with colds, pains and asthma; I have no reason to believe that these are major problems.

Behaviour and Special Interests

(Please comment on the child's behaviour in and out of class, his relationships with other children and with adults and any recent changes in behaviour. Please mention any extra curricular/sporting activities)

Mandy's behaviour in the ordinary classroom set-up is very poor. She has been excluded from two classes for spitting and swearing, has received detentions on a number of occasions for latecoming and unreasonable behaviour. She is currently excluded from Science for swearing at and threatening the teacher. The Assistant Head for 2nd year wrote to inform Mrs Russell that Mandy would be excluded from school should there be a repetition of this kind of behaviour. She constantly arrives late for classes.

Home Circumstances

Please indicate parental contact and attitude to the school and any significant circumstances which teachers feel should be brought to the attention of the reader of the report.

Mrs Russell has kept four of the five Friday appointments with me since the last Panel. She has professed support but says she feels we are 'getting at' Mandy and that she is being unfairly singled out in class. My view is that Mandy is the instigator of much of the bad behaviour in class and I feel her mother doesn't do enough to condemn her actions.

Teachers' Observations

(If completed by more than one member of staff, please indicate which member of staff has furnished the information).
(Head Teacher/Guidance Teacher/Class Teachers)

In a small group Mandy is completely different, she is helpful, interested and mature and shows a lead in good behaviour. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate Mandy all day, every week in a small group; this is the reason for my re-referral to Child Guidance.

Although there has been an improvement in her attendance, I feel it is worrying that she has still truanted and been off so often with minor ailments. Mandy has had six days when she has been in school and kept a low profile, on any other day there have been a variety of difficulties ranging from latecoming, truanting, swearing, spitting, pretending to faint, running out of school. I feel that it is only a matter of time until she is suspended from school. All our experiences lead us to the conclusion that all Mandy's good points (and there are plenty) only come out in a small group situation.

Date: 11th October 1985

H1 (amended)

Signature

H Macaulay
HEAD TEACHER

APT Guidance

Date of change 4-9-85

CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE AND ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Office <u>10</u>	Social Worker <u>Geo. Coates</u>	Reference Number (children only)		
Surname (client) <u>LYNEH</u>		Sex <u>F</u>	DOB <u>1-9-72</u>	Religion
Forename(s) <u>AMANDA</u>		Name of School/Employer		
Also known as <u>RUSSELL</u>		Address of School/Employer		
Present Address (before change) and name of foster parent or carer if appropriate <u>CALDER GROVE</u>				
New Address (after change) and name of foster parent or carer if appropriate <u>53/3 WESTER HAILES DR.</u>				
Statutory Authority before change Act		Section <u>40(1)</u>		
Statutory Authority after change Act		Section <u>—</u>		

SECTIONS A B C D MUST BE COMPLETED

A REASON FOR CHANGE Specify in Box 3

Admission	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discharge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Death	<input type="checkbox"/>
Closure of Case	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change of Statutory Provision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Order Made	Ceased	Varied
Change of Address		
Change of Name		
Marriage		
Transfer to other Area Team		
Transfer to other Division		
Transfer to other Local Authority		

B CLIENT OR RESOURCE GROUP

Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Physically Handicapped	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Physically Ill	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mentally Handicapped	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mentally Ill	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Offenders	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Disadvantaged	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Others specify		
Foster Parents	Day Carers	Other Carers

2 OTHER INFORMATION (Children only) date 4 9 85

Hearing Date	<u>4 9 85</u>
Hearing Result specify in Box 3	
Next Hearing due	
Review Date	
Review Result specify in Box 3	
Next Review due	
Letter to Natural Parents	
Aged 16 Education continuing specify in Box 3	
Employment Commenced	
Employment Changed	
Income/Benefit Changed specify in Box 3	
Special Regular Payments commence	
Special Regular Payments cease	
Change of School specify in Box 3	
School Report received	
Change of Doctor specify in Box 3	
Medical Report received	

C TYPE OF PLACEMENT

Living at Home	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Departmental Home	Voluntary Home		
Hospital			
Holiday	Share the Care		
Lodgings Supported	Unsupported		
Residential Employment			
List 'D' School Day	Residential		
Penal Establishment			
Adoption			
Fostering Short Term	Emergency		
Long Term	Relatives	Comm'ty Carer	Other
Day Care	Whole days	No. of days	
Day Care	Part days	Time in hours	
Guardianship (Mental Health)			
Supervision at home	Informal	Statutory	
Other specify			

3 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Amanda returned to mother 4-9-85.

D RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLACEMENT

Own Authority	—	Supervising
Other Authority	—	Supervising
Own Authority	—	Financing
Other Authority	—	Financing

	Initials	Date
Social Worker		
Area administration	<i>A. Jod</i>	<i>12-9-85</i>



MEMORANDUM

Our Ref: PJW/JMS

From: Pauline J Walker

Your Ref:

To: Mr George Coates
Social Worker
Area 10

Date: 22 August 1985

AMANDA LYNCH (1 9 72)
53/3 WESTER HAILES DRIVE, EDINBURGH
PRESENTLY C/O CALDER GROVE RECEPTION UNIT

I refer to the hearing which took place for Mandy on 20 August 1985 when only she attended, and accepted the grounds for referral, that she has failed to attend school regularly without reasonable excuse.

The hearing heard from Mandy and from yourself, that Mrs Russell had not been seen since the morning of 19 August and although you had made a prior arrangement with her to bring her and Mandy to the hearing, Mrs Russell was not at home when you called.

In the circumstances, the hearing agreed that it was not appropriate for Mandy to return home, and accordingly issued a warrant to detain her in a place of safety. You have since confirmed that Mandy is being looked after in Calder Grove Reception Unit.

Her next hearing will be at this office on Wednesday 4 September 1985 at 11.00 a.m. I trust you will make the usual arrangements to bring Mandy to that hearing. Hopefully by then you will be able to obtain some clarification of the situation particularly in relation to Mrs Russell's intentions. You may wish to provide a supplementary report for the next hearing.

Pauline J Walker (Mrs)
Assistant Reporter





LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

**PARENTAL CONSENT
TO MEDICAL TREATMENT
AND ACTIVITIES**

Child's Surname <i>LYNCH</i>	Case Number
Forename(s) <i>AMANDA EYONNE</i>	D.O.B. <i>1 9 72</i>

Home Address <i>53/3 Wester Hailes Drive Ed.</i>	Name and Address of G.P. <i>Dr Maungay, Sighthill Health Centre, Calder Rd, Edinburgh.</i>
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A CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT:

I hereby give my consent to vaccination against Poliomyelitis, Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, or any other disease, and to any treatment, injection or operative measures, including the administration of an anaesthetic considered necessary by a registered medical practitioner or dental surgeon, for the time that my child remains in the care of Lothian Regional Council.

I understand that wherever possible I will be consulted about any significant treatment so long as my whereabouts remain known to the Social Work Department.

CONSENT TO ACTIVITIES:

I give my consent to my child being involved in normal sporting, holiday and social activities during his/her stay in the care of Lothian Regional Council.

I also understand that if my child is to participate in any significant holiday, sport, or hazardous activity I will be notified and consulted about this so long as my whereabouts are known to the Social Work Department.

I also understand that sport and activities will be supervised, where appropriate, by a responsible adult.

I have detailed below those activities in which I do not wish my child to participate.

LIST OF ACTIVITIES NOT AGREED TO:

1.
2.
3.
4.

Signed *151285* Parent/Guardian Date

Signed Witness Date

B REFUSAL TO CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT:

I have been asked to give my consent to appropriate treatment for my child during his/her stay in the care of Lothian Regional Council and I have refused to give this consent.

Signed Parent/Guardian Date

Signed Witness Date

C TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The parents of this child are unable to be found or have refused to sign their consent to any essential medical treatment which the child may require.

* The child is now in the care of the Lothian Regional Council Department of Social Work under Section *40(7)* of the *SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968* Act 19

OR * The child is subject to a Place of Safety Warrant/Court Order in terms of Section *40(7)* of the *SOCIAL WORK (SCOT) ACT 1968* Act 19 and is presently being cared for by the Lothian Social Work Department.

Since the Lothian Regional Council does not at this stage hold parental rights in respect of this child I would request medical staff, in consultation with their colleagues, to consider offering any necessary medical or surgical treatment despite the absence of parental consent.

Signature *[Signature]* Designation *Social Worker* Date *20 Aug 1985*

George

The comment re - Family SA/In
"Mother drinks heavily..." needs to be
qualified and/or substantiated.
We cannot treat this as a fact if
we have no evidence. What is the
basis of the allegation?

10/9/85 - Peter

Transfer/discharge medical

Administration of Children's Homes Regulations 1959, Boarding out of Children (Scotland) Regs.

Surname LYNCH.		Home Address 53/3. West Hales Drive		Date of Birth 1.9.72	
Forenames AMANDA EUPHONIE		Present Address (if different)		Sex	
Next of Kin (if applicable)		Name and Address			
1. Immunisation Record		First Medical		Additions since last examined	
Polio Vaccination		1.	2.	3.	
Triple Antigen		1.	2.	3.	
Whooping Cough		1.	2.	3.	
Diphtheria/Tetanus		1.	2.	3.	
Rubella		1.	Has the child had the appropriate immunisation for his/her age?		
Measles		1.			
B.C.G.		1.			
				NO	
2. History of illness, infections or injuries.		Since Birth		Since last seen	
Asthma Nocturnal Emesis.					
3. The condition of: (please elaborate in Section 10 if necessary)					
Eyes/Sight		Satisfactory			
Ears/Hearing		MA			
Throat		MA			
Tonsils		MA			
Teeth and Gums		MA			
*Skin and Scalp		Clean & Healthy			
*Please indicate presence and extent of bruising, vermin etc. and any need for treatment mt.					
4. Evidence of abnormality in the following systems (comment in Section 10 if necessary)					
Cardiovascular		MA			
Respiratory					
Alimentary					
Central Nervous					
Genito-urinary					
Other					
5. State of Nutrition		Good			

6. Are speech and articulation satisfactory?

Yes.

7. Does the child suffer from incontinence?

Urinary YES NO Faecal YES NO Has had nocturnal Enuresis

8. Particulars of present medication/treatment

Vertin RDS caps. 200mg. as reqd

9. Particulars of any condition of which the carers should be aware:

e.g. allergies, medication to which the child does not respond, bedwetting, attendance at hospitals/clinics etc. Evidence of abnormality of development or behaviour which is inconsistent with the child's age.
? allergic Dog & Cats.
Asthmatic

10. Has there been any change in the child (physically or mentally) since last seen by you?

No.

11. Child's general state of health and any other comments.

Good.

12. CERTIFICATE I certify that I have today examined Amanda Lynch who is*/is not already known to me, and find this child fit*/unfit to be in care, i.e. this child does*/does not require hospital care. I also certify that I find this child free from infection*/suffering from the conditions mentioned above. This was an initial*/subsequent*/emergency* consultation by me. *Delete as appropriate

Signature [Signature] Name and Address (in block capitals) 1 Dr Robertson 8th Celeb Road Edenburg
Date 20/8/85

Reception into Care - Information to Care Staff (RIC 6)

Full Name of Child LYNCH.	D.O.B.
*LEGITIMATE/ILLEGITIMATE/EXTRA MARITAL	
Act & Section under which admitted 40 (7) S.W.S. 40 (7)	Religion
Admitted by (SW) GEORGE COATES.	
SW Area & phone no. WESTER HALES.	Date form completed 20. Aug 85

*Delete as appropriate

Home Address 53/3 Wester Hales Drive	Admitted from (if different) —	School/Nursery attended W.H.E.C.
		Staff Contact HAZEL-McCAULEY.
		Other agencies involved

Name of Father	D.O.B.	Occupation	Address	Tel. No.	Marital status
Custody *YES/NO					
Name of Mother Margaret RUSSEL.	D.O.B.	Occupation	Address 53/3 Wester Hales Drive.	Tel. No. —	Marital status D.
Custody *YES/NO					

Doctor's Name & Address Dr Mangon. Sighthill H.C.	Siblings & Addresses Andrew Russell. St Josephs Inst D School.	Possible Visitors Mrs. Russell.
Tel.No. 453 5335.		

