

CASE NO. 1985 DATE 24/12/85

CASE TYPE H.H.I.b - 186

# SOCIAL WORK CASEFRONT

W9501

SURNAME	Forenames	Date of Birth	Religion	Marital Status
STEWART	Dorah	12.9.44		
ADDRESS		CHANGE OF ADDRESS		
87 Blackhall CRT.		c/o Lamond, 59 Glen Shee (880-7355) Avenue, Neilston.		
POST CODE PA2 7ES		OCCUPATION/SCHOOL		
TEL. NO. -		SocEd. / Reid Kerr College.		
NEXT OF KIN		G.P. NAME AND ADDRESS		
Lorraine Irvine (mother) Address as above.		TEL. NO.		
REFERRED BY		REASON(S) FOR ALLOCATION (Including appropriate legislation and accommodation if moved from own home)		
REASON(S) FOR REFERRAL				
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION (Numbers of members: Relationship to case)				
NAME	Relationship	Age	Name(s) of other relevant persons	Address
OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED				
NAME	ADDRESS		TEL. NO.	
(1)				
(2)				

OTHER RELEVANT/SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION AND CHANGES (e.g. Financial, Housing situation)

22/12/92 Moved from Beech Ave. Children's Home  
(46)(1)(b)  
to Community Parents (46)(1)(a).

John Campbell - 061-727-9469,  
c/o Anne/Dave

## CONTACT SHEET

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29/10/92	Visit to Fairbridge Drake, Fishhill.
30/11/92	H/V. Donald(?) not been to mother's for weeks. Beech Ave with Steve.
30/11/92	Beech Ave with Steve.
4/11/92	Beech Ave - Paisley.
16/11/92	C.P. Planning Mtg. Neilston
19/11/92	Beech Avenue to inform Donald of C.P. placement
23/11/92	T/C Reid Kerr Coll.
23/11/92	T/C to Beech Ave re Reid Kerr.
24/11/92	To Beech Ave - introduce Donald to Mrs & Mrs Lamont.
25/11/92	Donald to Reid Kerr College.
26/11/92	Donald to Lamont's
27/11/92	H/V to confirm wife access visits. Steven seen.
1/12/92	T/C to Beech Ave. - visits to C.P. o.k. - Access night to mother, o.k. - day access to mother o.k.
4/12/92	Donald, Mother + Mr Irvine to Community Parents'
7/12/92	Planning Mtg. at Community Parents'
8/12/92	Donald Beech Ave to Neilston
15/12/92	Child Care Review.
21/12/92	Donald + Mrs Lamont → Soc. Ed.
22/12/92	Panel - 44(xb) varied to 44 (1)(a) with C. Parents.

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27/7/92	line meeting held at farm finding
* 27/7/92	children's hearing S441B continued.
* 4/8/92	Danced on holiday * with Kenny Laine.
7/8/92	T.P. Beach Ave - Danced has gone out he will not be available for our interviews
20/8/92	Adoption Panel C.P. Approved. Awaiting minutes.
28/8/92	have sent to families
28/8/92	Danced will not return. Beach Ave T.P.
25/9/92	T/C from Beach Avenue.
25/9/92	Visit to Beach Avenue / visit to Mrs Stewart.
29/9/92	Collected Pounds from Police Station. Prisoner in Beach Ave.
30/9/92	T/C Family Judy.
1/10/92	T/C Beach Ave. (Gail)
1/10/92	T/C Balrossie. (Man Brown)
1/10/92	T/C Beach Ave
5/10/92	Visit Beach Ave
5/10/92	T/C Beach Ave
5/10/92	Visit Pounds at Beach Ave.
6/10/92	Balrossie Review
12/10/92	Mo W. Yonkers
15/10/92	YPRG.
21/10/92	Joint meeting with J. Docherty
21/10/92	Visit to Beach Ave.
26/10	T/C from Beach Ave. Donald absconded.
26/10	" " Donald at Beach Ave - returned.
27/10	" " Beach Ave - unacceptable behaviour.
27/10	" " Donald refuses to attend discussion.
27/10	visit to Beach Ave.
28/10	T/C Fairbridge Drake
"	Beach Ave.
"	T/C Reed Kerr College.

Donald Stewart.

Case Summary.

On transfer of case, Donald had already entered into arrangement of spending time with Campbell family in Manchester. Plans were afoot for this to be formalised, through the Children's Panel. Appropriate assessment of the Campbells had been carried out by Manchester Soc Services.

Eventually a Children's Panel was held on 12/10/93, at which decision was taken to discharge Donald from Residential Care and allow him to go and stay with the Campbells subject to SRD with condition of residence. Agreement had been made to subsidise situation by link-over allowance.

Subsequent to this SW & SSW made trip to Manchester on 24/11/93 for Child Care Review. At this general situation portrayed as being quite stable. Manchester Soc Services would continue to 'supervise' on our behalf.

Unfortunately just after New Year '94, information was given that relationship between Donald and Mrs Campbell was becoming increasingly strained - basically Mrs Campbell having difficulty in dealing with Donald's adolescent moody attitude and behaviour - and felt that she was ignoring her attempts at putting down acceptable house-rules. Intervention by Manchester Soc Services held things together for a time - but became obvious that Donald felt that he was no longer welcome in Campbell household, and he wanted to return to Scotland.

Following checking out legality of situation, it was noted

## PROGRESS NOTES

Key arrangement between Donald and Ke Campbell was a break-down in a 'care' placement, and subject to immediate referral to Reporter's Dept.

Eventual break-down was reached, and arrangements made for Donald to return to Paisley. Alternative care placements were sought, with consensus that a 'hostel' was only viable option through Social Work.

This was put to Donald on his arrival, but he point-blank refused this, and it was felt that he would have to go to Housing Homeless, until he suggested that he could go and stay with his 'father' Patrick Harkins at 346 Cowal Dr, Lenwood.

Contact was made with Mr Harkins, and he agreed to take Donald. Necessary police check was completed, and this situation was put in front of Emergency Panel. They agreed to placement on terms of 'place of safety'.

Donald Keope went to Lenwood to stay. This seemed to work out alright, and eventually by time a substantive Childrens Panel was reconvened on 14/3/94 it was felt more than appropriate to recommend that Donald be removed from Supervision. Panel members agreed to this, and effectively Donald was discharged from Supervision and the statutory mechanism of the Social Work Department.

However a level of informal contact and support was given to Donald, which he has made use of.

Eventually he did outgrow his arrangement with Mr Harkins, and referred himself to Housing. He was quite quickly offered his own accommodation, and on October 94 moved into 13 Gona Dr, Glenburn.

Robert Lockhart  
Social Worker.

## Transfer Summary:

**SUBJECT: Donald Stewart (12/9/77) 44 (1) (b) Beech Avenue**

Donald was received into care at the age of 12 years following an assault on him by his mother. He is presently resident in Beech Avenue Childrens Home. A Child Care Review decision recommended that rehabilitation with his family was not a viable option.

Donald has minimal contact with his family and his mother takes little part in future planning or general care.

Several options have been attempted to secure Donald's longer term future including Community Parents, a placement at Redheugh, (lost when they lost their funding) a referral to STIPS and the Independent Living Unit at Carsewood.

Over the past few months assessment of a family in the Manchester area has been undertaken. Donald met them through a friend and they propose to offer Donald a home with them.

Salford Social Services, on our behalf, have completed an assessment of the family and aware of Donald's lengthy period in residential care.

Donald has spent time with Mr and Mrs Campbell and their family very successfully and appears to be benefiting from a positive family experience.

A Child Care Review on 21/7/93 recommended that this placement be proposed to a Childrens Hearing as the most positive option for Donald's future.

## Current situation:

1. Memo sent to D.M. requesting funding for household alterations in Campbells.
  2. August Fostering/Adoption panel being asked to consider regular payment in respect of Donald.
  3. Donald currently staying Tuesday nights only at Beech Avenue. We pay fares: £19-25 (+ taxi £6) : weeks. We also send £22-15 per week to Mrs May Campbell, 49 Clapton Road, Clifton, Swinton, Greater Manchester, for expenses.
  4. Review report written + sent. Panel should be called soon.
- A.W. Wood 12/8/93,

Questions raised:

① cheque needs to be made out to Mary Campbell.  
Mr Campbell has no bank account.

② Plans for the future - Mr C. interested in the department's intentions. Advised Mr C. of plan to have C-C-R. after Donald's next visit to Salford.

