

CONTINUATION SHEETS

SUBSEQUENT VISITS AND REPORTS

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Summer, April 76.

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Although visits will be made to the home little is achieved by this because of the "hedge" present, so it is more worthwhile to see 8 in the office. This gives them a focal point and someone tangible to whom they can relate.

Summer, July 76

Until now June Maween and 8 visited into office either separately or together regularly. They were ready to talk about 8 difficulties and seemed to enjoy the fact that someone was willing to pay attention to 8. They have not visited in the last few weeks and I feel they probably have outgrown the need to have someone immediately at hand. Will close

Children's Panel in cases 1101 - 1102 after 11/01/01

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had resulted in Rem being accused of assaulting a
girl from the Drumpevie area. An Ser was prepared
but a Heavy was not held as it was felt that
although [redacted] had undoubtedly started a fight
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regularly and an attempt has been made to build
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summary July 16

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fact that someone was willing to pay
attention to them. They have not called in
the last few weeks and I feel they
probably have outgrown the need to have
someone immediately at hand. Will close
case. Next see remembering that as there is still
involvement with Anthony and now Sean Hill
contact is being maintained with family. [redacted]

[redacted]
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To register as case
vol. supervisor

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

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

MEMORANDUM



From: Area Reporter,
124, Bank Street,
Coatbridge.

To: Department of Social Work,
122, Bank Street,
Coatbridge. ✓

c.c. District Manager

Subject: Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968 Section 39(2)

re: Name: Maureen Hill Date of Birth: 4.11.63.
Address: 7 Culross Place,
Coatbridge.

Having studied all the information relative to the above-named child who was referred for the under-noted reasons. I have decided to refer this case to the local authority for advice, guidance and assistance of the child and family in accordance with Part II of the Act.

The child and parents have been notified accordingly.

Details of referral:

2nd December, 1975. Assault.

[Redacted signature]

Date 6th February, 1976.

[Redacted signature]
for Reporter

✓WB
1.2.76

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SUBSEQUENT VISITS AND REPORTS

[redacted] & Maureen Hill.

Summary: April 76.

The above were referred by the Reporter to the Children's Panel in order that this Department could offer support on a voluntary basis. [redacted] and Maureen

had earlier in the year been involved in an incident which had resulted in them being accused of assaulting a girl from the Drumpellier area. An S.E.R. was prepared, but a Hearing was not held as it was felt that although [redacted] had undoubtedly started a fight they had been provoked to a great extent. (see SER)

Maureen [redacted] have visited this office regularly and an attempt has been made to build a relationship with [redacted] firstly in a "controlling" capacity but also to show them that an outside body cares about their welfare. Unfortunately, authority figures are seen by [redacted] as being e.g. school, police etc. This is partly due to the fact that the [redacted] and this is having an effect on how the younger children are viewed.

Although visits will be made to the home little is achieved by this because of the "order" present so it is more worthwhile to see [redacted] in the office. This [redacted] them a focal point and someone tangible to whom they can relate.

[redacted signature]

No previous convictions.

BURGH OF COATBRIDGE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Application No.

Case No

- 1. Date of App. 20.1.76
- 2. Report/Support. S.E.R. - 20.1.76
- 3. Referred by :Childrens Hearings
- 4. Area/District Team
- 5. S. Worker.

- 1. Name HILL, Maureen
- 5. Date of Birth 4.11.63
- 2. Address 7 Culross Place, COATBRIDGE.
- 6. Status
- 3. Apartments
- 7. Religion
- 4. How long resident

Categories

Family Details

1	Name	Relationship	Date of Birth	Occupation/School.

Statement of Problem.

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

1 MAUREEN HILL (12) (4.11.63)
7, Culross Place, Coatbridge.

is being referred to a children's hearing for the Monklands Area of Strathclyde.

on the grounds of the following conditions:

- (a) That she committed the offence specified at paragraph (1) below

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In support of condition (a) above it is stated:--

- (1) That on Tuesday, 2nd December, 1975, in West Canal Street, Coatbridge, Strathclyde Region, SHE DID, assault [REDACTED] (13), [REDACTED], by pulling her hair, punching her about the face and body with her clenched fists and kicking her about the legs and buttocks with her booted foot, all to her hurt and injury.

124 Bank Street,
Coatbridge,
Tel. No. 29498

19th January, 1976.

.....
Area Reporter

NOTES

At the children's hearing the child or his parents may or may not accept the grounds for bringing the child before the hearing. If the grounds are accepted by the child, and his parents, if present, the children's hearing will discuss and consider with the child and his parents what is best for the child. If any of the grounds are not accepted, the hearing may either discharge the referral or direct the reporter to 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.

MJG/MB.

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27381.

30th January, 1976.

Mr [REDACTED]

I have to prepare a report in connection with Maureen and [REDACTED] involvement in a recent offence.