Names of other significant adults	Addresses	Relationship

Reasons for admission. **P.O.S. order. Absence of mother. child unsupervised overnight - via Panel.**

Child's attitude to RIC/What was the child told? **Fully discussed at Panel. quite accepting.**

Carer's contract with Social Worker e.g. duration of placement. To be decided	Forms Rec'd - tick
	RIC - 2
	RIC - 3
	RIC - 4
	RIC - 5

Previous Admissions to Care

Placement	Act & Section under which admitted	From/To
Calder Grove.	S.O.S. 40 (7).	

Behavioural Problems

Truancy.

Brief Details of Family Situation

Single parent family.

Mother drinks heavily although I have no direct evidence of this. Mother left home on 19th Aug. leaving Amanda overnight but not returned next day when Amanda phoned for Non School Attendance. Dad returned at 5 pm. but went out not writing for result of phoned.

Future Plans

1. Parents;

To be decided.

2. Department;



LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

**PARENTAL CONSENT
TO MEDICAL TREATMENT
AND ACTIVITIES**

Child's Surname Russell LYNCH	Case Number
Forename(s) AMANDA EUONNE	D.O.B. 1 9 72

Home Address 53/3 Wester Hailes Drive Ed -	Name and Address of G.P. Dr Maungay, Sighthill Health Centre, Calder Rd, Edinburgh.
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Signed Parent/Guardian Date

Signed Witness Date

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I have been asked to give my consent to appropriate treatment for my child during his/her stay in the care of Lothian Regional Council and I have refused to give this consent.

Signed Parent/Guardian Date

Signed Witness Date

C TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The parents of this child are unable to be found or have refused to sign their consent to any essential medical treatment which the child may require.

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Since the Lothian Regional Council does not at this stage hold parental rights in respect of this child I would request medical staff, in consultation with their colleagues, to consider offering any necessary medical or surgical treatment despite the absence of parental consent.

Signature Designation Social Worker Date 20 Aug 1985

PARENT'S DECLARATION

- I declare that the information I have given is correct.
- I understand that I may be obliged to contribute towards my child's/children's maintenance while in the care of the Region. If required to contribute, I understand that the weekly rate of contribution for each child is approximately half the current child benefit rate.
- I understand that I must inform the Director of Social Work of any change in my address or financial circumstances.
- I have received a copy of the appropriate leaflets about the legislation relating to the reception into care of my child/children and have had them explained to me.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Date _____

Witness _____

Date 21/Aug 1985

(not available on 20/Aug 85)

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Authorisation by Area Officer/Senior S.W. _____

(Signature)

Area Wester Hailes

Allocated to G COATES

Source of referral PANOR (for Andrew)

Reason for admission Children left unattached for 24 hrs.
Mother untraceable.
Panel placed for a 21 day consent (P.O.S. arch).

Lothian Regional Council
Department of Social Work

RECEPTION INTO CARE (RIC 1)

Child's Surname <u>LYNCH</u>	CP. No. <u>605280506</u>
Forename(s) <u>AMANDA EUNNE</u>	Sex <u>F</u>
Also known as <u>RUSSELL</u>	
Address on admission <u>53/3 WESTERHAILES DRIVE</u>	

The Parent's Declaration on the back of this form (and if necessary, on any additional forms) must be signed.

D.O.B. <u>1.9.72</u>	Place of Birth <u>Edinburgh</u>	Legitimate- Hegitimate Extra-Marital	Religion <u>C/S</u>	Date & Place of Baptism <u>—</u>
Previous Residence(s) during past year <u>S/A</u>				Child's Doctor
Nursery/School/Employment <u>WHEC</u>	PLACEMENT DETAILS			Admission Date <u>20 Aug 1985</u>
Address of Placement <u>Calder Grove. reception unit.</u>		Section <u>40(7)</u>		

PARENTS		SOURCE OF INCOME	
Mother's Surname <u>RUSSELL</u>	Forename(s) <u>Margaret FARRER ^{Martin}</u>	D.O.B. <u>29.7.40</u>	Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Née <u>FARRER</u>	Known as	Custody YES/NO	Occupation Employer's name & address
Present Address <u>53 WESTERHAILES DRIVE</u>	Tel; <u>—</u>	Marital Status <u>D</u>	Yes No Order Book No.
Previous Address <u>—</u>	Religion	FIS	Supp.Ben. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Father's Surname <u>LYNCH</u>	Forename(s) <u>RICHARD</u>	D.O.B. <u>6 12 33</u>	Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/>
Known as	Custody YES/NO	Marital Status	Occupation Employer's name & address
Present Address <u>12 WARDLAW TERRACE ED.</u>	Tel; <u>—</u>	Religion	Yes No Order Book No.
Previous Address <u>—</u>	Religion	FIS	Supp.Ben.

Total No. of children in family <u>4</u>	Addresses & Tel. Nos. of close relatives or emergency contact <u>Ms DRYDEN 37 GROATHILL RD NTH. 332-4165</u>
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PREVIOUS ADMISSIONS TO CARE			
FROM	TO	PLACEMENT	ACT & SECTION UNDER WHICH ADMITTED
<u>16 Dec</u>	<u>17 Dec</u>	<u>Calder Grove</u>	<u>S.W.S. 1968</u>

OTHER CHILDREN IN FAMILY			
SURNAME	FORENAMES	D.O.B.	ADDRESS (state if in care)
<u>Russell</u>	<u>ANDREW</u>	<u>6.4.71</u>	<u>6 St Josephs School</u>
<u>1.</u>	<u>EUNNE</u>	<u>23 approx</u>	<u>N/K</u>
	<u>TRACY</u>	<u>21 approx</u>	<u>N/K</u>



MEMORANDUM

Our Ref: MS/JMS

From: Pauline J Walker

Your Ref:

To: Mr George Coates
Social Worker
Area 10

Date: 28 June 1985

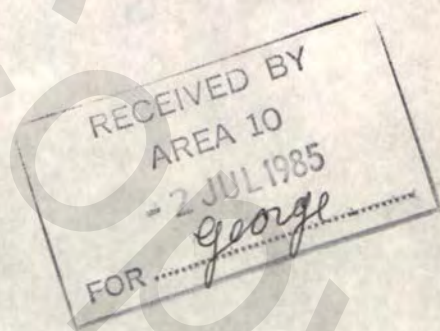
AMANDA LYNCH (1 9 72)
53/3 WESTER HAILES DRIVE, EDINBURGH
SCHOOL: WESTER HAILES EDUCATION CENTRE

This memo confirms that Amanda and her mother, Mrs Russell, did not attend the hearing scheduled for Amanda on 21 June 1985. No explanation about this has been forthcoming to date.

The hearing decided to give Amanda another opportunity to attend a hearing. I have fixed another one for Tuesday 20 August 1985 at 2.45 p.m., when the new school term is under way.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P. J. Walker'.

Pauline J Walker (Mrs)
Assistant Reporter





Lothian Region Reporter
A. F. Finlayson,
1/3 Howden Street, Edinburgh EH8 9HH
Telephone: 031-667 9431

Mrs Margaret Russell
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive
EDINBURGH

Our reference PJW/JMS

Your reference

Date 28 June 1985

Dear Mrs Russell

I refer to the Children's Hearing which was due to take place for your daughter Amanda on Friday 21 June 1985, when neither she nor you attended. I can only speculate about the reason for this non attendance, since I have not heard from you since.

The hearing that day, required to consider whether to issue a warrant to secure Amanda's attendance at a hearing, but on reflection decided to give her another opportunity to attend a hearing with you.

Because Amanda is being referred to a hearing for alleged failure to attend school without reasonable excuse, it seems sensible to defer another hearing until the new school term is under way.

Consequently I have arranged another hearing for Amanda on Tuesday 20 August 1985 at 2.45 p.m. Formal notification of this is enclosed for you both, requiring you to be present.

Clearly if Amanda does not attend that hearing, then the hearing will require to consider what further measures to take to ensure her presence.

Yours sincerely

Pauline J Walker (Mrs)
Assistant Reporter

If telephoning please ask for

All communications to be addressed to the Reporter

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
CHILD GUIDANCE CENTRE

Telephone: 031- 444 1314



St Giles School
Broomhouse Crescent
Edinburgh
EH11 3UB

Your Ref.:

If telephoning please ask for

Our Ref.: BJG/gm

Mr Glennie

21st June 1985

CONFIDENTIAL

For the Attention of Mrs Macaulay

Dear Mr Goodall

Re: Amanda LYNCH (1.9.72)
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive; Edinburgh EH14 3DH
School: Wester Hailes Education Centre

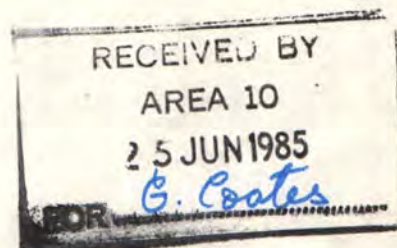
I have seen Amanda and her mother following a referral from WHEC. She has a serious attendance problem at school and has been displaying disruptive and unco-operative behaviour leading to removal from her classes.

The family are well-known to Child Guidance through Amanda's brother Andrew Russell. Amanda was not referred during her Primary schooling, which suggested that she coped with that without serious problems. However her School Record revealed that during Primary 7 there was a serious attendance problem and it was alleged that Mrs Russell was deliberately keeping Amanda off school that time.

At interview, Amanda was a reasonably articulate girl with no intellectual difficulties but who does have some academic problems with her English and numeracy which are well below average. She complained that she hated school and her main difficulty was that she didn't get on with her teachers who picked on her. She had been removed from most of her classes and was currently receiving small group teaching which she thought she was coping well with, but was boring. At the same time she rejected the idea of working towards a return to her subject classes. Amanda presented as apathetic, disgruntled, quite unrealistic about the nature of her problem at school and rejecting of possible solutions.

In discussion/

Mr Goodall, M.A.
Wester Hailes Education Centre



Amanda LYNCH (1.9.72)

In discussion with Mrs Russell, she made considerable play about Amanda's health, mainly her asthma and menarche, which is very recent, and only acknowledged truancy when pressed. She complained about the deterioration in Mandy at home in recent months; she has become abrupt, cheeky and refuses to do things when told. Mrs Russell said she did not know who Mandy's friends were and what she got up to out of the house and she didn't seem particularly interested either. She mentioned the possibility of Mandy going to stay with her father in Gorgie and attending Tynecastle High School because "he would have more control over her than me".

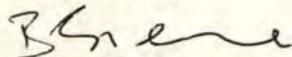
CONCLUSIONS

Mandy has educational and relationship difficulties which require a fair degree of staff support/reassurance in a school context. She has found the transition from Primary to Secondary School problematic and there has been a deterioration in her response in school. (She was described in a Primary School Report of May 1984 as "content" "even-tempered" and "polite"). There was a serious school attendance problem at her Primary School and Mrs Russell it is alleged was responsible for this.

At home Mandy's behaviour towards her mother is deteriorating and Mrs Russell seems to readily abdicate her responsibilities and presents as quite indifferent to the current problem. I am quite sure that the lack of controls and expectations at home and the school attendance problem are closely linked and Mrs Russell appears to have great difficulty in managing her children once they achieve adolescence.

Mandy is attending a Children's Panel soon and this is closely followed by the School's summer break. In view of this, I would like to see a full review of the situation by all parties concerned early next session with a view to making a decision about alternative arrangements should the school problem persist. I don't think it is absolutely clear at present whether an alternative arrangement for her education is required, and if it is, what form this should take.