Mr Campbell can be contacted c/o a friend of the family at 061-707-8732.

T/C to Salford Social Services, re. Form 'F'. They have not begun the process yet, due to a misunderstanding of the department's intentions.

consulted Leslie Cameron, S.S.W., who undertakes to contact Salford. This department's intention is to have the Campbells assessed as foster parents.

Tommy Campbell's house.

Education/training is an outstanding issue. Great difficulty has been expressed in introducing this to Donald, and the lack of shape & purpose in Donald's day is a potentially serious problem. Contact made with Social Education re. designing a work experience programme.

Donald obtained use of a car in April. He drove it in the little Market car park, and is believed who to have taken it on the road. Donald strongly advised against driving illegally, and made aware of potential consequences of this. The car was vandalised, and is not now a problem, although concern still exists about Donald's interest in cars.

9/4 93

Visit to Donald in Beach Avenue. Donald still very keen to move to Salford. No contact with mother. Met Steven Irvine recently, who threatened him verbally. No contact with blades.

TC from Mr Campbell - baby has still not been born. Still positive about Donald's spending time with the family.

to Paisley.

Donald unable to give a clear account of what had gone wrong. He said he objected to being made to do things.

### Introductions Visit to Gelford

Police & Social Work checks completed on the Campbells.

Regular telephone contact between the Campbells & this office.

All checks routine.

Donald went to stay with the Campbells from Sun

16/5 — Wed 19/5. Visit very successful. Paul

Hetherington visited the home on Wed a.m. Both

Donald & Mr Campbell v. routine about the evening.

TIC's from Mr Campbell following the visit. The

new baby is due on 11/6/93. Mr & Mrs Campbell have not

to put Donald off staying with them after the birth.

They feel it may be of benefit to Donald to experience the effect of a new baby upon a family.

Further visit scheduled for after the birth of the baby.

Child Care Review to be arranged for shortly after that visit.

### Beech Avenue

Donald continues to be unsettled and disoriented at Beech Avenue. He spends most of his time at his friend

April / May 1993

Independent Living Unit

In order to prepare a fall-back position in the event of the bankbelkin Swinton proving an unrealistic option, a place was found in the Independent Living Unit at basewood children's Home.

After an introductory visit, Donald spent the nights of 22 + 23 April at basewood.

At a meeting between the officers in charge of basewood and Beck Avenue and myself, it was decided not to proceed with this option. Donald was expressly reluctant to make the move, and Beck Avenue was judged a more appropriate place from which to try out Mandate. basewood therefore put "on hold".

Ocean Youth Club

Donald was enrolled on a short OYC sail training course, involving about three overnights on a yacht on the Firth of Clyde. After one night he was unable to continue, and on 26/5/93 he had to be taken to Junoon by a social worker and returned

For the attention of: LCA  
 Area Team: .....  
 Address: .....  
 District: .....  
 Immediate Telephone Notification  
 to Above: Yes..... No .....  
 Previously known to Standby  
 Service—YES/NO  .....



**STAND-BY SERVICE**

OVERNEWTON CENTRE  
 52 LUMSDEN STREET  
 GLASGOW  
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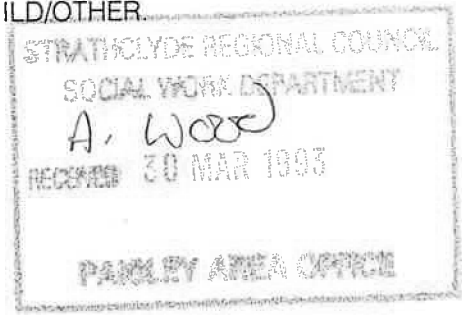
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 Time Completed: ..... 08.30 .....  
 Distribution:   
 Area Team .....  
 District Officer .....  
 Other .....  
 Other RSS .....

Client's Surname ..... STEWART ..... Forenames ..... DOMALS .....  
 Present Address ..... BEech Ave. ..... Age/DOB ..... 15 .....  
 Previous Address ..... 8D BLACKHALL COURT PAISLEY ..... Telephone .....

Children { Name .....  
 Age .....  
 Sex .....

Referrer: Name ..... Fiona Church ..... Address ..... Beech Ave ..... Telephone .....

1. **Details of PROBLEM:** ABSCONDEE/FAILURE TO RETURN/MISSING CHILD/OTHER  
 (Delete as appropriate).



2. **ACTION TAKEN:** RETURNED BY STANDBY/RETURNED BY ESTABLISHMENT/RETURNED BY POLICE/OTHER  
ACCOMMODATION/OTHER  
 (Delete as appropriate).

3. **Has case been referred to Police as missing child?** YES/NO

Signed ..... [Signature] ..... Seen by ..... M. McL .....  
 Social Worker Senior Social Worker

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She believes Donald is a bad influence on Charles.

I reminded Mrs Davis that Charles and Donald had emotional needs as brothers, and that it was most inadvisable to prevent them seeing each other.

Mrs Davis knew about the hearing today, but refused to attend.

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6/4/93 Continued children's hearing. Donald's order amended to 46 (1)(b) naming Beach Avenue.  
Spent some time with Donald at Beach Avenue after the hearing.

7/4/93 T/C to Beach Avenue. Donald left Beach Avenue at 10-30 and did not return. Police informed.  
Vera/Hiz, Senior S.W. at Beach Avenue, is concerned about the fact that Donald now has a car - apparently kept in a garage in Blackford Road area. Donald has been informed that on no account must he drive the car.

6/4/93 addendum

Visited Mrs Irvine at home. Charles was at home - school holidays. Mrs Irvine extremely bitter and hostile towards Donald. She has told him she does not want to see him. Very angry about frequency with which the police are coming to her door when Donald stays out overnight. She says this is damaging her relationship with Mr Irvine. She refused to sign the document giving permission for Donald to go on the O.Y.C. sail later this month.  
Charles visited Donald at Beach Avenue recently.  
Mrs Irvine doesn't want this to happen again.

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17/3/93

but that we would wish to have some contact with him, and would require to meet him and discuss bonding out + further checks if Donald wanted to spend overnight. Donald was reluctant to the department involving Mr Hawkins, but ended the discussion by saying he might ask Mr Hawkins to telephone me.

24/3/93

Donald telephoned earlier this week to ask if I could give him a lift to Linwood to see Mr Hawkins, located at Beach Avenue. Donald refused to come with me. He stated that he had been led to believe that he could stay overnight with Mr Hawkins, and that I had deceived him in the conversation of 17/3/93.

2/4/93

Donald to office. Accompanied by friend, Tommy Campbell, who is presently staying with his mother in Paisley. Shared contents of the children's letter with Donald. Updated him on the situation re. Swinton.

5/6/93

T/C from Tommy Parkin, Beach Avenue. Donald stayed out on Saturday night and returned Sunday a.m. He asked permission to visit a friend last night (Sunday) and has not returned to date (Monday a.m.).

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Donald Stewart.

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16/3/45 TIC from Beach Ave. Ruth Gould informing me that Donald is showing interest in seeing more of his father. He understands that Donald wants to see his natural father, who lives in Squelche Park.

17/3/45 TIC from Beach Avenue. Ruth Gould now understands that Donald wishes to have more contact with Charles father, who lives in Linwood.

17/3/45 Visit to Beach Avenue. Saw Donald on his own, and then with Ruth.

Donald asked about Swinton. I explained that Mr Campbell had given his consent to checks being carried out, and was still willing to accommodate Donald. Explained that Mr Campbell was suggesting trial periods before any final move was made.

Discussed Donald's possible reaction to Johnny returning to Parker. Donald stated that he was interested in staying with the Campbells because of an independent link he had made with them. He has made some friends in Swinton. He re-iterated that he has no ties in Parker, and was particularly bitter about his mother's rejection of him.

Informed Donald that the department would support his having contact with Charles father - Patsy Hawkins -

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5/3/93 T/C to Salford Social Services Dept.

Shorthand duty worker Linda Deegan. advised of situation re. Donald, and of possibility of a move to Swinton.

Senior S.W. (Child Care) is Gail Morris,

Swinton Community Team,

78/79 Fountain Square

Swinton,

Greater Manchester 061-793-2275.