Could [REDACTED] please call with the [REDACTED] on Monday, 5.30 p.m.

Please let me know, if you can not manage.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
ial Worker

[REDACTED]
7 Culross Place,
COATSBRIDGE.

PERSONAL HISTORY:

Maureen was born in Bellshill Hospital and would appear as far as I can determine to have developed normally. She suffered from birth, measles and chicken-pox in her early years and has always been prone to throat infections and influenza.

Primary education was completed at St. Augustine's, with Maureen being at present in her first year at St. Ambrose High School. Maureen's poor attendance is accounted for by Mr. Hill as being due sometimes to illness or more often his keeping her off school to attend to her mother and do e.g. the week-end shopping. This unsatisfactory arrangement has been fully discussed by Mr. Hill.

Maureen impressed as quite a likeable and typically materially deprived child. Emotionally, however, I feel, because of the closeness of this family, Maureen probably receives a reasonable amount of stimulation. She is the product, however, of a family which follows in the eyes of society, an unsatisfactory lifestyle and unfortunately she and the rest of her siblings have been used as the scapegoats where the blame can be laid for everything that goes wrong in the area. This child is at a particularly sensitive age when she is beginning to realise this. She is also being made aware of the fact that her personal clothing and hygiene is not up to the standard of her peers or to adults in authority.

A good deal of Maureen's spare time would seem to be spent in visiting and shopping for an elderly lady who lives across the road. In doing this she is not only helping out to the benefit of this lady, but meets a number of needs in herself that of having some personal temporary retreat or escape from the hustle of her family life as well as receiving the extra attention and encouragement so important to a girl of this age.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF OFFENCE:

On the day of the offence Maureen and [redacted] were apparently making their way along West Canal Street, in the company of a friend called [redacted]. At one point it would seem that they came across another two girls, [redacted] and [redacted]. It is said fired a number of derogatory comments in the direction of the other three girls as well as slapping the [redacted] in the face.

[redacted] and Maureen Hill both admit to being very angry at this so they retaliated by pulling [redacted] hair and in the struggle it would appear a number of blows were struck by all parties.

Eventually, [redacted] ran over to a nearby chip shop and the two Hill children made their way home with their friend [redacted].

ASSESSMENT:

Maureen Hill comes from a rather deprived background, but one in which the parents make every effort within their limited capabilities to care for and control their family.

Unfortunately, people with differing social values place a great deal of pressure on Maureen by emphasising the differences especially in dress and appearance between herself and others.

During this incident, it may be that Maureen reacted in the only way she could in defence of her family and what she possesses. I feel strongly that Maureen will have learnt a good deal from this incident and respectfully recommend the referral be discharged.

3rd February, 1976.

[redacted]
[redacted]
Social Worker.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (Children's Hearings)

EDUCATIONAL REPORT (CONFIDENTIAL)



1. Name of Child..... Maureen Hill 2. Date of Birth..... 4.11.63.
..... 7, Culross Place, Coatbridge.

3. Address

4. *Present School..... ST AMBROSE Date of Admission..... 25 8 75

Stage Reached..... First Year

5. *School(s) previously attended Date(s) of leaving

St. Augustine's Primary
Coatbridge

27 6 75

6. Record of Attendance: (a) During last Session: Possible: 382 Actual: 325
(b) During current Session: Possible: 182 Actual: 33
(c) During last four weeks: Possible: 34 Actual: 12

(i) Do 'days absent' form a pattern? (Yes or No)..... Yes

(ii) If 'yes', can you think of a possible reason for this?

Almost every absence is either Monday or Friday.

(iii) If a persistent absentee, what action has been taken?

Warnings from Form Teacher

(iv) Is there any other relevant information, e.g. reasons for absence, which should be stated?

No

(v) Is the pupil punctual?..... No

7. Observations on Health:

Normal

8. Previous reference to Specialist Services (e.g. Social Worker, Child Guidance, Police, Medical Officer). State circumstances and outcome:

No information in school

**If Special School, this should be stated.*

9. Type of course followed, with comments, where appropriate:

Remedial

10. Academic Assessment:

I.Q. 88 (M.H.T.)

11. Child's Application and Academic Expectations:

Inattentive in class

No academic expectations

12. Character, Personality, Behaviour:

Immature

13. Relationships with other pupils (e.g. influence on others and others' influence on him/her):

Does not have much influence on others and tends to be the odd man out. Easily led - notably by older sister.

14. Relationships with staff:

Fair

15. What contact has there been between School and parents?

None for this pupil but have been contacted about her sister - [redacted]

16. Details of part-time employment, if any:

None

17. General Comments (e.g. significant change in progress or conduct, hobbies/interests):

Pupil has changed gradually since August - has become inattentive and slightly insolent.

Signature

Date 21st January 1976.

Designation

School

Name

Address

Date of Birth

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

the case was disposed of as follows:

Date

Reporter.