Yours sincerely



B.J. Glennie
Senior Psychologist

Mr A Goodall, M.A.
Wester Hailes Education Centre
5 Murrayburn Drive
EDINBURGH EH14 2SU

cc George Coates SWD
Area 10

The contents of this report may require to be disclosed to children and parents at a Children's Hearing, but will not be quoted verbatim. Similarly, Social Workers and Reporters may require to disclose the substance of the report to families.

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

AREA 10

CONFIDENTIAL

SCHOOL REPORT FOR REPORTER TO CHILDREN'S PANEL

Please complete both pages of this report and return white and yellow copies as soon as possible to:

Reporter to Children's Panel 1/3 Howden Street, Edinburgh
 9A Newmills Road, Dalkeith
 5 Edinburgh Road, Bathgate

17 5 85 Date

Name Amanda Lynch	D. of B. 11 9 72	Date of transfer from Primary to Secondary School 1984
Address 53/3 Wester Hailes Drive Edinburgh		Date of leaving school 1988
School W H E C	Class	

PURPOSE OF REPORT	Initial Investigation Report Progress Report Children's Hearing on: Friday 21 June 1985 at 9.30 a.m.	GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL Alleged failure to attend school regularly without reasonable excuse
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RECEIVED BY
 AREA 10
 17 JUN 1985
 FOR George

Attendance

Last 4 weeks		This session		Last Session	
possible	actual	possible	actual	possible	actual
36	14	366	199		

Please indicate any reasons for absence/illness; *absence without reasonable cause; any pattern of absence; latecoming and the involvement of the Educational Welfare Department.

Mandy has had only three full weeks attendance during this session. Every other week she has been off either all week or two or three days. Her Mother regularly sends absence notes indicating illness - eg cold, asthma, 'flu etc. A considerable number of absences are unaccounted for and the mother has been informed when the school has suspected truancy. A number of letters have been written and home visits have been made.

* If possible, note the number of absences attributable to this.

Academic Progress throughout the School

(Please give details of course followed, ability, achievement. Please mention any special difficulties/abilities and detail any adjustment or remedial help)

Mandy is academically very poor, reading age 8.10 (GAP). She finds difficulty in coping with the work of her first year peers. These difficulties are further entrenched by her absences from class. She receives adjustment help in Maths and English. At the moment she has been excluded from a number of classes and withdrawn from the remaining subjects. She is, temporarily, spending all week in the First Base being helped during some periods by the Special Learning Services. She likes the security of this area but it does not seem to have improved her attendance as we hoped it might. It is not an arrangement we can maintain in the long term nor is it seen as a desirable full time arrangement for Mandy. It's use as a transition stage, to encourage her into school, would seem to have failed.

Specialist Services/Health

(Please detail any contact with Specialist services, e.g. speech therapy; Child Guidance; Social Work Department; Psychiatric Services; School Health (other than routine). Are there any health factors affecting the child?)

The family have been involved with the Social Worker, Mr G Coates (Mandy's brother Andrew was supported by him prior to finding a place in St Joseph's, Tranent). A referral has been made to Child Guidance. The Educational Welfare Officer referred the case to the Attendance S.C. but the mother failed to attend. I have been promised a letter from the family doctor to explain absences but it has never been produced.

Behaviour and Special Interests

(Please comment on the child's behaviour in and out of class, his relationships with other children and with adults and any recent changes in behaviour. Please mention any extra curricular/sporting activities)

Mandy's behaviour in ordinary classes is often quite outrageous. She has little or no self control in this situation and because she can't cope with the work she is entirely disruptive. She has been excluded from Science, Drama and other subjects from time to time. On her own she is a totally different character - responsible, mature, helpful and interested. She seems to need the security of one teacher and a small group. Giving her this has not, however, improved her attendance.

Home Circumstances

Please indicate parental contact and attitude to the school and any significant circumstances which teachers feel should be brought to the attention of the reader of the report.

George

Teachers' Observations

(If completed by more than one member of staff, please indicate which member of staff has furnished the information). (Head Teacher/Guidance Teacher/Class Teachers)

Mandy is with her mother at home. There are older, married brothers and sisters. Her father lives in Edinburgh and she sees him occasionally. It has been extremely difficult, almost impossible to pin her mother down to keeping appointments. At one point, ironically, we were at the stage of having to suspend Mandy to 'force' her mother to communicate with the school. Numerous home visits have met with a closed door. Mrs Russell wants, she says, to do whatever will help Mandy but has been reluctant to give us back-up in the plans or sanctions we have tried to use in school. We are currently arranging to have a joint school, social work meeting with Mandy and her Mum.

Mandy has now (June 10th) been off school for more than two weeks. There has been no communication from her mother although I have written about absences and the S. worker has also informed her. Mrs Russell failed to keep the appt. mentioned above. A meeting has now been arranged with Child Guidance - hopefully a report will be to hand at the panel.

Date: 31st May 1985

H1 (amended)

Signature

H Macaulay
HEAD TEACHER

Guidance A.P.T.



MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILD

Reception into care medical

28 day medical

Annual medical

Transfer/discharge medical

Please Return to

Name

Address

Administration of Children's Homes Regulations 1959, Boarding out of Children (Scotland) Regs. 1959,

Surname W. LYNCH RUSSELL	Home Address 53/3 WESTER HAINES DRIVE, EDINBURGH	Date of Birth 1/9/72
Forenames AMANDA	Present Address (if different) 40 17 CALDER GROVE SIGHTHILL.	Sex F.

Next of Kin (if applicable)	Name and Address
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1. Immunisation Record	First Medical	Additions since last examined	
Polio Vaccination	1.	2.	3.
Triple Antigen	1.	2.	3.
Whooping Cough	1.	2.	3.
Diphtheria/Tetanus	1.	2.	3.
Rubella	1.	Has the child had the appropriate immunisation for his/her age? Yes	
Measles	1.		
B.C.G.	1.		

2. History of illness, infections or injuries.	Since Birth	Since last seen
None mentioned		

3. The condition of: (please elaborate in Section 10 if necessary)

Eyes/Sight	MAI
Ears/Hearing	Normal - Blocked nose
Throat	Normal
Tonsils	None
Teeth and Gums	One falling
*Skin and Scalp	Normal

*Please indicate presence and extent of bruising, vermin etc. and any need for treatment

4. Evidence of abnormality in the following systems (comment in Section 10 if necessary)

Cardiovascular	Normal
Respiratory	no wheezing & shortness of breath
Alimentary	
Central Nervous	Normal
Genito-urinary	- Nocturnal enuresis
Other	

5. State of Nutrition

Good.

6. Are speech and articulation satisfactory?

7. Does the child suffer from incontinence?

Urinary YES NO Faecal YES NO

8. Particulars of present medication/treatment

None

9. Particulars of any condition of which the carers should be aware:

e.g. allergies, medication to which the child does not respond, bedwetting, attendance at hospitals/clinics etc. Evidence of abnormality of development or behaviour which is inconsistent with the child's age.
One at sick children 21st Dec per nocturnal Enuresis.

10. Has there been any change in the child (physically or mentally) since last seen by you?

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11. Child's general state of health and any other comments.

Good - Possible slight Asthma
To see own GP Dr Lang if evidence of this while home

12. CERTIFICATE I certify that I have today examined Amanda Lyell who is*/is not already known to me, and find this child fit*/unfit to be in care, i.e. this child does*/does not require hospital care. I also certify that I find this child free from infection*/suffering from the conditions mentioned above. This was an initial*/subsequent*/emergency* consultation by me. *Delete as appropriate

Signature *H. J. Bell* Name and Address TREVETHAN
Date 16.12.84 (in block capitals) 519 A TRILL Health
a

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15 DEC 1984



**LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**

**PARENTAL CONSENT TO
MEDICAL TREATMENT
AND ACTIVITIES**

Child's Surname RUSSELL	Case Number
Forename(s) AMANDA	D.O.B. 1.9.72.

Home Address 53/3 Wester Hailes Drive, Edin.	Name and Address of G.P.
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CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT:

I hereby give my consent to vaccination against Poliomyelitis, Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, or any other disease, and to any treatment, injection, or operative measures, including the administration of an anaesthetic considered necessary by a registered medical practitioner or dental surgeon, for the time that my child remains in the care of Lothian Regional Council.

I understand that wherever possible I will be consulted about any significant treatment so long as my whereabouts remain known to the Social Work Department.

CONSENT TO ACTIVITIES:

I give my consent to my child being involved in normal sporting, holiday and social activities during his/her stay in the care of Lothian Regional Council.

I also understand that if my child is to participate in any significant holiday, sport, or hazardous activity I will be notified and consulted about this so long as my whereabouts are known to the Social Work Department.

I also understand that sport and activities will be supervised, where appropriate, by a responsible adult.

I have detailed below those activities in which I do not wish my child to participate.

LIST OF ACTIVITIES NOT AGREED TO:

1.
2.
3.
4.

Signed: **Anne O'Leary** Parent/Guardian Date: **16.12.84**

Signed: **[Signature]** Witness Date:

REFUSAL TO CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT:

I have been asked to give my consent to appropriate medical treatment for my child during his/her stay in the care of Lothian Regional Council and I have refused to give this consent.

Signed Parent/Guardian Date:

Signed Witness Date:

Full Name of Child AMANDA RUSSELL	D.O.B. 1.9.72
*LEGITIMATE/ILLEGITIMATE/EXTRA MARITAL Religion	
Act & Section under which admitted Soc. Wk. Sect. Act. 37(2)	
Admitted by (SW) Helen Morton	
SW Area & phone no. EDT. 554 4301	Date form completed 16.10.80

Reception into Care - Information to Care Staff (RIC 6)

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FOR **George**

*Delete as appropriate

Home Address 53/3 Wester Hailes Dr. Edin.	Admitted from (if different)	School/Nursery attended WESTERHAILES E.C.
		Staff Contact
		Other agencies involved

Name of Father RICHARD LYNCH.	Custody *YES/NO	D.O.B.	Occupation	Address Wardlaw Terr, Edin.	Tel. No.	Marital status
Name of Mother Margaret Russell.	Custody *YES/NO	D.O.B.	Occupation	Address 53/3 Wester Hailes Dr. Edin.	Tel. No.	Marital status

Doctor's Name & Address	Siblings & Addresses Andrew Russell as above	Possible Visitors
Tel.No.		

Names of other significant adults	Addresses	Relationship

Reasons for admission. **Maudy and brother Andrew left unattended, probably not for the first time.**

Child's attitude to RIC/What was the child told?

Carer's contract with Social Worker e.g. duration of placement.	Forms Rec'd - tick RIC - 2 RIC - 3 RIC - 4 RIC - 5
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Previous Admissions to Care

Place at	Act & Section under which admitted	From/To

Behavioural Problems

Client Copy

Brief Details of Family Situation

Client Copy

Future Plans

1. Parents;

2. Department;

Client Copy

Wester Hailes Area Office
5 Murrayburn Gate
Edinburgh

A10/GC/AQ

3 August 1984

George Coates
Social Worker

Malcolm Schaeffer
Reporter
Children's Hearing Centre
HOWDEN STREET

Re: AMANDA LUNGH, 53/3 WESTER HAILES DRIVE

The family background in this case is well known from previous referrals.

Amanda is a pleasant, cheerful girl who is reasonably bright and articulate. Mrs Russell says that in terms of her behaviour she presents no great problems at all. She and Andrew have a warm relationship which only occasionally degenerates into sibling rivalry.

Amanda makes friends very easily and apparently has a wide circle of friends in the neighbourhood of a similar age to her.

Some concern has been expressed about her hero worshipping Andrew and by extension emulating him particularly after the shoplifting offence. However although she does talk a great deal about Andrew I gain the impression that this is much more about her anxieties for Andrew rather than expressing admiration.