'STEPS TO INDEPENDENCE' PROJECT

REFERRAL FORM

SECTION '1' Name: Donald Stewart Age: 15 Date of Birth: 12-9-77

Last Home Address:  
8D Blackhall Court  
Paisley

Current Whereabouts/  
Point of Contact: Bech Ave.  
Children's Home

Social Worker:  
Angus Wood

Office Address and Telephone Number: Abbey House Paisley  
041-862-3151

Key Worker: Ruth Gould.

SECTION '2' Statutory Orders: 44 (1)(a)

Reasons for past Social Work involvement:

Lack of parental care, assault by mother at age 12,  
breakdown in parent/child relationship.

SECTION '3' Personal History: (Including relevant dates)

DATES

11 - 4/78 Foster care - mother homeless

4/86 " - " illness

18/89 - 11/89 Children's Home - physical attack by mother.

3/90 - 12/92 Children's Home - breakdown relationship with  
mother

12/92 - 1/93 Community Parents - placement broke down

1/93 - present Children's Home.

Continue overleaf if necessary:

See over - - -

Donald's father ceased to have contact with him from an early age. Donald's brother, Charles (10), is the result of a relationship with another man.

The crucial factor in Donald's life history appears to have been the failure of his relationship with his mother. Mrs Irvine appears not to expect Donald to be capable of change, and she frequently states that she dislikes him.

Donald was disappointed and frustrated at the long time it took to arrange a community parent placement. When one was arranged, Donald's self-esteem was very low and it broke down over the issue of Donald's refusal to attend college plus Soc.Ed. My understanding is that the community parents were unable to go along with Donald's initial lack of confidence on his proposed first day at Soc.Ed.

Donald fitted in very well in the home of the community parents, and if the above issue had been handled better it appears likely that the placement would have lasted.

Family: (Members, current situation and nature of contact)

- Mother: Mrs Lorraine Irvine } Occasional daytime visits. Overnight stays took place till recently but were unsuccessful and now discontinued.
- Stepfather: Mr Stephen Irvine }
- Brother: Charles Stewart

History of education and employment:

DATES

- Gallowhill P.S. until 1988. (Behaviour problems).
- 1988-90 Hunterhill Tutorial
- 1990-91 Marksmanth High
- 1991-92 Balvassie (Day Pupils)
- ceased to attend in about Aug. 92. (Brief attendance R.K. College 1993)

Health:

- a) General Health: Good
- b) Medical History and any medication: Occasionally suffers from asthma. Has an inhaler.

SECTION '4' Has Supported Accommodation been discussed with Applicant? Yes

Has she/he expressed a preference for any particular type of Supported Accommodation?

Has expressed interest in supported lodgings or hostel.

SECTION '5' Comment on the Applicant's general functioning/attitude in following areas:

a) Peer Group Relationships:

Tends to be fearful of males his own age. Often states "not people are 'out to get him'".

b) Family Relationships: Donald's relationship with his mother is very important to him, but he is constantly disappointed and rejected by her.

c) Receiving help/support:

Responds warmly to individual attention, particularly from males. Tends to "test out" females. Appreciates straightforward structures and boundaries.

d) Work, Training or Education: Enjoyed Reid Kerr College - particularly Auto Engineering - Prefers manual work to college training.

e) Money management: Little experience.

f) Criminal Offences: Few recently. Not in a pattern of offending behaviour, but last month - atypically - was charged with breaking into a car at Reid Kerr College.

g) Drugs, Alcohol, Solvent abuse: Sometimes drinks alcohol and becomes very ill. No drug habit. Smokes cigarettes.

SECTION '6' Brief 'pen picture' of Applicant (including physical description and major personality traits)

Donald is slim, with brown eyes and light brown hair. He has a lot of insight into his past and family circumstances. Is a young 15 year-old, with perhaps unrealistic expectations about how self-reliant he can be. Shows signs of having spent too long in a children's home - little experience of having to relate to peers outside of an institutional setting.

SECTION '7' Any other relevant information:

Recently has shown a real commitment to seeking work or training. Arranges his own Careers interviews, etc. Needs to put some work into presenting well at interviews, meetings, etc.

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*AW*

DESIGNATION

Social Worker

DATE

4/3/93

RETURN FORM TO:

PROJECT LEADER - 'STEPS TO INDEPENDENCE' PROJECT  
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
10 ST JAMES ST., PAISLEY  
TEL. NO. 889-3655

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25/2/99

T/C to Beach Avenue.

T/C to Standby Service informs them of Donald's whereabouts and the social work plan.

Gail Lyles.

25/2/93 T/C from Salford Social Service. (Carol Morton, 061-793-2275)  
Donald is c/o a friend in Salford.

T/C from John Campbell: Donald's friend is brother-in-law.  
49 Chepstow Road,  
Clifton, Swinton. ~~061-726-3781~~

Seeking advice, since Donald arrived at his home yesterday  
at 9.30 am, having hitch-hiked from Salford with  
his friend, Tommy. He has contacted Salford Social  
Service.

Consulted Christine Bell, D.S.W., and Bill Eadie,  
Area Manager, and consequently advised Salford  
Social Service that Donald should be accommodated  
by them tonight.

T/C from John Campbell, it can be contacted  
via his neighbour at 061-793-0157. Informed  
Mr Campbell of the above.

T/C to Police at Mill Street Paisley. Informed  
them of the above situation and requested that they  
contact Salford Police and suggest they liaise with  
Social Service.

Emergency Duty Social Workers - 061-794 8888.

(Tommy's Paisley address - 19 Millcrest Avenue,  
Paisley.)

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19/2/93

Visit to Beed Avenue - Pould not at home.  
Revisited Vera King Club there is no overnight  
success at present - Mrs Irvine + Steven do not wish  
to have Pould overnight - although daytime visits are  
o.k.

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12/2/93 T/C Hay Buckley, Redknap Hostel. Visit arranged  
as for Child Care Review, to Redknap at 6 pm  
on Tuesday 16/2/93.

T/C Beech Avenue to inform them of the above.

H/v to Mrs Irvine / Mr Irvine: They do not  
want Gould to stay overnight. He is welcome to  
visit, but they do not want the responsibility at present  
of having him the overnight.

Mrs Irvine informed of hearing on Monday 15/2/93.  
Arranged to collect her from home at about 2 pm.

15/2/93 Hearing. Mrs Irvine did not attend. Hearing  
took place, but was continued until she was more  
certainly re. hotel or supported lodgings.

16/2/93 Visit after tea to Redknap. Her parents,  
Helen Warren (sister) seen. On the way back,  
Gould was extremely positive about Redknap.

17/2/93 Applications form sent to Redknap.

18/2/93 T/C from Beech Avenue. Gould charged  
yesterday with breaking into a R. I. College  
staff member's car.

T/C to Redknap. Gould has been excluded  
from college at least until end of the session.

18/2/93 Visit to Beech Avenue. Gould not at home.

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Child Care Review 11/2/93

Annette Bommar, Leshe Barron, Angus Wood, Donald Stewart, Sandy Boyce, Alec Neil. Mrs Irvine unable to attend.

Decisions: ① Remain in Beech Ave meantime.

② Inform Hearing of plan to seek hotel accommodation.

③ Investigate Redbank this at least one more hotel (poss. Gowansbank). Two week deadline.

④ Continue Reid Herr College.

⑤ Look beyond college.

⑥ Continue home visits as at present.

⑦ Arrange an evening visit to Redbank.

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12/2/93

Summary continued

Ronald's attendance increased soon after to 4 half days per week.

He is not attending Voc. Ed., although he has had informal telephone contact with the project. (Sue Bibby)

Ronald's mother went into hospital for a few days from 4/2/93 to have a sterilization operation reversed. Ronald did not visit her during this period. He stated that he had heard she was too upset to see him, because it appeared she op. had failed.

Ronald went through a period in Beach Avenue - late Jan / early Feb. - when he was difficult to manage. He stayed out overnight for three nights, returning in the morning. The resulting police involvement made relationships between Ronald, Mr Irvine and his mother particularly poor.

Visit to Dedlaugh Hostel 11/2/93. Ronald feels positive about it.

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12/2/93

January Summary

Community Parent placement broke down on 11/1/93. Ronald failed to attend his first day at Soc. Ctl. Mrs Lamond had made a condition that Ronald attend full-time education, and there was a serious verbal confrontation between her and Ronald on this issue. Mrs Lamond's son became involved, and Mrs Lamond called this office about mid-day to say she had had enough, and that she wanted Ronald taken away.