Regarding the "truancy" Amanda enjoys school tremendously and was never happy being away from school. She was in fact kept away by her mother ostensibly because of lack of clothing. When the consequences of this action were put strongly to Mrs Russell the child was allowed to return to school. The second "batch" of absences were through genuine sickness.

Overall, therefore, despite the obvious problems in this family, I do not feel at this point that it is necessary or desirable for Amanda to attend a Children's Hearing and if you are in agreement I would recommend that a "warning" letter is sent.

Amanda attends WHEC next term and I will be able to keep an eye on the situation because of my involvement with Andrew.

GEORGE COATES
Social Worker

THIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DEFAULTING PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Parent or guardian	Occupation	Address
Russell or Lynch	Housewife	53/3 Wester Hailes Drive, Edinburgh EH14 3

Relationship to child Mother
 Name for citation of any person other than father Guardian
 Has the person cited been personally warned by Education Welfare Officer? Yes

Name of child	Age	Date of birth	Class	G.A.	School
Amanda Lynch	11.4	1.9.72	7A	D	Hailesland Primary

Child under obligation to attend school until 31 May 1978
 Has education authority decided that child requires special educational treatment? No
 If so, state date of and reason

Deference from 24 October 1983 to 6 January 1984 inclusive.

Actual	Possible	Number of broken weeks	Detailed weekly attendance
13	92	10	0/10 0/10 6/10 5/9 2/10 0/10 0/10 0/10

REASONS GIVEN FOR ABSENCE 0/9 0/4

Date	Source	Reason Tendered
0.11.83	Mother	Mother keeping child off as a protest
6.12.83	Mother	Mother keeping child off as a protest

Has child been examined by school medical officer during period under review? No

Date	Where examined	Medical Officer's report

Is the child the subject of a supervision requirement made by a Children's Hearing? No

Is the child known to the Social Work Department? Yes

PARTICULARS OF HOUSEHOLD

Name	Age	School	Name	Age	School
Mrs Lynch					
Andrew Russell	12	WHEC			
Amanda Lynch	11	Hailesland Primary			

Parent or guardian summoned to appear before the School Attendance Committee
 at meeting held on 21.2.84

Appeared Sent written explanation
 Represented by Failed to appear

Attendance during period of deferment—actual possible

Continued hearing. Date
 Committee's decision *Refer to Reporter*

DECISION OF COURT

Date	Continued until	Decision

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL REPORT

DATE DISPOSAL SCHOOL ADVISED

to appear before Wester Hailes S.A.C.
EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 1980

Name of child Amanda LYNCH
Address 53/3 Wester Hailes Drive, Edinburgh.
School Hailesland Primary

Date of birth 1.09.72
Class 7a

Educational progress

Special measures already provided - give date first commenced

Is attainment commensurate with potential, (please comment briefly)

Yes

Amanda's reading is adequate.
She has difficulty with maths.

Adjustment teacher

Secondary remedial department

Visiting teacher of the deaf

Speech therapist

Any others - specify

} None Recorded

Details of referrals to other agencies

Children's Panel - alleged theft.

Child's attitude and behaviour in school

A very pleasant child who has one friend in class. She rarely speaks about herself or about what she has been doing. Speaks, instead, about her brother.

Parental attitude to, and contact with school

Mother has in the past attended Parents' Day, but not last term. Has come to school on other occasions and spoken to A.H.T. Always seems a very unhostile person.

Health factors which head teacher considers significant

None known.

Head teacher's observations

Mrs. Lynch has resented a decision against her by the D.H.S.S. and is keeping Amanda at home as a protest.

Longstaff

REPORT OF EDUCATION WELFARE OFFICER

girl, Amanda Lynch has made a total of 13 attendances out of a possible 92 during the period 24 October 1983 and 6 January 1984.

There is no question of truancy in this case nor is there any suggestion of illness being a factor in the girl's non-attendance. Quite simply Mrs Lynch has resented some decision made against her by the Department of Health and Social Security and is keeping Amanda off school as a protest. I have spoken with Mrs Lynch in an effort to get her to change her mind, but unfortunately it must now come before the Committee for them to make a decision regarding mothers actions.

Date.....

24/1/84

24.1.84

.....Officer

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LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

PROGRESS REPORT

FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 Section 38(1)

FOR: Howden Street (Children's Hearings Centre)

ON: 17 January 1989 (Date)
3.30pm (Time)

ABOUT: Amanda LYNCH (Child's Full Name)
1.9.72 aged 16 (D.O.B./Age)
46/4 Dumbryden Gardens (Address)
Edinburgh

Currently residing at Redgorton School, Perth (Religion)
(School)

GROUND'S OF REFERRAL:

To review supervision requirement dated 22 January 1988 - Section 48(3)

Amanda has made excellent use of her year in Redgorton. She has successfully completed a number of GCSEs and had regular work experience in a hotel for the past term.

The main difficulty for Amanda is where she should move on to.

Unfortunately the tenancy Mrs Russell had in Dalry, was unknown to her, let to her illegally.

Mrs Russell has moved out but has been unable to acquire a new tenancy because of rent arrears which have arisen more through default than non payment.

Mrs Russell now stays with a friend and is quite settled there and Amanda is quite happy to live there at weekends.

However, Mandy would prefer to eventually have her own tenancy and not to impose further on her mother's friend.

I have therefore referred Mandy to the Supported Accommodation Team and they are hopeful that Mandy will be placed early in the New Year. In the meantime the Education Department have agreed to Mandy staying on at school for a further term. This was at her request.

It is recognised however that her main "difficulty" at present is social and Mandy will leave school as soon as a suitable placement becomes available. At present Mandy is in Redgorton's training flat but will be taking a further "Module" in Social Care within the school.

All/.....

All this has been agreed on a voluntary basis and I foresee no insurmountable difficulties arising.

I would recommend that the Supervision Requirement is removed. This has been discussed with Mandy and she is in agreement. I can assure the panel that I will remain involved until Mandy had made a successful move and comes fully under the auspices of the Supported Accommodation Team.

REPORT WRITTEN BY:

George Coates
Social Worker

(Author)

OF:

Wester Hailes Area Office
5 Murrayburn Gate
Edinburgh

(Area Team/
Address)

ON:

12 January 1989

(Date)

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS:

Ref: A10/JW

CLOSING SUMMARY

AMANDA LYNCH (RUSSEL)

Original Reason for Referral

Brief History Non school attendance.

Mandy ostensibly attended Wester Hailes Education Centre but never made any progress because of her ~~dis~~ ^{tenancy}

Other than her attendance Mandy displayed no behavioural disturbance whatever.

Mother was caring but inept and rather depressed which made it difficult for her to motivate Mandy.

The usual ^{gamut} of responses were tried - change in school, special units, special school, temporary reception into care etc, all to no avail and eventually Mandy was sent to Red Gortan School.

In fact she did very well there, enjoying the care and stability she received.

She left in June and was placed at the YWCA in Lothian Road.

She never settled there and quickly left to stay at her Aunt's.

She now has her own tenancy at 9/8 Clovenstone Gardens.

ASSESSMENT

Mandy is a particularly pleasant, happy-go-lucky girl who has never posed any behavioural problems other than her schooling.

She has a good relationship with her extended family and her parents who are separated.

Unfortunately Mrs Russell became increasingly depressed after the death of Amanda's brother Andy from an accidental overdose and was not in a position to provide a home. She is now living with a friend although I suspect Mandy will put her up in her tenancy.

I do not expect Mandy to pose any problems and she is now much more independent.

She does have a support network available to her from her family.

Any problems which do occur will probably arise through Mandy's inertia in dealing with hassles which can then develop into ^{more} serious problems. Firm guidance is best when dealing with her.

I do not however expect any serious problems to arise.

Recommend close

GEORGE COATES
Social Worker

Amanda Lynch.

Sunday.

Amanda is now working full time in a hotel which she is enjoying very much.

Unfortunately Amanda has rather messed things up in terms of getting into her flat.

She delayed in applying for a convenience Care Grant and was taken of income support because she did not sign on. She has therefore had to continue living at Mrs O'Brien's. I have sent off her Housing Benefit forms but these have not yet been processed.

An application has been made for a grant for the dept. and hopefully this will be allowed.

I do not see, beyond getting her established in her flat any further work to be done for Mandy and will close the case once she is so established.

Please inform Mrs O'Brien of award of grant. Tele 453 1374.

N.B. Mandy's temporary address % Mrs O'Brien
18 1/2 Clarendon Street London

The cheque should be delivered to this office not sent direct to Mandy.

my receipt received
Dec 16.8. Dem annus

De. Harsh.

C. BOLLIS/

2 p.m.

14.7.89

Mrs. O'Brien } phoned re Amanda Lynch.
453-1374.

PROBABILITY

Amanda was receiving £10.80 p. whilst staying with Mrs O'B.
Since getting her own Tenancy D.A.S.S. have cut money to £20 the last payment being Saturday 8th July? According to Mrs O'B Amanda has no money & this has stopped altogether.

Advised Mrs O'B to get Amanda to go back to D.A.S.S. and get a break down of benefits and let them know she is destitute.

Amby.

Mrs O'b. phoned D.A.S.S. - HARSHIP MONEY STOPPED. TO RE-APPLY - PERHAPS ^{DOES} NOT FIT THE CRITERIA ANY LONGER?

GRANTS FOR FURNITURE?

CAN YOU PHONE HER ON YOUR RETURN.

Amanda Lynch

Summary.

Amanda made good progress at Red Garter School although latterly her stay there was more for social than Educational reasons.

Her mother's homelessness made it impossible for Amanda to stay with her on any permanent basis.

The Supported Accommodation Team have been involved for some time and Amanda was offered a place at the Y.W.C.A. hostel, Hotham Rd. which has had to be accepted on very short notice.

I have accompanied Amanda to claim income support from Castle Terrace and have been told inform

Record of Decisions Taken at Review
of Child Care (CCR2)

Review Date	Place	
13.12.88	Redgorton School	
Child's Name	Date of Birth	
Amanda LYNCH	1.9.72	
Placement	Redgorton School	

Action to be taken before next Review	Person Responsible
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Request be made to Terry Gaffney for continued financial support for Amanda's placement. Amanda is commencing SCOTVEC modules in January. Hans Clausman will continue to work with Amanda re supported accommodation. Amanda's supervision order to be terminated in January. George Coates will continue to work with Amanda until she is settled in a supported placement. 	<p>Child's Social Worker George Coates</p> <p>Liaison Social Worker Senior Social Worker Harry Robertson</p> <p>Houseparent/Foster Parent Mrs Gorman</p>
If any other Section of the Department or Organisation is to be advised, indicate task requiring action and person responsible, including action related to "Time Limits".	Other

Long Term Plan

It is expected that Amanda will move to supported accommodation from Redgorton early in the New Year.

Date	Signature of Chairperson	Date of Next Review	Time
14.12.88	<i>HA - Robertson</i>		

Participants	Designation	Tick if Copy ccr2 to be sent	Date Sent	Administrative Use	Date
Amanda Lynch (part)		X			
Mrs Gorman & staff	REdgorton	X			
Hans Clausman	Team Supported Accom.	X			
George Coates	S.W. Area 10	X	✓		
Harry Robertson	S.S.W. Area 10	X			
copy Terry GAffney	Child Guidance	X			

REDGORTON HOUSE SCHOOL

REVIEW REPORT

NAME: AMANDA LYNCH

DATE OF BIRTH 1.9.72

SOCIAL WORKER George Coates

DATE OF ARRIVAL 27.1.88

DATE OF REVIEW 13.12.88

PRESENT

Principal
Social Worker
Mr. Clausman

REVIEW REPORT

NAME: AMANDA LYNCH

DATE OF BIRTH: 1.9.72

DATE OF ARRIVAL: 27.1.88

Amanda has matured considerably since taking up residence in the independent living unit of Redgorton School. Leaving the protective environment of the main school building was a big step for her to take and although it initially presented problems in terms of adaptation, time and a measure of support have helped overcome them. The experience has proved to be a beneficial one because from it she has gained insight into the realities of life: planning and preparing meals instead of having them presented to her, getting herself up and out to work in the morning without someone there to make sure that she does, and having to keep her surroundings clean and tidy because there is no-one else to do it for her. Besides coping with these practical aspects of being independent, Amanda has acquired the skill of living sensibly on a limited budget and most important of all - she has learnt to think for herself. She evaluates plans regarding her future and this attribute is reflected in her decision to remain at Redgorton until such times as she has assurance of somewhere to live. Amanda has applied for a supported accommodation flat in Edinburgh and we think this is an excellent idea because it will act as the final stepping-stone between the Redgorton Unit and complete independence.

This positive approach also extends to her future employment. Work experience as a Chambermaid in Perth's Huntingtower Hotel has confirmed her supposition that it may be the type of work that she would enjoy. Amanda has shown initiative by writing to several Edinburgh Hotels giving details of her experience in the hope that she may be considered for an interview should a vacancy arise.

She has very clear ideas about the direction in which she is going, and we feel this is an essential element of living independently. Amanda is a survivor and having set herself some concrete objectives we feel that she is quite capable of attaining them. One aspect of her character which may hold her back slightly is her lack of staying power. She tends to embark on new ventures with great enthusiasm but quickly loses interest through her apparent inability to accept that life cannot always be exciting. This brings another of her characteristics into focus - impatience. She likes things to happen quickly and to have immediate results. Consequently she becomes frustrated when this is not the case.

Time and experience of life will probably develop the quality of patience to a certain extent but it is Amarda herself who has to deal with problems concerning perseverance.

Amanda Lynch

Amanda's personal presentation is of a fairly high standard. She is conscientious about cleanliness and always dresses appropriately. Her temperament is fairly stable but she is assertive enough to stand up for herself in the face of opposition. In view of that fact it may seem contradictory to say that Amanda does not possess a high level of self-confidence. Within the security of everyday situations and in the company of friends she presents as very self-assured, but this impression is not so apparent when she is faced with the unfamiliar. She has mentioned that she has difficulty in expressing herself fluently to people she does not know and also that she gets extremely embarrassed if she has to eat in front of them. Fortunately the problem decreases as familiarity increases.

We are convinced that Amanda is ready to leave Redgorton and take her place in society: she is well prepared, she has realistic expectations and she is aware of the various sources from which she can obtain support. However Amanda has requested that she remain at Redgorton after Christmas. Arrangements are being made for her to follow 2 SCOTVEC Modules starting in January (Art and Craft in the Development of the Child and Practical Care Skills: The Young Child (0-8)). This should continue until the Easter period of 1989. Practical experience in a day nursery has been organised.

She enjoyed her recent trip to London and has greatly benefited from her placement at Redgorton.

Amanda Lynch

21.9.88

E.D.T. referral. Amanda failed to arrive back at the school. She was located at mother's address 46/4 Dumbryden Gardens. She could not be returned to school by EDT so was put up by Caldergrove overnight to be returned today.

Amanda was conveyed back to school and she was not unhappy to go. Was not really able to say why she did not return other than she wanted to stay at home. This attitude prevailed throughout the journey although she chatted away about other things.

A meeting with the headmistress which brought tears from Amanda and a statement that she did want to remain at the school but not to keep up her job in the newsagents. She also agreed that she would move back into the main house from the cottage as she was not coping with independant living. At the end of the meeting Amanda was calmer but I wondered how much Amanda was prepared to just accept what was being suggested as the problem. I agreed to make George aware that she wanted to discuss her future with him as soon as possible.

Anne Mitchell
Social Worker
1988

23 September 1988

A10/JW

George

25/7/85

Gorman

re. Maddy Gled. - A pharmacist Mr. ~~Gorman~~

to say that Maddy has passed the 3 standard
grade & 'O' grade examinations in
various - English, Maths & Art & Design.

Carl

Aug Sunday

N.B. Change of address
46/4. Dumbryden Gled.

Visited Mrs Russell at above address.

Comfortably furnished flat. Maggie will go to the
housing dept and let them know what how to get
in touch. Told her she could qualify for an
inadequate housing or homeless.

However satisfied that Maddy has a roof over his head
at weekends.

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

CHILD IN CARE REVIEW REPORT

CHILD'S NAME: Amanda Russell.
REVIEW DATE: 5.5.88.
DATE OF BIRTH: 1.9.72.
TYPE OF REVIEW: C.C.R.

VENUE:

CURRENT PLACEMENT: Red Gorton.

Address: Red Gorton School

Red Gorton -
Perth.

Type of Placement: List G. School
Name of Carer/Parent: S/M

Date of Placement:

DATE OF LAST REVIEW:

DATE OF LAST MEDICAL:

DATE OF LAST SCHOOL REPORT:

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

S O C I A L B A C K G R O U N D R E P O R T
F O R C H I L D R E N ' S H E A R I N G
S o c i a l W o r k (S c o t l a n d) A c t 1 9 6 8 S e c t i o n 3 9 (4)

FOR: 1-3 Howden Street (Children's Hearings Centre)
Edinburgh

ON: 22 January 1988 (Date)
10.15am (Time)

ABOUT: AMANDA LYNCH (Child's Full Name)
1.9.72 / Aged 15 (D.O.B./Age)
27 Wardlaw Place, Edinburgh (Address)
(Religion)
(School)

GROUND'S OF REFERRAL:

Review of Supervision Requirement

The panel members will be aware that a decision will need to be taken at this panel about whether Mandy should or should not go to a residential school i.e. Red Gorton, and if not what alternatives are on offer.

As the panel are aware, the Education Department feel that there is no alternative to the above and therefore none has been offered by them.

I have tried to arrange some alternative for the panel in the event it was felt that residential schooling was not in Mandy's interests in terms of her as a "total" person. This has proved extremely difficult to do and although I have arranged a Home Tutor obviously in terms of overall education she can only offer a very limited, but not valueless, service.

I have also unsuccessfully tried to organise a work experience-type placement for Amanda but obviously my contacts are very limited and dependent in any case on the Education Department accepting this and it has been indicated that in fact without a school such a placement would be illegal.

Amanda and her mother have just (on the day of writing) visited Red Gorton School. I have asked Amanda to think carefully about the issues and be prepared to make her views known.

I will discuss Red Gorton at the panel but there is no doubt, of course, that if the facilities are taken advantage of Amanda would receive a more "rounded" end to her education at the price of being uprooted from her family and community for 4-5 months.

In conclusion, I would refer the panel members to the memo written to the Education Department by Mr McCallum which succinctly states my feelings on the matter.

The various arguments both for and against Mandy going to Red Gorton School have been made in previous reports.

REPORT WRITTEN BY: MR G COATES (Author)
Social Worker

OF: Wester Hailes Area Office (Area Team/
5 Murrayburn Gate Unit address)
Edinburgh EH14 2SS
Tel - 031 442-4131

ON: 21 January 1988 (Date)

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS: No Ref: AB/GC6/4

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

PROGRESS REPORT
FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING
Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 Section 38(1)

FOR: 1-3 Howden Street (Children's Hearings Centre)
Edinburgh

ON: 15th December 1987 (Date)
3.30 pm (Time)

ABOUT: **AMANDA LYNCH** (Child's Full Name)
1.9.72 Aged 15 (D.O.B./Age)
27 Wardlaw Place (Address)
Edinburgh

(Religion)
(School)

GROUND OF REFERRAL:

To Review Supervision Requirement dated 17.11.87 - Section 48(2)

There is little of any positive nature to report at the time of writing.

The place ^{mooted} ~~marked out~~ at Red Garton was taken by a girl whose needs were far greater.

The Education Department are unable and unwilling to provide a home tutor and the provision of work experience is, I am told, not possible at this time.

Amanda herself ^{as usual} ~~is said to~~ presents no problems of management at home or in the community.

As all the problems in this case revolve around the provision of an educational facility which Amanda will take advantage of, I feel that there is little more in the social work sense that I can suggest. My views can be summarised as follows.

The only way Amanda will receive formal "traditional" classroom education is for her to go to a residential school. However the above would only apply if Amanda settled there and committed herself to the placement which is perhaps a dubious proposition. Once there, even if she stayed there would be no guarantee that she would apply herself, and there seems little point having the body there but not the spirit.

If it did work, however, Amanda may gain something from the experience and the adverse effects of her lost schooling could be ameliorated, if not reversed.

I do not think that a residential placement would be positively harmful ~~therefore~~ but I do have some doubts about how useful, in the end, it would be to take such a step.

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In hindsight it may have been better to have arranged residential schooling earlier for Amanda and had there been some facility within Lothian Region this might have been an easy step to take and no more disruptive than the receptions into care that Amanda suffered in an attempt to right the situation. However for the best of reasons this step was not taken and Amanda is near to the finish of her school life, and in all honesty no progress has been made.

There is the possibility of a vacancy at another school and this is being investigated by the Educational Psychologist. The chances of a place being offered however are slight although we will know whether one is available by the time of the panel although not whether it will be agreed by the Review Committee

I will not recommend to the panel that a change in day schooling will alter the situation or indeed give any chance of doing so although this may be considered if for no other reason than to free the place at Cairnpark.

The panel therefore will have to consider the appropriateness of residential schooling for Amanda if indeed any is available. If Amanda does not get a place by Christmas then there is no ^{change} that she will obtain one afterward therefore if no place is available at this panel ~~then~~ realistically there is little point pursuing this line.

If the above applies I can see little point in continued social work intervention, Amanda is happy within her family, reasonably well adjusted and non delinquent. My intervention and the panels has been ineffective in terms of the referred problem although she has probably attended more than she would have done.

I would therefore regretfully recommend the cessation of the supervision requirement.

However if Amanda is to remain at home I am at present in contact with the Voluntary Tutoring Service who may be able to offer one to one home tuition in conjunction with Amanda's school. I still feel that we should be looking at the possibility of work experience but this depends to some extent on the attitude of the school and the interpretation of the legal situation.

I would hope to have this clarified before the panel.

REPORT WRITTEN BY: George Coates

(Author)

OF: Wester Hailes Area Office
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(Area Team/
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ON: 9th December 1987

(Date)

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS:

REF: 4/A:GC/PN



Director — Roger Kent

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REPORT ON ASSESSMENT MEETING RE:AMANDA LYNCH (1.9.72)53/3 WESTER HAILES DRIVE, EDINBURGH

PRESENT: Mr Gaffney (D.O.S.E.S.); Mr Coates (Social Worker);
Ms. Melville (Caldergrove); and John Ballard

The meeting had apologies from Mrs Heslop (Cairnpark School).

Caldergrove staff have found Amanda to be a pleasant, honest, self disciplined child who relates well to both adults and peers, and is popular with both, but in her peer relationships is quite sensible, avoiding being drawn into any serious misdemeanours. All the information is that she is seen in a very similar light in the community, and indeed Mr Coates has commented that she will persuade other children to co-operate with the Social Worker on occasions. Mandy clearly did not present in this way in W.H.E.C. There have, however, been no complaints about her behaviour whilst she has been at Cairnpark.

During the three weeks that she has been at Caldergrove, she has attended as follows:

Week 1:	Truanted one day, attended four days.
Week 2:	Truanted four days, attended one day.
Week 3:	Truanted Nil, attended five days.

Amanda seemed quite happy when she was at school. She has spent each weekend at home with her mother, and has been promised that if she makes full attendance at school, the weekend leave can be extended to include the Sunday night, and for her to go to school straight from home on the Monday morning. This was operative last weekend, and she did attend school direct from home. Caldergrove equally note that when Mandy does truant she actually hands back the bus fares when she returns to the Unit, something which is completely unheard of.