I visited the Lamonds' home to find Ronald refusing to come out of his bedroom and saying he didn't want to stay. Mrs Lamond was determined not to let him stay, despite the fact that she was a blindfold outside.

After extensive negotiations with Ronald and Mrs Lamond, and telephone calls from Jackie Herr and Alec Neil of Family Finding, there was still no movement in Mrs Lamond or Ronald's position. He was referred by Gordon Pitt and John Crawford to Beach Avenue Children's Home on a respite basis.

Reporter notified and Review Hearing requested. Report in file - 29/1/93.

Ronald began attending Reid Herr College the day after the above incident - 12/1/93.

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6/1/93

Transfer Summary

Ronald Stewart was in care at Beach Avenue children's home from 8/3/90 until 22/12/92, when his Supervision Order was varied from 44(i)(b) to 44(i)(a) naming his community parents : Mr + Mrs Lamond,  
59 Glen Shee Ave.  
Neilston  
(880-7355)

He attended Balhorne school, but for most of the session commencing Aug '92 he refused to attend. He was impatient at the delay experienced between identifying community parents and placing him with them.

This delay was caused by difficulties at Regional level. As a result, his behaviour latterly at Beach Avenue was problematic.

Since meeting and moving in with Mr + Mrs Lamond, he has undergone something of a transformation. He is much more positive than he was when I wrote to him in Sept. '92. Mrs Lamond has stipulated that she can not look after him unless he undertakes to attend some form of education daily during the week. Ronald has taken this to heart, and a package has been agreed : Soc. Ed a.m., Reid Kerr College p.m. : starting Soc Ed 11/1/93 and enrolling Reid Kerr 12/1/93 1.30 pm.

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## Summary (contd.)

The reason for Donald's R.I.C. was his poor relationship with his mother. His mother - now called Jeanine Irvine, 8D Blackhall Ct., seriously physically assaulted him when he was 12 years old. Donald still has feelings for his mother, but she still feels unable to have much to do with him. Mrs Irvine is married to Steven Irvine. Donald's brother blades lives with them. Donald at present is overnight on Friday to his mother's. There was an issue lately about Donald allegedly "baby-sitting" Charles. Donald & Mrs Mrs Irvine have been informed that this is unacceptable.

Plans:

- ① Support Donald in his placement at St Barnard's.
- ② Support Donald in re-entering training/education. Soc. Ed. have clearly a large role to play in this.
- ③ Review of position as Donald approaches 16/school leaving. Easter may be an appropriate time for a child care review.

A. Wood.

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21/12/92

Accompanied Donald + Mrs Lamont to Social Education Unit. Spoke to Sig Edwards. Leslie Watson present.

Donald not notably enthusiastic about Soc. Ed., but appears prepared to take it on. He understands that his placement at St Lamont's may be at risk if he does not take it up.

Proposed start date 11/1/93 at 9-30. Donald to attend for mornings from then on, and to go on to Reid Herr after lunch.

Social Education undertakes to help near the end of the placement (May 1993, Donald's school leaving date) with career advice etc.

In the event of the college placement finishing, Soc. Ed. can arrange work experience placements till May.

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17/12/92

H/V to Mrs Irvine. Mr Irvine present.  
Both more relaxed and welcoming than previously,  
despite the fact that the police had called  
night regarding Ronald's stay-away from Beach  
house.

Made sure Mrs Irvine knew about Hearing.  
She does not wish a lift to the People's  
Department.

Made Mrs + Mr Irvine aware that it will  
not be acceptable for Ronald to babysit  
babies while on leave. Area pattern agreed  
as Friday overnights until further notice.

## PROGRESS NOTES

1/12/92

T/C to Beach Avenue.

Ronald, as agreed on Friday 27/11/92, had overnight access to his mother's <sup>(Sut)</sup>. No problems. Collected by Mr Lamont on Sunday a.m. from Beach Ave. Spent the day successfully at the Lamonts'.

Mrs Lamont is talking about Ronald getting a new set of clothes from her and from Beach Avenue as a prerequisite for moving into the Lamonts'. Ronald has apparently begun to see Mrs Lamont in a new light as a result. He was concerned at first that she might be too "strict".

Access to mother again yesterday. Apparently successful.

Friend Tommy now living in Mandate. Not known if/when he will return.

Current issues:

- ① College. Ronald has been to college for introductory day. Wants to start course unlikely to begin till Jan '93.
- ② Social Education Unit. Application made to D.R.A.M. as a result of the above. See application form on file. Soc. Ed. may be useful as a bridge between non school attendance and college.
- ③ Introductions to community parents. Report sent today to Reporter with request for Review Hearing.

# DISTRICT RESOURCE ALLOCATION MEETING

## APPLICATION

NAME OF CHILD Donald Stewart DATE OF BIRTH 12-9-77  
ADDRESS Beech Avenue Children's SCHOOL Balrossie  
Home

WHAT ARE THE MAIN PROBLEM AREAS? Donald has been in care for several years. He has been refusing to attend Balrossie school since early in the present session. After a considerable delay, the process of linking with community parents has begun to move again. In the meantime, Donald's morale and self-esteem have become very low.

WHICH RESOURCE DO YOU SEE AS APPROPRIATE? Social Education Unit.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS PLACEMENT? ① To be a short-term placement aimed at helping Donald become used to the idea of regular attendance at an educational establishment. ② To identify and address specific problems arising for Donald in this regard. ③ To build self-esteem.

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR, OR CONSIDERED, ANY OTHER PLACEMENTS? IF SO, WHICH?

YES - Contact has been made with Reid Kerr College. Donald states that he is interested in attending full-time work-related training. This is likely to begin in January.

HAS THE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON ALREADY EXPERIENCED SPECIALIST PLACEMENT/PROVISION OR BEEN IN RESIDENTIAL CARE? IF SO, WHICH, AND WHEN? YES.

Hunterhill Tutorial Centre 1988-1991

1977-8 (6 months) Foster care due to mother's housing problems.

1976 (7 days) Foster care due to mother's illness.

1987 (5 days) Children's Home - physical attack by mother. 1990-present, Beech Avenue Children's Home

HAS THERE BEEN COMMUNITY OR RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT? IF SO, WHICH AND WHEN?

NO

WHAT IS THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S PANEL? Donald is currently in care under a 44 (1)(b) Home Supervision Order. He has been linked with community parents and it is hoped he will be living with them by 01.1.1992.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER PROFESSIONAL AGENCIES INVOLVED, E.G. PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES?  
WHAT IS THEIR INVOLVEMENT?

Lynn Townsend, Educational Psychologist. Has had contact with Donald on a regular basis. Currently favours college option, but anticipates difficulty for Donald in making the transition from non-school attendance to the demands of full-time college.

Linking work done in Social Education Unit with Beech Avenue and Donald's community parents, to enable Donald to prepare for f/t college.

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS IF THIS PLACEMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE?

To attempt on a one-to-one basis to prepare Donald for college.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

See attached report.

Donald's community parents have indicated that they would not be happy to have him if he were not attending an education or work experience placement regularly.

SIGNED AW  
Social Worker

DATE 30/1/92

## PROGRESS NOTES

Timetable of events:

- ① Introductory visit by Mrs Mrs Lamont to Beck Avenue.  
24/11/92. 5 pm - 6 pm.
- ② To Medston for tea.  
26/11/92
- ③ Mr Lamont to collect Donald and take him to Medston.  
Sunday 30/11/92. (11 am - 3 pm)
- ④ Overnight Tues 1/12/92.  
Arr 3 pm, back after lunch the following day.
- ⑤ Overnight Friday 4/12/92 - Sat 5/12/92.

## PROGRESS NOTES

16/11/72

Planning Meeting at Community  
Parents' Home — 59 Glenelg Avenue, Neilton

Sadie & Bobby Lunnant.

Planning for introduction to the Lunnants over  
4-6 week period.

Mrs Lunnant not happy with Donald leaving mother to  
go in the daytime. I undertake to arrange short-  
term work experience placement for Donald at Pais Hill  
before Christmas.

Discussed situation regarding access to Donald's mother.  
Presently no overnight access and apparently no daytime  
contact. The nature and frequency of access will have  
to be clarified at/when Donald takes up his placement.

Discussed situation re. Donald's boyfriend, Henry. Henry  
has just been offered a job in a Derbyshire Children's  
Home, and from this stable base it seems likely he will  
be able to see Donald regularly. He should be  
invited to Donald's Child Care Review.

Likewise, Donald's mother should be invited to the  
C. C. R.

## PROGRESS NOTES

4/11/92

Morning spent with Ronald

- Breakfast in cafe.
- Accompanied Ronald as he bought shoes + trousers -
- Review + planning discussion.

Talked about Ronald's thoughts + feelings about community events. He still feels very positive about the idea, although does not feel hopeful about his placement coming up in the near future.

Checked out Ronald's expectations about the realities of living in a household. He has thought about this and knows the set-up is different from a child's home. He draws on his experience of his mother's household to provide guidelines and models of behaviour.

Still committed to the idea of college. Not keen on going to Minimum Support Group. Very strong commitment to community events.

Ronald's friendship with Tommy (17), who lives in Glenburn, is an important stabilizing factor in his life. He usually spends a lot of time in his house using a CB radio.

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29/11/92

be at some risk from Glasgow teenagers.

30/11/92

H/V to Mrs Irvine's flat. Apparently Donald has not been here for three weeks. Mrs Irvine and Steve both extremely negative about Donald and aggressive towards the Social Work Department - in particular because they believe the department was responsible for sending the police to their door on the night Donald absconded.

Both Donald's mother and Steve quite definite they didn't want to see him home on overnights again.

Steve accompanied me to Beach Avenue. Spoke to Paddy Parkine, and <sup>again</sup> claimed that Donald had not been to their house on overnights for 3 weeks. Mr Parkine observed that a woman claiming to be Donald's mother had phoned regularly on Friday nights to say that Donald had arrived home.

This issue has never been cleared up satisfactorily.

Donald's overnight visits terminated for the time being.

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27/11/99

a T/C from Mrs King at Beach Avenue to say that Donald had been abusive to one of the staff, and had pulled a wardrobe door off. I spoke to Donald on the phone and said we had to have a discussion about it. Reminded him of the need to respect other people while stating that I understood his frustration re. the current situation.

Visited Beach Ave to speak to Donald, but he had gone.

28/11/99

T/Cs to Cambridge Probe outdoor activity project. They had a 10 day course coming up in the new building which would be suitable for Donald.

T/C to Red Hill College. Courses begin in January. Prospectus out in early Dec. Work experience modules begin almost straight away.

29/11/99

Visit to Cambridge Probe with Donald. Donald very negative about it. Didn't like the idea of going to Glasgow every day. Thought he might

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## PROGRESS NOTES

The moment is featureless and lacks of structure,  
See notes from YPRC.

21/10/92

Joint meeting at office with John Pochley & Donald. The idea of groupwork and our reasons for it were introduced to Donald. He was keen on the idea of the group, but refused to go to Stanley Green on his own. He said that people in Foxbar were after him and he would find the journey too dangerous.

22/10/92

Called in to Beck Avenue to take Donald to Stanley Green, but Donald had gone, claiming to be going to the group, and having taken bus fare. Attended the group, but found Donald not there.

26-

27/10/92

An unmarked print for Donald at Beck Avenue. He absconded on the night of 25/10/92 and stayed out overnight. On 27/10/92 I received

attend his designated school.

6/10/92

Review at Bahama, primarily to discuss schooling. He unable to attend; but Anne Pordaly attended, along with Pordal, Beth Ann staff member, Bahama staff + Alex Neill from Family Finding. Review inconclusive, but Pordal firmly stating he would not attend Bahama.

22/10/92.

Morning spent with Pordal at West Yorkston. Topics discussed: (1) Schooling. Covered the same ground as before. Put it to Pordal that he could not <sup>simply</sup> choose a mainstream school, but that if he was not attending Bahama as a day pupil then the Education Department would have to make a decision re suitable school.

(2) Future training/education. Pordal appears committed to starting college if course are available.

15/10/92

Y.P.P.G. attended, to seek advice regarding courses. Place offered as an interim measure at Minimum Support Group, with a view to introducing Pordal to more structured activity and a peer group. Main features of his life at

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Alex Neil from Family Finding Team has written to Donald about the delay, and will see him tomorrow p.m.

30/9/92

T/C to Family Finding. Alex Neil not available. spoke to senior S.W. (May ?). The delay is being caused by the family in question having made a big emergency placement with them. This situation to be reviewed on 12/13 Octole, when the manager of the team, Sandra Paterson, is available.

1/10/92

T/C from Beach Avenue. Donald seems prepared to go back to Balossie accompanied by myself.  
T/C to Balossie - Nan Brown. Nan was skeptical about Donald's plan. Questioned why he couldn't make it on his own.  
Arranged with Beach Avenue to take Donald to Balossie on Monday a.m. 5/10/92.

5/10/92

Donald not in when I called. Left Beach Avenue early a.m., saying he was not going to Balossie.  
Saw Donald late in the day. He is adamant that he will not attend Balossie. This appears to be something to do with bullying, but Donald not specific on this point. He says he wants to attend mainstream schooling. Discussed the unlikelihood of a mainstream school accepting a young person who was currently refused to

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contd

earn money without having to train. (Helen informed me that even now Donald is good at "buying & selling" clothes, possessions etc at a profit, and that until recently he had a "job" cleaning out buses on an informal basis.

Took Donald to his mother's, & spent some time in the flat. Mrs Irvine and Donald clearly have difficulty in their relationship. Mrs Irvine was offhand with him (and with myself), and on one or two occasions was very undermining of Donald.

29/9/92

T/C from Ronnie Parkin, O.I.C. at Bech Avenue, asking me to collect Donald from Mill Pond Police Station. He had been arrested for being in a place where it appeared likely he was about to commit a crime. I understand he has been charged.

Took Donald back to Bech Ave. He was distressed, pale & asthmatic. Summons in Bech Ave (Donald, self, Vera King & Ronnie Parkin).

- Donald refusing to attend school, despite agreement made on 25/9/92.

- He admits stealing the video, and it is apparently at his "father's" in Inchinnan.

- Acknowledgement of frustration involved in awaiting community work.

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25/9/92

T/C from Beach Avenue. Ronald suspected of having stolen the video recorder from Beach Ave. He is not attending Balmain School, and has been moody & unsettled in recent weeks - having broken a window in the past couple of days.

Visit to introduce myself to Ronald. Approx 1/2 hr discussion between Ronald, myself and Helen, his key worker. We did not touch on the subject of the stolen video. Ronald outlined his view of how he came to be in Beach Avenue, and described his understanding of the plans being made for his future. He highlighted the incident in 1989 when his mother attacked him with a knife as a key factor in his being in care. He also stated that he and his mother did not get on well. He appears committed to the idea of community parents and enrollment in a mainstream school in their local area. Clearly he is also very frustrated at the lack of movement on this score.

Ronald agreed to begin attending Balmain next Monday (28/9/92).

Some discussion about Ronald's educational / employment future. Helen reminded Ronald that he had a lot of potential in this regard. Apparently he is interested in electronics and audio equipment, and can repair sound systems, etc.. Ronald not keen to talk about college or work experience. He believes he will be able to

A. Wood

Future Plans.

- Continue to Pursue G. Parents - See case Reports.
- " " have contact with Referrers
- Keep Davaed fully informed of any changes or decisions.
- Liaise with other agencies.

25/8

Davaed absconded with the same 2 girls from good Shepherd. Davaed was found in his bed with these two girls, fully clothed. Whilst Davaed himself was phoning good Shepherd. Davaed and the 2 girls again absconded.

26/8

Davaed was returned by the Police. 2 girls & good Shepherd.

27/8

Davaed again absconded. Police notified. letter sent to Parents.

28/8

T.P. Beech Ave.

Davaed has not returned. Stephen Irvine (stepfather) visited Beech Ave expressing his concern over Davaed.

28/8

Beech Ave TP.

Davaed has returned. Steven Irvine is asking if he can be allowed to stay with him, whilst his mother is away at the local games. Police checks have been done and there is no concern over Stephen Irvine.

Discussed with Fleck DSSO. Frank is in agreement over the above. Informed Beech Ave.

23/9/92 - Re-allocate to  
Angus Woods.

- Anne Doherty  
SSW.

(Suggest start new change file)

10/2/92

Beach Ave T.P.

Danced had gone to the ice skating on Friday and did not return home until Sat 11AM. Police & Stavelby were notified. Staff inform me that Danced stated that his drink of lemonade had been 'spiked' and he had fallen asleep in someone's house in Foxbar.