School as such cannot be a particularly satisfying experience for Amanda. She is barely literate and numerate, operating at about the 9 to 10 year old level, mainly because of absences and lack of practice rather than innate inability. There is therefore little within school which is more attractive than that available at home or in the community, to make Mandy wish to attend school and Caldergrove have found that they have to keep the pressure up each morning to ensure that she does go. It is extremely doubtful whether mother can maintain this sort of pressure. In many ways Mandy is quite passive, rather like her mother; she is

quite willing to talk with Social Worker or Caldergrove staff about her situation, but when asked any pertinent question about why she doesn't attend school, what the attraction is at home or in the community, etc., she replies, apparently genuinely, "I dinnae ken". Despite this she has learnt all the normal social skills of human interaction, which indicates that she has received good basic parenting. It must also be mentioned that Mandy's peer group, both in the community and at Caldergrove, has an element of the delinquent, but that Mandy herself is not drawn into delinquent behaviour.

Given the positive points in Mandy's personality, and in her relationship with her mother, the meeting was loathe to recommend any form of Reception into Care in the long term despite realistic doubts as to whether Mandy could maintain school attendance from home, without the pressures which Caldergrove were applying. The meeting felt that if Mandy is able to maintain regular school attendance between now and the next Hearing, with her length of time at home being extended with every week's full attendance, then it would be in Mandy's best interests to adjourn the Hearing until sometime in mid January to continue her stay in Caldergrove with more and more extended leave so that by the time the Hearing in mid January was held she would be showing that she was able to attend school from home. However, if she was unable to maintain regular attendance over this period, then the meeting saw no alternative but her Reception into Care to stay in a longer stay Children's Home, under Section 44.1(B).

J.C. Ballard

JOHN C BALLARD
ASSESSMENT CO-ORDINATOR.

JCB/HW

19 November 1986.

QUESTIONS
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MEMORANDUM

Our Ref: A10/GC/JW

From: George Coates
Social Worker

Your Ref:

To: Brian Livingston

Date: 18 November 1987

Re: Amanda Lynch, 27 Wardlaw Place, Edinburgh

Please find enclosed sample copies of reports on Amanda.

As there is quite a large amount of information it might be helpful if I summarize the main themes.

Amanda has had an ongoing school attendance problem since her last year in primary school.

Mrs Russell whilst not actively condoning the non school attendance, has been passively accepting it feeling there was little she could do.

Amanda poses few problems in the home or in the community and is generally a very pleasant, quite well integrated girl. She is however, very obstinate and in important areas e.g. school attendances has been very difficult to influence.

When in school she presents no difficulties in a small classroom situation. She presented much greater control difficulties when she was at WHECO, being quite disruptive.

Although of average intelligence she functions at the 8-9 year old level in terms of literacy and numeracy.

Regarding the present situation I quite agree with the Educational Psychologists that if Amanda is to get regular traditional classroom teaching it would have to be in a residential school.

I would however, stress that on past evidence, and given both Amanda's and her mother's opposition, there is no guarantee that such a move could be successful.

I do not see much point in trying alternative day schools e.g. Canonmills Leavers Group, as it is highly unlikely that Amanda would attend.

Given that "traditional" schooling appears to be a non starter for Amanda it does therefore become a question of whether any 'alternative' schooling e.g. work experience + homework - home tutoring can be worked out or whether Residential Schooling is the only answer.

I would, given that the late stage that we are at, prefer it if the former could be arranged. I do not feel however, that Amanda's going to a Residential School would be positively damaging to her as long as we could actively get her there and settled.

I.....

18 November 1987

To: Brian Livingston

I do wonder about how much positive good it would do however.

I also feel that given some of the children we have at home, not at school causing in some case serious disruption, that a) it feels disproportionate and somehow unfair to send Amanda away. b) That this particular resource could be better used.

However the relative value of the various claims on the resources are not for me to decide. I would appreciate some clarification of which way we are moving forward well in advance of the next panel which is to be held on December 15 as if Amanda is to be recommended to *Red Gate* and this is approved, I would like the opportunity to plan the admission and prepare Amanda for this.

George Coates
Social Worker

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

S O C I A L B A C K G R O U N D R E P O R T
F O R C H I L D R E N ' S H E A R I N G
Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 Section 39(4)

FOR: Howden Street (Children's Hearings Centre)

ON: Tuesday 17 November 1987 (Date)
(Time)

ABOUT: Amanda Lynch (Child's Full Name)
1.9.72 (D.O.B./Age)
c/o Calder Grove Children's Home (Address)

Home: 27 Wardlaw Place, Edinburgh

(Religion)
(School)

GROUND OF REFERRAL: At request of Social Work Department

Mandy was placed at Millpark to try to help her achieve a regular school attendance and until a more suitable unit could be found.

This has been a total failure and Mandy has not attended school since 1 October.

Various courses have been tried, picking her up daily, positive encouragement and in frustration the occasional rant, all to no effect.

Her abscondings are in effect putting her at greater risk as we do not know where she is spending her time, at least when she was at home we knew where she was.

A possible new placement was identified for Mandy but attempts to take her there have also met with a blank refusal and except by main force, there is no way of getting her along. Apart from these two areas, Mandy as usual presents no problems. Obviously the situation regarding schooling is highly unsatisfactory but her present placement is not the solution and one feels certain that a further placement in a local authority unit will not help either. (In fact Dean House was the/ P.T.G.

REPORT WRITTEN BY: (Author)

OF: (Area Team/
Unit address)

ON: (Date)

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS:

resource identified by Residential Management).

In reality the only step left now is to consider the pros and cons of Amanda, at this stage in her education, going to a residential school. I have investigated with Barry Sprott, possible Community Resources in Gorgie and these do not seem to offer any solution. The Education Department are refusing to consider home tuition.

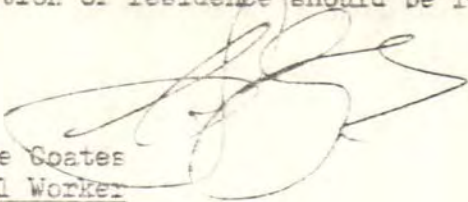
Conclusion

There is nothing to gain by keeping Mandy in Local Authority care and in fact there may be much to lose, given that we have no control over where Mandy is when she is not in school. I do not therefore feel that this placement should be extended.

In terms of possible Residential Schooling, Red Gorten in Perth has expressed some interest in offering a place for Amanda, but they have reservations about what might be achieved in such a short time (January to June), and would only be willing to accept Amanda if she was able to take a basic certificate course.

The panel will have to weigh up the benefits that (all going well) six months schooling would bring to Amanda, opposed to moving her completely away from her social situation.

The decisions to be made therefore although limited in their scope, are wide in their implications and obviously I will comment further in the general discussion, but in any circumstance as mentioned I feel the condition of residence should be removed.


George Coates
Social Worker

11.11.87

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LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL



Report for Hearing

17th Novem 1987.

Amanda Lynch

(5.9.72.)

CONFIDENTIAL

SOCIAL WORK

Calder Grove Reception Unit
Edinburgh.

15th November, 1987.

Our Ref.

Amanda Lynch.

Your Ref.

Date

15.11.87

Mandy was admitted to Calder Grove ^{30th} Sept 1987, from a Hearing of that date.

Mandy is seen as having a chronic non-school attendance problem.

In accordance with the Panels instructions her attendance was strictly monitored by Unit staff. In the period from 1st Oct to 13th Nov she attended Cairnpark school four and a half days. On each of these days she was escorted either by Unit staff or by her social worker Mr Coates. Mandy proved unable to get to school under her own volition.

On other days when transport had been arranged for her, Mandy left the Unit before the time arranged in order to avoid being taken to school.

When faced with these truancies, which were always in the company of other truants, Mandy is vague and non-committal.

Cairnpark report that Mandy is no problem within the school, she is liked by the staff there and seems to enjoy it. It would however appear that the local environment has attractions greater than school for her.

Following up the possibility of a Group B Home, a place was found for Mandy in Deanhouse. Mandy was very reluctant even to consider this. Mr Coates arranged an initial visit on 30th October but Mandy refused to accompany him. At this point she was stating flatly she would not attend school from there or anywhere else. She was eventually persuaded to visit with two Calder Grove staff on 13th Nov. She was pleasantly surprised and now says she would not mind staying there.

Meanwhile Mr Coates had approached a List G Residential Special School in Perth, they have offered Mandy a place there next term. This would not seem unreasonable in view of Mandy's failure to comply with numerous assurances of attendance at a day school. She would require a home base for weekends and holidays, we understand there is no serious objection to her mother providing this. Mandy has been staying there every weekend and school holidays since October.

During her stay in Calder Grove Mandy has proved helpful and co-operative. Her only problem is her failure to attend school.

James G. Lyon. R.C.C.O.

Keyworker.

Calder Grove Unit.

15th November, 1987.

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FOR *J. Coates*

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J. G. Lyon
("Hamish")

Edinburgh West Division

Child in Care Review Report (CCRI)

TO: AREA OFFICE/ESTABLISHMENT
AREA OFFICER/OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

Child's Name AMANDA LYNCH		Date of Birth 1.9.72
Placement Calder Grove		Officer in Charge
Social Worker George Coates		Area 10
Review Date 6.10.87	Place Calder Grove	

The report should include the following:-

- a) Changes and developments since the last review, including dates of visits by Social Worker.
Contact with family.
Date of last medical and child's health.
Date of last school report and progress at school.
Date of placement at present address.
- b) Present situation.
- c) Future Plans. (including: Should a request be made for an earlier review hearing?
Should parental rights be assumed?)

Report

72 Hour Review

Mandy admitted to Calder Grove from the Children's Hearing Centre on 30 September 1987, due to chronic non school attendance.

Taken into Cairnpark School on Thursday, 1 October, but no attendance since. Now off school ill.

Weekend leave went o.k.

Plans

It is likely that Mandy will finish her school career from a Local Authority base whether this is residential fostering or Community Care.

Her attendance since June has been nil, she will therefore need a great deal of support and encouragement in this initial period.

There is absolutely no point believing Mandy will get to school at present unassisted.

I have sent papers to Residential Management (Danny Scott) as a longer term placement is going to be needed for Mandy.

Please see hearing reports provided for full family background.

GEORGE COATES
Social Worker

Wester Hailes Area Office
5 Murrayburn Gate
EDINBURGH EH14 2SS
A10/AB Typed : 6.10.87

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Residential/Social Worker

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Senior Social Worker/O. in C.

To be completed by Social Worker:

Please indicate the people who should be invited to the review.

Name	Designation	Address

Russell / Lynd.

7. July. Sunday.

~~Wrote~~ Ananda following the panel was to stay with her father as a condition of residence. However she later inspired that she had only stayed there one night and then returned home.

She was at the time attending school regularly. Request offered but seemed little part. Taking Ananda immediately back to school, set close to end of term. Unfortunately Ananda stopped attending school and again could not be raised by either myself or the school.

When I finally "traced down" Ananda she could offer no explanation for not going back to school. She had she says simply taken one day off then been unable to return.

Ananda saying she would return to school after beginning of term and attend every day for a month. If I did not call a hearing told her I was not going to begin that a hearing would be called but it would probably be held a few weeks into the term and this might give her the opportunity to attend. Andrew not present. Left letter for his re court appearance.

Aug. Sunday.

Andrew died from a drug overdose. The girl disappeared for a while and no contact was made or sought. Ananda did not return to school after the beginning of term and I have been somewhat reluctant to call a panel.

As Andrew is aware that Mandy is not attending school I cannot believe that Mrs Russell is still unaware although obviously my notes may have been intercepted.

Mandy I know from her friends is well and around.

It is unfortunate that after a very good start Mandy has completely dropped out of school. This may in part be because of her friendship with the girl charged with Mandy who is older than her but of school-age and not attending.


It seems however that it is going to be very difficult to ensure Mandy's attendance from a home base and it may be that the panel may wish to look at some form of Local Authority care for Amanda.