10/2/92

visit to Danced at Beach Ave.

Danced repeated the above. Someone had also shaved off one of his eyebrows, Danced was really embarrassed about this and attempted to cover his eye with a woolly cap. Danced would not give any information about who he was with etc. Informed Danced that I was leaving the office and he would be getting a new Social Worker.

2/8

Adoption Panel attended - CP Approved, awaiting minutes.

24/8

Beach Ave T.P.

Danced has refused to attend school over the last 2 days. Beach Ave feel that he maybe associating with the wrong crowd. There is also concern that he may attempt to go to Manchester, as one of his friends has recently moved there. Beach Ave have the address.

Transfer Summary

Danced visits a Referee Klain, once a month for the weekend. He has recently been approved for Community Parents - see enclosed reports - Once the minutes come through a link up can commence. Danced attends Balrossie but, his attendance can be problematic. Danced had refused to come with his mother but, this has once again fallen through. Danced gives no reason for this change.

See recent Background Reports for assessment of Danced & his home situation

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21/7/92

Miss & Donald.

Donald appeared well and seems to have enjoyed his summer holidays. Informed him about the forthcoming annual Review and the recommendation being made. Donald certainly has 'calmed down' since our last meeting and says that he did clean up his room, and made friends with Vera again.

Donald has not been visiting his mother or often over the past few weeks, says that he 'fell out' with Stephen because Stephen gave him a row for being out all night. Donald informed me that some boys were after him and were standing outside the flats therefore, he could not get into the house, so stayed with a friend. Informed Donald that he should have returned to Beach Ave. Also asked him that if he were a parent and his son did not come home, how would he feel.

Donald said that he would be angry and would probably respond the same way as Stephen. Asked Donald how he felt about being 'in care' and he responded reasonably positively. Donald stated that he found it difficult at first but soon settled. He does not like all the rules but realises that this will exist in any family and generally he feels okay about not living with his family. Donald is very keen to defend his mother and he does not voice any negative feelings towards her.

Home Meeting

Verka King O.I.C., Ann Docherty S.O. & Finlayson S.O.  
furn funding staff.

There was no dissent at the meeting and we will proceed to Adoption Panel on 20/8/92

27/6/92.

Hearing

SLUBS Contrs. - Donald on holiday.

7/8/92

T.P. Beach Ave.

I had made arrangements to see Donald next, he had gone out. Discussed the letter from Dr MacAnespie. Donald Rankin O.I.C., will make an appt with the optician. Donald has been informed of the dangers of smoking and Kenny Haine has been actively discouraging this habit.

18/6/92

Home visit

X Ref with Charles. Donald informs me that Alex Neil had come to see him and says that there maybe a possibility of C.P. by September. I had not discussed with Alex his visit and was unclear about what he had said to Donald.

22/6/92

Georg Keogh T.P.

Donald has been displaying some unacceptable behaviour at school, usually, cursing up teacher's back etc.

23/6/92

hynn Townsend Psycho T.P.

hynn will be unable to attend Donald's lunch meeting. Agrees that he would be more settled with a family, such as, the hammonds who have no young children. hynn informs me that Eastwood school is the catchment school for Neilston but this may not be appropriate for Donald. Possible look at St. Huicis, although family may object to this. It was also felt that given Donald may not be settled with the hammonds until about September, a change of school maybe inappropriate and very difficult for Donald to cope with.

30/6/92

Les King Beach Ave T.P.

Donald had smashed up his bedroom and broke a window. He had been accused of stealing a deep fat fryer. Donald was also refusing to go on holiday with Core Staff.

visit to Beach Ave

Donald had swords lying all over his room and had broke a window. He says that no one would listen to him so this was how he responded. After some discussion Donald agreed to clean up his room, because he did not want the cleaners to have to do this. He also stated that he had not taken the fryer. Donald had remained calm throughout our discussion. I reminded him that we were pursuing C.P. and that he should be working towards this possible change. Alex Neil had already informed him that this would be around September.

Balrossie T.P.

Georg Keogh feels that Donald's behaviour has deteriorated over the last few weeks with him miming school etc. Indicated that this problem was resolved until August and his non attendance may be the result of it being the end of term.

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20/5/92  
Canto

Daddy

beside the pool. Donald was sitting on his shoulders and feet, with the weight on his knee. The result being that he seriously tore his knee ligaments. Donald hurt his knee a couple of weeks ago, and this fall appears to have added to the damage done then.

Beach avenue staff took him to RAI and his leg was bandaged. Last night Donald decided to remove the bandage and attempted to burn a piece of thread to release it. The bandage caught fire and he burned his leg. Donald again went to hospital, to the Burns unit and his leg was dressed.

26/5/92

Social visit to C. Parents.

Present: Alex Neil J. Kes - his farm finding Helen Trowsdale (keyworker) E. Finlayson S.O.

Mr & Mrs Hamant appear very willing to have Donald and I feel that he will settle into this family. Further work will include organising a link meeting, then beginning joint meetings with Donald. Alex Neil will contact me about the link meetings.

2/6/92

Home visit

Donald was present at his mother's when I called to see Charles. Says that his leg is mending and he will soon have the bandages off.

11/6/92

visit to Beachams.

Donald says that he was suspended for answering a teacher back and appreciates that he should not have done this. Discussed C.P. and his expectations. It appears that he would prefer a young couple but says he may consider someone in their early 50's. Donald says that his mother wanted to see as it was an emergency with Charles. Informed Donald that his mother could contact me at the office anytime and that I would be seeing her next week. According to Donald Charles has been bad, but, he could not say what he had done.

Donald was at Merry Haines at the weekend. It went well.

Link meeting organised for 10/7 I will be on holiday so another date will be sought.

May  
Summer

CASE REVIEW FORM

SOCIAL WORKER Ellen F. Wodjerson

NAME D. Stewart 6/92

WORK DONE/PRESENT SITUATION:

Meeting held with family friend & C.P. This placement looks very positive and the next step is a live meeting. Danced is doing well in Beach Ave, he continues to see his mother & brother on a regular basis. K. Laine (Befriendos) has had Danced stay overnight and this went well.

PLANNED WORK:

- ① See fortnightly
- ② Work re Community Parents
- ③ Liaise with Alex Neil.

HOURS 5

NEXT REVIEW 29/6/92

22/4/91. Tlc to Beech Ave Donald at  
Balrossie no problems. This may  
be due to the fact that his  
colleagues at Beech Ave were moved to  
Newfield at the weekend.

26/4/91 Visit to Beech Ave. Took Donald to  
R.A.M as he had but his own side  
summary.

9/5/91. Parents night - Reports from the school  
were excellent! Donald very pleased  
and proud at this.

16/5/91. Visit to Donald at Beech Ave  
stated 'star chart' for behavior at  
Beech Ave and discussed possibility of  
Community Parents with him. Donald  
not too keen on this idea, but will  
think about it.

22/5/91. Assessment Meeting at Balrossie. Donald  
doing well at Balrossie. links to be  
made with Melkworth High (Mainstream)  
+ Donald to go there one afternoon  
per week. (Probably starting after summer)

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Donald meets with his mother regularly on a Monday but this is now his only contact with his family

17/4/91

Examined case file and discussed in supervision. Concerned at Donald's unwillingness to attend Balrosserie - did joint visit with Steena to discuss this with him

J Clarke

Mr McEwan's 'straight talking'.

He did not, however, wish to go for his medical at the Russell Institute and ran off when staff were ready to take him.

His behaviour within the home worsened, and on Monday 18th was involved in ~~steal~~ stealing a Family Allowance book, which was coded - Donald has been charged with Fraud.

Earlier this month, (11/2/91) Donald was attacked by another boy in the home, but when questioned, did not say much about the incident.

### March

Donald continues to progress well at the Intervention Group. Sue McKechnie (work at the group) states that Donald's behaviour is good. His behaviour at Beech Ave, however, has worsened. He absconded on 17th March, not returning till late evening 18th March. Child Care Review held on 20th March.

Although Balrossie initially did not have a place, they found a place for Donald and it was arranged that Donald and his Social Worker visit on 21/3/91.

January

Donald was seen on an approx. 2 week basis. Due to staff shortages a Soc. Ed. placement was not open to him, although a place found on the intervention group. 2 mornings per week. DRAM recommended that a day place be sought at Balrossie and Lynn (taught (ed. Psychologist) has requested reports from Dr Heron, and Melisworth school.