I feel that if Amanda were to come into care that a family would be the most suitable placement for her, but unfortunately I have been unable to discuss this or indeed any other matter with Amanda or Mrs Russell.

Also I do not know Amanda's present attitude towards Cairnpark and whether it would be worthwhile trying to keep her there or whether residential school might not be the best option.

In anticipation, papers have been forwarded to the residential child care section but no List B resource is immediately available and in any case the panel may not wish to proceed with this option.

In the circumstances an adjournment whilst resources are explored may be in order although given the lack of cooperation the panel may wish to take immediate action and have Amanda admitted to an emergency foster parent if available or a reception unit.

REPORT WRITTEN BY: GEORGE COATES (Author)
Social Worker 

OF: Wester Hailes Area Office (Area Team/
5 Murrayburn Gate, Edinburgh Unit address)

ON: 1 April 1987 (Date)

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS: No

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Edinburgh Division

Child in Care Review Report (CCRI)

TO: AREA OFFICE/ESTABLISHMENT
AREA OFFICER/OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

Child's Name	AMANDA LYNCH	Date of Birth	
Placement	CALDER GROVE	Officer in Charge	
Social Worker	GEORGE COATES	Area	10
Review Date	27.10.86	Place	CALDER GROVE

The report should include the following:-

- a) Changes and developments since the last review, including dates of visits by Social Worker.
Contact with family.
Date of last medical and child's health.
Date of last school report and progress at school.
Date of placement at present address.
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- c) Future Plans. (including: Should a request be made for an earlier review hearing?
Should parental rights be assumed?)

Report

For family details and background please see hearing reports.

In brief, Amanda lives with her mother, her parents being separated when Amanda was an infant.

Amanda does have regular if intermittant contact with her father who works as a scrap metal dealer.

Amanda's brother is at present in care at St Joseph's for non school attendance and delinquency problems.

Amanda's problem with non school attendance has been longstanding one beginning in primary school.

Various initiatives have been attempted firstly via the WHEC and then by the change of school to Cairnpark none of which have met with any success.

Mrs Russell is a very passive woman who in the past has made various undertakings about ensuring Amanda's attendance none of which have been adhered to. Any change in the situation will basically need to come from a change of attitude in Amanda.

Amanda other than her non school attendance poses few problems in the community and although she is a very forthright girl in everything but schooling I have found her pleasant and biddable.

In terms of the home circumstances although I have been involved with the family for four years I feel that I know little more than I did after two weeks. I'm sure that Amanda's basic physical needs are taken care of but other than that she is allowed to do pretty much as she likes.

I feel certain that regular school attendance will only occur in the context of a residential placement and what needs to be decided is where this placement should be i.e. Group B home with attendance at Day School or residential schooling.

There is no reason for home leave not taking place.

GEORGE COATES
Social Worker

A10/AB Typed : 28.10.86

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Residential/Social Worker

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Senior Social Worker/O. in C.

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Record of Decisions Taken at Review
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Review Date 27/10/86	Place Calder Grove R.U.
Child's Name AMANDA LYNCH	Date of Birth 1/9/72
Placement Calder Grove Reception Unit	

Action to be taken before next Review	Person Responsible
<p>Mrs. Russell to be invited to a meeting at Calder Grove on Thursday, 30th October to examine issues such as contact with home and overnight stays during Mandy's placement in Calder Grove.</p> <p>Mandy will be taken to school tomorrow by Calder Grove staff as she has not attended for a considerable period of time.</p>	<p>Child's Social Worker</p> <p>Liaison Social Worker</p> <p>Senior Social Worker</p> <p>Houseparent/Foster Parent</p>
<p>If any other Section of the Department or Organisation is to be advised, indicate task requiring action and person responsible, including action related to "Time Limits".</p>	Other

Long Term Plan

Long term plan for Mandy is likely to be a recommendation that Residential Education is sought. Mandy is aware that this might be the recommendation even if she manages to be re-integrated into Cairnpark. Assessment meeting to be held on 18th November, 1986.

Date 30/10/86	Signature of Chairperson <i>John Rea</i>	Date of Next Review	Time
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Participants	Designation	Tick if Copy ccr2 to be sent	Date Sent	Administrative Use	Date
George Coates	S.W.	*			
Joan Melville	R.C.O.				
John Rea	A.O.I.C.				

Date.	Time.
17.10.86	12.00

Surname.	Forenames.	Date of Birth.	Age.
LYNCH	Amanda	1.9.72	14

Address.	Religion.
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive Edinburgh	

Grounds of Referral.

Review of Supervision Requirement

Previous Appearances.

Amanda began attending Cairnpark School following her last Panel. Unfortunately the attendance did not last very long and as the Panel will be aware is now non-existent.

There does not appear to have been any precipitating factor for this within the school. Amanda when she has attended has done well and caused no problems. It seems therefore that this continued non-school attendance is a function of Amanda being completely deschooled.

Mrs Russell maintains that she has encouraged Amanda's attendance without success and that Amanda is adamant that she just will not attend school. Unfortunately since my return from holiday Amanda has not been to see me although appointments have been offered and it is therefore six weeks since I last saw her. At that time Amanda had no complaints about the school and although she agreed she had not been, was not saying the difficulties were with the school.

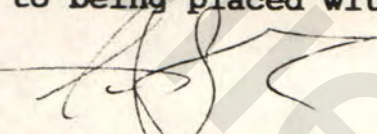
Various remedies have been tried to encourage Amanda's return to school from a home base with absolutely minimal success. It is difficult to envisage any further initiative which would succeed whilst Amanda remains at home.

Other than in this one respect (non-school attendance), Amanda impresses as a quite mature pleasant girl who is perhaps left to very much her own devices. Fortunately until recently she has managed her social situation very well, however she has been arrested and charged with shoplifting in the past week and one does/...

does worry about her beginning a pattern of petty delinquent behaviour.

I feel that in these circumstances I must recommend a reception into care. The basis on which this should be done is open to discussion but I feel that it must be established whether Amanda is in need of Residential Schooling or whether regular attendance at Cairnpark could be established from one of our residential facilities.

At the time of writing no direct entry into a Group B home is possible. The Panel may wish to adjourn for a period whilst Amanda's future needs are assessed. This assessment will take place at either Howdenhall or Calder Grove, dependent upon places being available as Amanda has always expressed great antagonism to being placed with a family.


GEORGE COATES
Social Worker

A10/PN

13th October 1986

Social Background Report for Childrens Hearing
Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 Section 39.(4)

Hearing Centre.	
HOWDEN STREET	
Date.	Time.
16.10.85	10.15am

Surname.	LYNCH/RUSSELL	Forenames.	AMANDA	Date of Birth.	1.9.72	Age.	13
Address.				Religion.			
53/3 WESTER HAILES DRIVE EDINBURGH							
Grounds of Referral.							
Non School Attendance							
Previous Appearances.							

Amanda's progress at school will be adequately described in their report. It does seem that a pattern of behaviour similar to that which occurred prior to her complete absence is being repeated i.e. an inability to cope or respond in a large group situation which contrasts strongly with her attitude and demeanour in a smaller one to one situation.

Absences are frequent and often explained by notes from Mrs Russell. However, whilst one can accept that illness played some part in Amanda's absences one suspects that she uses her mother's passive acceptance of her "illness" to avoid school going.

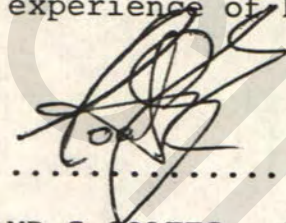
Mrs Russell says that Amanda gives her little or no trouble in the home and that she is generally helpful and co-operative there. There is no reason to suspect that this is not the case given the way Amanda presents on a personal basis outside of the pressures of the classroom.

In brief therefore, Amanda's problems seem to be contained within the classroom situation although her school problems are exacerbated by the passiveness of Mrs Russell's responses when faced with Amanda's absences. Amanda's inability to maintain regular attendance compounds her schooling difficulties and one suspects that left to take its course Amanda would very quickly become a complete school refuser again.

Given the above, it is important that a further assessment of her educational needs is carried out by the Child Guidance Service to try to identify her particular needs as it seems fairly obvious that at this point they cannot be met by simply trying to enforce regular attendance at WHEC.

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In terms of the options open to the Panel. This writer feels that eventually as a minimum a Supervision Order would appear to be necessary. However, the Panel may feel at this point a complete domicilliary assessment would be helpful before making their decision. I do not feel that a residential assessment is necessary as Amanda's responses to residential care are known from our experience of her in Calder Grove.



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MR G COATES
Social Worker

Wester Hailes Area Office
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A10/AB 15 October 1985

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Hearing Centre.	
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21.5.86	11.30am

Social Background Report for Childrens Hearing
Social Work Scotland Act 1968 Section 39.(4)

Surname.	Forenames.	Date of Birth.	Age.
AMANDA LYNCH	AMANDA	1.9.72	13
Address.		Religion.	
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive, Edinburgh			
Grounds of Referral.			
Previous Appearances.			

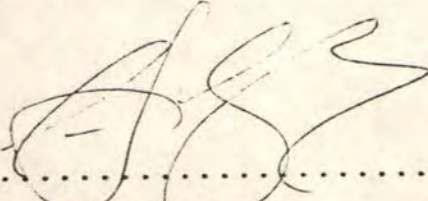
The last panel adjourned for information from the Education Department about future school provision for Amanda. I am aware that Mr Glennie has contacted the Reporter and that Amanda will be offered a place at Cairnpark School hopefully in June.

This writer has contacted Helen Heslop, the Headmistress at Cairnpark who was optimistic about Amanda being offered a place by mid-June at the latest.

I have discussed Amanda's situation with her and our concerns about her attending even given the special situation.

We have arranged for Amanda and her mother to visit the school even prior to an offer being made to help make the process of Amanda entering a new school as easy as possible.

I will be making it clear to Amanda and Mrs Russell that if this opportunity is not made full use of that I will call a fresh panel to alter the arrangements to residential schooling very quickly, dependent upon joint assessment of her educational needs. I would ask that the Panel reinforce this message.


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MR G COATES
Social Worker
Wester Hailes Area Office
5 Murrayburn Gate
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A10/AB 16 May 1986

Hearing Centre.	
HOWDEN STREET	
Date.	Time.

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Social Work Scotland Act 1968 Section 39.(4)

Surname.	Forenames.	Date of Birth.	Age.
LYNCH	AMANDA	1.9.72	13
Address.		Religion.	
53/3 Wester Hailes Drive Edinburgh			

Grounds of Referral.

Review of Supervision Requirement

Previous Appearances.

Events Since Last Review

A modified and minimal timetable and contract was negotiated with Amanda and Mrs Russell with the Wester Hailes Education Centre and myself. The import of this agreement was:

- a) that Amanda would attend the agreed classes spread over a three day period;
- b) that Mrs Russell would attend meetings with Hazel McCauley initially each Friday to discuss any problems or progress that Amanda had made;
- c) that Amanda would see me in my office after school on Thursdays.

The school will provide a report on Amanda's response to them.

In terms of her contact with myself, appointments have been consistently missed and therefore it has been difficult to discuss with Amanda the problems she was facing at school.

On the times we have met Amanda has shown no consistency in her reasoning about school. She has said that she didn't want to go to WHEC, then that she did not want to go to any other. She has complained about the teachers feeling that she was being "got at" and that she wouldn't attend school because she couldn't get on with Hazel McCauley, her then guidance teacher.

I have only had any response to this situation from either Mrs Russell or Amanda after the calling of the Panel.

Amanda is obviously worried about being removed from home. Her main concern has been about her mother being left alone and she is very protective of Mrs Russell.

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She does not seem to be able to grasp that if she had went to school this would not have been a problem in the first place.

Despite the difficulties of contact Amanda has always been pleasant and forthcoming when I did see her but has seemed to be completely entrapped in her present situation. As has been reported before Amanda presents no trouble in the community or in the home.

Mrs Russell maintains that she has been sending Amanda out to school and has on occasions taken her there. However Amanda she says just turns round and comes back out again.

Amanda has been referred to the Educational Guidance Service and has been assessed as suitable for special day school. She now awaits a placement at Cairpark or Cannonmills School. At the time of writing I have no indication of when such a placement might be offered.

Conclusions

Amanda is obviously in need of special education and at present is showing that she cannot cope with the demands made on her in WHEC.

The present situation is obviously unsatisfactory as a complete non-cooperation and non attendance at school cannot be allowed to continue without some form of action being taken. The calling of the panel was the first step in this process to try to impress on both Amanda and her mother the seriousness of the situation.

There is at present a resource difficulty in that it seems unlikely that Amanda will be offered a place this term at either school and there is still twelve weeks of the term to complete.

If residential provision was felt to be in the best interests of Amanda by the panel there could be no guarantee:
a) that a place would be immediately available or b) that Amanda would find such a placement which would allow her to continue at WHEC.

There is therefore no immediate definite recommendation that I can make in this report although the situation might improve in terms of residential facility in the near future, and the panel may wish therefore to consider a further adjournment whilst such a placement (whether totally satisfactory or not) is identified and also to see if this additional pressure effects Amanda's attendance.

Fiona McCann p.p.....

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AMANDA LYNCH

Casenotes

[REDACTED]

6.2.86: Amanda failed appointment. New appointment made for 13th.

13.2.86: Appointment failed. Appointment made for 20 February.

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Amanda failed appointment.

GEORGE COATES
Social Worker

A10/AB 16 May 1986



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Social Work

From: EMERGENCY DUTY TEAM

Headquarters
Shrubhill House,
Shrub Place,
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REFERRAL FORM
Emergency Duty Team

Referral telephoned to:

Serial Number:

85/4047

Date: 25.8.85.

To: SWISSW GEORGE LOATES

Time referred: 22:10.

AREA TEAM 10.

Time completed: 22:35.

URGENT

DETAILS OF CLIENT

Name: LYNCH

Forenames: AMANOA.

Present Address

90 CALDER GROVE, C.H.
EDINBURGH.

Age/D.O.B

1.9.72

Telephone:

Previous address: HOME: 53/3 WESTER HAILES DRIVE, EDIN.

Children	Name				
	D.O.B.				
	Sex				
Husband/ Father	Name and Address:				Age/D.O.B.
Wife/ Mother	Name and Address:				Age/D.O.B.

DETAILS OF REFERRER

Name and title: CHRIS LUMB.

Dr's name:

Address: CALDER GROVE.

Address:

Tel:

DETAILS OF PROBLEM/REQUEST AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION

AMANOA IS MISSING FROM CALDER GROVE - SHE LEFT THE BUILDING AT 21:30 HRS. MR. LUMB WILL NOTIFY THE POLICE.
AMANOA IS IN CARE UNDER SECTION 40(1) - EXTENDED PLACE OF SAFETY ORDER.

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AREA 10
25 AUG 1985
FOR G. Coates

Signed C. Pamlett.

Countersigned

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Referral telephoned to:

Serial Number: 85/3987

REFERRAL FORM
Emergency Duty Team

Date: 22.8.85

To: SW/SSW G. Coates

Time referred: 23.10

AREA TEAM 10

Time completed:

DETAILS OF CLIENT

Name: LYNCH Forenames: Amanda

Present Address	Calder Grove C.H., Edinburgh	Age/D.O.B 1.9.72
		Telephone:

Previous address: Home 53/3 Wester Hailes Drive, Edinburgh

Children	Name				
	D.O.B.				
	Sex				
Husband/ Father	Name and Address:				Age/D.O.B.
Wife/ Mother	Name and Address:				Age/D.O.B.

DETAILS OF REFERRER

Name and title: Calder Grove	Dr's name:
Address:	Address:
	Tel:

DETAILS OF PROBLEM/REQUEST AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION

Amanda has failed to return to the unit this evening. The police have been notified 0030hrs. Phone call from Calder Grove Amanda has been returned by the police.

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AREA 10
16/8/85
G. Coates

Signed Iain Forbes (Soc.Worker)

Countersigned A. Tullis

Asst. Co-ordinator

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Record of Decisions Taken at Review
of Child in Care.(CCR2)

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AREA 10
23 AUG 1985
FOR P. Doris

Review Date	21.8.85	Place	CALDER GROVE
Child's Name	AMANDA LYNCH	Date of Birth	1.9.72
Placement			

Action to be taken before next Review	Person Responsible
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> George to see mother tomorrow (22.9.85) and ascertain level of commitment to Amanda - Family meetings to be arranged. Key worker to be allocated. For Calder Grove to monitor contact between Amanda and her mum. Also to assess Amanda's needs up until Panel date, 4.9.85. Amanda to attend school regularly. 	Child's Social Worker Liaison Social Worker Senior Social Worker Houseparent/Foster Parent
If any other Section of the Department or Organisation is to be advised, indicate task requiring action and person responsible, including action related to "Time Limits".	Other

Long Term Plan

Uncertain at present. Amanda may well go home from Panel but decision cannot be made until further enquiries are made.

Date	Signature of Chairperson	Date of Next Review	Time
21.8.85			

Participants	Designation	Tick if Copy ccr 2 to be sent	Date Sent	Administrative Use	Date
Pauline Linn	R.C.O.				
George Coates	S.W.	X			
Peter Doris	S.S.W.	X			
Amanda	Subject				

Hearing Centre.	
HOWDEN STREET	
Date.	Time.
21.6.85	9.30am

**Social Background Report for Childrens Hearing
Social Work Scotland Act 1968 Section 39.(4)**

Surname.	LYNCH/RUSSELL	Forenames.	AMANDA	Date of Birth.	1.9.72	Age.	12
Address.	53/3 Wester Hailes Drive Edinburgh			Religion.			

Grounds of Referral.

Non School Attendance

Previous Appearances.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Mrs Russell was born and raised in the Granton area of Edinburgh being one of 13 siblings. She describes no problems in her own childhood. Both her parents died when she was 15 years old and she was then raised by one of her sisters.

She had an unsuccessful marriage and the two older children were born of this. After her divorce and separation from her husband she met and cohabited with Mr Lynch who is the father of Amanda and Andrew.

Mrs Russell moved to Newcastle-Upon-Tyne with Amanda and Andrew in 1978.

The family remained in Newcastle until 1981 when she returned to Edinburgh as she says she was missing her family who were still living in Scotland.

She and the children lived with one of her sisters until she was offered her present tenancy.

Mrs Russell only became known to the Social Work Department when Andrew began posing serious problems of control, delinquency and truancy, eventually necessitating his reception into care and placement at St Joseph's School, Tranent.

Mr Lynch had regular contact with Amanda who occasionally spends the weekend with him. I have met Mr Lynch on a few occasions and although his manner is initially seemingly aggressive and demanding he does show a genuine concern for his children and has talked in the past of having Amanda stay with him. This however has not to date been followed through.

AMANDA LYNCH /

AMANDA LYNCH

Amanda has been referred to the reporter previously for truancy whilst attending Hailesland Primary School, but as her attendance had improved and also because her mother admitted keeping Amanda off school in an attempt to influence the Education Department to give a grant for clothing no action was taken at that time.

Overall in fact Amanda completed her Primary School education in a satisfactory manner.

Since attending her secondary school there has been a progressive deterioration both in her attendance and in her behaviour whilst at school.

This deterioration, unlike with Andrew, has not been mirrored in her social behaviour. Amanda spends much of her time in the house or with friends and attends discos etc. Whenever I have met her she has invariably been pleasant and chatty, quite open and easy to engage. She does genuinely suffer from asthma but not to the degree which would explain her absences.

She is very loyal to her mother and defensive of her if there is any implied criticism but seems to have some mixed feelings about remaining at home.

At present she seems completely "deschooled" but can give no reason for this other than she hates the teachers at WHEC. She is emphatic that she will not return to WHEC but also has a long list of schools which she would not attend anyway. She maintains that in most instances her mother is unaware of her lack of attendance but I personally find this difficult to believe.

Amanda at present sees no way in which she could be helped back into WHEC but feels that she should be "taught a lesson" and sent to the Assessment Centre.

Further discussion with Amanda about what this might achieve meets with an acknowledgement that it would probably not result in her attending school.

There has been some discussion in the past about Amanda living with her father again. Amanda is opposed to this.

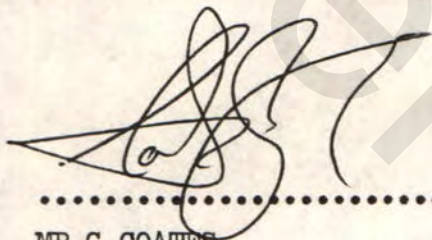
SUMMARY

Whilst Mrs Russell does have a genuine regard and concern for her daughter experience has taught that this is not translated into direct and effective action and it appears to me that little encouragement beyond the superficial is given by Mrs Russell to ensuring a return to school by Amanda. I would suggest that if not actively condoned that the non-school attendance is certainly colluded with. Other than in this respect however there is nothing to suggest a lack of care in the home to a degree which would indicate that Amanda was better placed elsewhere. There is however ample evidence that Amanda is unable to cope in a mainstream educational setting and that her educational needs at present would be best met in a different setting. Therefore if for example some form of residential care was to be considered whilst this would ensure she left for school it would provide little else and I would suspect that it would not help overcome the educational difficulties.

I am therefore reticent to recommend any any form of residential care although Amanda's request to be placed at the Assessment Centre has given me cause to pause as it makes one wonder about the degree of attachment to have although it may just be the child's sense that she has done something wrong and therefore should be punished.

I would suggest at present that a close look should be taken at whether mainstream schooling is an appropriate educational placement for Amanda and if not what would be appropriate.

I am pessimistic about Amanda being able to reintegrate into WHEC certainly without a lot of support and some acceptance that her attendance will not immediately improve. Given the lack of cooperation from the family and the doubts expressed above some compulsory measures of care are going to be necessary and I would suggest that in the circumstances a Supervision Order would be the minimum measure necessary.



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A10/AB 20.6.85

23/1/85
Standby - 23.11.84

X Amanda Lynch 53/3 Wester Hailes Drive Edinburgh X

Three girls collected from P.C. Murray at Bonnyrigg Police Station, accompanied by Susan Wilson (student) as escort.

The girls had apparently travelled by taxi from Wester Hailes to the house of a well known lewd and lib offender.

The taxi driver had had the presence of mind to go round to the police station after dropping the girls off and being paid by the man - fare £8.

The girls had spent the afternoon in the police station helping them with their enquiries regarding whether an offence had been committed.

The police intend following up and planned to see the children's parents the following day.

Opportunity arose because of the industrial action at W.H.E.C.

On the journey back the girls said that they had found an ad' in the yellow pages seeking disco dancers and had phoned the man up. He had suggested they come and see him by taxi and agreed to pay the fare.

When they arrived he had just had a bath and was wearing a towel around him as he answered the door. The money for the taxi fare was waiting on a table and was duly handed over to the taxi driver.

The girls acknowledged that they had been offered Vodka but had only accepted lemonade.

They had then danced for the man and had apparently quite enjoyed themselves.

The whole outing had clearly been something of an adventure for them although they were all quite anxious about the police seeing their parents. Clearly they did not appreciate the dangerous situation they had got themselves into.

On the way back to Wester Hailes I used the time to remind them of what they must have been told about meeting strange men, by their parents and at school, in the hope that they will not embark upon such escapades in the future.

24.1.85:

Discussed with Joe Francis, S.S.W. Recommend no further action at this juncture as police will be following up.

Bob Cowie
Social Worker
A10/JW

24.1.85