Donald continues to get involved in various incidents at Beach Ave usually with other children. It was recognised at the Child Care Review that he functioned better on a one to one basis, and that the grade 4 school placement was found to be better.

February

Contact continued to be made with Donald at Beach Ave. His behaviour and attendance at the intervention group is excellent - Sue McKechnie (Teacher involved in group) is very pleased with him, and states that he is working hard. Donald + I went to Balrossie for a visit and, although Donald was initially unhappy about going here, he seemed happier once he had spoken with Mr McEwen, head of the Day School Unit. He asked a number of pertinent questions about the unit, and seemed to respond well to

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6/12/90.

Visit to Donald at Beech Ave. Went for lunch. Donald was most responsive at this time, benefiting from one to one contact. Spoke about

- 1) Behavior - Beech Ave,
- 2) Future Plans and Donald's control over this. I stressed to him the importance of his attendance at Reviews etc
- 3) Contact with Mum. This

seems to have been infrequent recently and Donald has difficulty - accepting Mum's rejection of him.

20/12/90.

Took Donald to see his Mum at home. He took a Christmas present. Mum did not make him especially welcome, but Donald elected to stay for the evening. Charles came home and looked pleased to see Donald. I encouraged Donald's mum to make plans to see Donald at Christmas time and she said - 'he could come if he liked'!

7/1/91.

Review - as DRAM was postponed a decision was still not taken on Soc. Ed. placement. It was the recommendation of the Review that Soc. Ed. placement be sought and another Review planned for after DRAM.

29/11/90.

Visit to Donald at Beech Ave. He looked more relaxed and a lot happier. D Kenhine (O.I.C) stated that Donald's behavior had been good over the last week. Donald stated that he had not seen his mum, dad or gran ~~one~~ since the Review but intended visiting at the weekend.

Donald went to visit Yonkester yesterday afternoon and did some school work. He said that he enjoyed this.

Told Donald that he would ~~probably~~ be starting Soc Ed Unit as soon as possible and this would be probably be in January. Reassured Donald that the Social Education Unit was still the plan for him, and this would not change until another Review was held. There were no plans to change this at present.

4.12.90

Examined case file - satisfactory

F.C.

19/11/90

Child Care Review. Decisions

1) Application should be made through DRAM for Donald to attend the Social Education Unit.

2) Donald to remain at Beech Ave for the present

3) Informal contact with family members to continue.

Tlc to Soc Ed unit. arranged an informal visit for S.W + Donald to the Social Education Unit.

Booked DRAM for Friday 23rd November.

22/11/90.

Tlc from Liz Edwards at Soc. Ed Unit cancelling today's visit as places will not be available until after January.

Tlc to Beech Ave to inform them of this. Vera King stated that Donald seemed more relaxed now that he did not have the pressure of school.

Tlc to West Yondeton to try to arrange a place for Donald to do school work during the day. Roberta Wojchek will see staff and get back to me.

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30/1/90.

Home Visit. Miss Stewart has been to Court and has been given 8 weeks to clear up her garden.

I suggested to her that she do this herself, ask a friend to help, or try to hire somebody.

I informed Miss Stewart of her Probation Review and she stated that she would not come. I tried to tell her that this was an informal Review and did not involve Court.

Date 12/1/90 - 2.30pm

6/1/90.

Home Visit - Work off side of app. not kept.

of time in his bedroom taking things to bits, and building other things (staff were quick to point out that this was legitimate!)

I ~~state~~ stated that this should be encouraged and seen as a positive in Donald's life, and should money be needed for this ~~to~~ hobby, to contact me as soon as possible.

5/11/90. TIC from Lynn Tounsend. She had seen Donald at Beach Avenue, and agreed that he was a very disturbed boy. She saw the need for ~~contact~~ him to have contact with his mother, but did not see a permanent return home as the best option. She would attend the next Review.

Today's Review was cancelled because the Social Worker had to attend children's panels.

6/11/90. Appointment with Miss Stewart not kept due to worker's ~~the~~ sick leave.

9/11/90. Examined case records

12/11/90 Case record inspected. Both G. A. & Case Conference.  
None off register. S.M. Ecker A.M.

F. Clarke

Case Notes. Donald Stewart.

31/10/90

Visit to Donald at Beech Ave.

1) School Attendance. Donald states that he does not enjoy school and will not go. He also stated he would not go to any other placement I mentioned i.e. Social Education Unit, Kibble, Balrossie. I explained that this issue would be discussed at his Review.

I got the impression that Donald was very worried about school and that too many expectations were being placed on him, i.e. work ability, attendance. I tried to stress to Donald that support would be given to him to help him cope with any new school situation.

2) Home Situation. I explained to Donald that I had spoken with his mother and that care did not seem to be an option for him at the moment. I explained that this would also be an issue for the Review. I stressed the importance of trying to behave himself in Beech Ave.

3) Hobbies - to end the visit on a positive note, I stated to Donald that the staff were happy at his new hobbies of 'electronics'. He spent a bit

knew where he was if he wanted to visit. I suggested that a regular ~~see~~ pattern should be arranged so that Donald knew when he was expected and Lorraine knew when to expect him. She was not willing to do this and repeated that she felt that Donald had got his own way by being in care. I stressed to her that Donald was a disturbed boy and much of this was due to his unstable home background but Miss Stewart repeated that all ~~Donald's~~ Donald's problems were of Donald's making.

Miss Stewart stated that she was fed up with meetings and Pools for Donald and as far as she was concerned Donald was not returning home and she no longer had anything to do with him.

I stated that it was vital for Donald that he have contact with her, and that attendance at Reviews etc was ~~very~~ important.

I arranged to visit on Tuesday 6th November at 3.30pm.

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Case Notes, Donald Stewart

29/10/90.

TIC from Beech Ave, Spoke to Derek Bobby. He was at the Home when Donald was brought back to Beech Ave by the Police. He had been caught standing about Pansley Cross with other children from Beech Ave.

Mr Bobby advised contacting psychologist from Mels with High School and looking at an alternative school placement (ie Social Education Unit, or Kibble school).

30/10/90

TIC to Lynn Townsend (Ed. psychologist) she would arrange to see Donald and attend the next Child Care Review.

TIC to Beech Ave. Arranged to visit Donald on Wednesday 31st October. Informed that Donald was not at school.

Visit to Miss Stewart at Home.

D. Discussed Donald's situation - Miss Stewart stated that she did not visit Donald to care home. She felt that she was coping without him. She stated that she had told Donald that he was welcome to visit at any time, but that he did not come. SW stressed to Lorraine that it was her responsibility as his mother, and as an adult to make contact with Donald. She did not accept that she should do this, and continued to state that Donald

CASE DISCUSSION.Name DONALD STUARTDate 26/10/90**Work done / present situation:**

Plans were made at the last review to confer with Mr Burgess (Donald's natural father) that Donald could have overnight stays. Despite writing to him, leaving notes at his house + leaving messages with his mother, he has made no contact with the Social Work Dept, or with Beech Ave.

Donald is becoming involved in incidents at Beech Ave & which are becoming more serious, and despite behavior support at school, is not attending.

**Planned work:**

A child care review is planned for <sup>5th</sup> 1st November. School attendance and general behavior should be addressed. Work is to be done with Donald surrounding his feelings of rejection by both mother + father, and around his sexuality.

Child care review with no doubt - identify further tasks in relation to recent events.

Sheena to maintain weekly face to face contact with Donald re current issues.

D.C.

Hours

Next review

disappointment that he was not getting overnights with his Dad, ~~but~~ but again said that he accepted that this maybe was too much to accept from Dad. Donald was keen to have overnights with his gran and agreed to speak to her at the weekend to see if she was willing to meet with myself to discuss this.

3) Future Plans. Spoke to Donald about his future but Donald was unsure what he wanted. He continued to state that 'it was not up to him anyway' and I tried to stress that I was meeting with him to ~~as~~ try to help him work out what he wanted, and that his attendance at Reviews was important as people did listen to him.

Walter when asked, does not care.  
~~Peel~~ Peel feels that this is a response  
to rejection by Mum + Dad.

We agreed that Donald should have  
as much individual attention as possible  
but accepted that this was difficult  
in a children's home setting.

Donald should also have as much  
positive criticism as possible although Peel  
is finding it difficult to find positive  
things to say about him.

Met with Donald and took him to the  
Wimpys.  
Spoke over various issues.

1) School attendance - Donald stated that he  
dated Melkswold and would carry on  
travelling until he was moved. When asked  
where he wanted moved to, Donald did  
not know, and I stressed that any  
school would be the same and he should  
really try to go to school every day.

2) Home situation - Donald spoke of wanting  
to go live to his Mum, but at the  
same time accepted that unless she was  
willing to take him at this, it was  
unlikely to work out.

Donald mentioned his

## Case Notes. Donald Stewart

26/10/90. Visit to Beech Ave Spoke to Peel M.U., Donald's key worker

1) Donald's school attendance. Donald has not been to school since the October week and has stated to Peel that he does not like Mehsvoth High and is not going back. Donald is leaving Beech Ave in the morning, and returning at normal 'school' time in the evening. As far as staff know he is 'hanging about' with other children in the Home, also truanting. Staff at Mehsvoth have stated to Beech Ave that they do not feel that Donald is coping with mainstream schooling. We discussed possible alternatives ie Huntchell or Kibble, but feel that Donald can not cope with school as well as the other pressures on him.

2) Home situation. Donald saw his mum briefly in town on Tuesday but she has made no effort to contact him at Beech Ave. Donald intends visiting his Mum on Saturday and his Dad to be warned by staff to expect disappointment if Mum was not in, or was not willing to see him.

3) Donald's behavior. Donald has become very defiant to staff, stating that he will not go to school, not meet his social

**PROGRESS NOTES**

Regarding pursuing issues around Dad's involvement, focus at moment should be on evaluating level of commitment dad has to him - rather than overnights as dad's low profile seems to be suggesting he doesn't want to get too involved.

Sheena to include in case records details of discussion with Donald about dad's involvement.

See "Case Discussion" notes of 26.10.90.

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W Eadie (Area Manager) and F Clarke (SSW) were informed and a meeting arranged with social workers, seniors and Area Managers of all the children involved.

Social Work was advised not to see Donald until this meeting had taken place.

SMYD

9/10/90

Meeting at Craigielea - see minutes on file. Social Worker advised not to see Donald until the Police have interviewed Donald. (F Clarke unable to attend due to Court Case).

SMYD

10/10/90

T/C to Beech Avenue. Donald had not yet been seen by the Police, but they were expected tonight or tomorrow afternoon.

SMYD

11/10/90  
12/10/90

Worker off sick.

15/10/90

This is the beginning of the school October Week and it was understood that Donald was on holiday with Beech Avenue as arranged.

SMYD

18/10/90

Went to Beech Avenue to talk with staff as I was in the area. Discovered that Donald had not been allowed to go on holiday with the home, so I took the opportunity to speak with him. Stressed to him the seriousness of the incident last week.

Donald stated that he had been interviewed by the Police and that they had learned the "real story". Donald denied any involvement in the incident other than "poking" Sharon and the Police seemed to accept this. Mr Rankine (O.I.C) stated that the Police had accepted that Sharon had more of a responsibility in the incident than was first admitted and were not taking this further.

I stressed to Donald that this did not make his involvement in the incident any less important, and that it was important that Donald concentrate on keeping out of trouble of any sort.

SMYD

22/10/90

T/C from Beech Avenue - Donald was not at school today.

24/10/90

T/C to Beech Avenue asking Donald to come in to office on Friday on his way home from school, and we could visit his gran, Mrs Burgess, to talk about the possibility of overnight visits with gran, or with dad.

SMYD

25/10/90

T/C from Beech Avenue. Donald has not been at school all week and has been behaving very badly. He shouts and swears at staff and has been generally misbehaving.

SMYD

26/10/90

Examined case records and discussed case in supervision. Social worker to ensure that case file is presented to SSW at fortnightly intervals without fail.

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- 13/9/90 Child Care Review - see minutes.  
 19/9/90 Telephoned Mrs Burgess (Donald's grandmother) to contact Mr  
 20/0/90 Burgess (Donald's father) to discuss access and collect  
 21/9/90 information for final health checks - despite leaving messages,  
 Mr Burgess did not make contact. SMD
- Wrote letter making appointment to see Mr Burgess at home (11c  
 Ferguslie Park Avenue) at 11 am on Friday 28th September.
- Telephoned Beech Avenue to tell them of this. Vera King stated  
 that as Donald had a new girlfriend he did not seem so interested  
 in dad!
- 28/9/90 Visit to Mr Burgess as arranged by letter - no reply. SMD
- No reply to telephone call to Mrs Burgess (grandmother)
- T/C to Beech Avenue and made arrangements to see Donald at tea-  
 time today.
- 1/10/90 Home visit to Miss Stewart - arranged by letter - no reply. Card SMD  
 left asking her to contact me.
- 2/10/90 Examined case records. I am concerned at lack of response from  
 Donald's dad. Prompts the question whether or not he really  
 wishes to get any more deeply involved with Donald. Despite  
 comment from Res Staff that Donald has a girlfriend and therefore  
 not too interested in dad at moment, a rejection by dad could  
 prove fairly traumatic for the lad. Important that social worker  
 meets regularly (weekly at least) to work through this with him.  
 Further contact with dad needs to be attempted immediately.
- 5/10/90 Visit to Beech Avenue. Spoke with Pearl Hill about Donald's  
 behaviour and how he was coping with rejection by both mum and  
 dad. Donald appears to be doing fine in Beech Avenue, and has  
 developed a very good relationship with Pearl as his keyworker.  
 He is still getting involved in all sorts of silly behaviour in  
 the home ie. shouting, general misbehaving along with the other  
 children.
- Spoke with Donald. He was very "loud" tonight and I had to  
 encourage him to speak quietly. He stated that he felt he was  
 coping better at school now that he was on behaviour support, and  
 felt that he was responding to the greater supports. SMD
- 8/10/90 T/C from Pearl Hill, Beech Avenue. Donald was involved in an  
 incident over the weekend involving a young girl in Beech Avenue,  
 [REDACTED] It was believed that  
 Donald had been touching Sharon on the botton along with a number  
 of other children. Please see report in file from care staff. SMD

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24/8/90

Miss Stewart to office, she has been placed on 1 year Probation Order which she signed. She stated that she did not wish Donald to return home to her on a permanent basis as she could not cope with his behaviour. She signed a form stating that she agreed to Mr Bugess having access to Donald.

Telephone call to M. Paton (District H.Q) Mr Bugess and Miss Calderwood (co-hab). Police checks had been returned and were clear.

Miss Stewart explained that on 17th August she and sister had been "round at the shops".

SM/CW

28/8/90

Social Work reminded that submission of case records overdue for my examination.

SM/CW

29/8/90

Visit to Beech Avenue. Staff at Beech Avenue informed Social Worker that Donald had not been at school on Monday or Tuesday of this week. Social Worker and Vera King (DOIC) spent some time with Donald stressing the importance of him going to school. Donald stated that he had been at school today and intended going tomorrow.

SM/CW

30/8/90

Case records examined. Discussed the following points with Social Worker:

1. Case file to be submitted with case records every fortnight.
2. Reported incident of 17th August. Emphasised that incident of 17/8 should have been reported to Senior Social Worker or AFO and investigated that day. In fact it was not followed up until mum called at office on 24.8.90, only explanation elicited was that she and sister "were round at the shops". It hasn't been established how long they, were away. What state they were in i.e. drunk or sober. Nor any knowledge of 14 year old cousin re his level of inafinity or otherwise.

Given existing concerns and previous history, such reported incidents warrant immediate follow up.

This incident should have been reported immediately to Senior Social Worker. It warrants immediate discussion and should have been investigated on 17.8.90.

Telephone call from Beech Avenue - Donald was not at school yesterday, nor today. Mr D Rankine, O.I.C. intended 'grounding' Donald for the weekend.

SM/CW

3/9/90

Children's Panel - Section 44 (1) (a) varied to 44 (1) (b) naming Beech Avenue Children's Home. Miss Stewart was fairly aggressive towards Donald at this panel, and made it very clear to Donald, the Panel and the Social Worker that she no longer wished to have Donald return home. Panel stressed to Miss Stewart that it was perhaps her attitude towards Donald that led to his behaviour but Miss Stewart refused to accept this and left the office.

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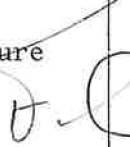
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	Donald stated that he did not want to return home, as he could not see it working, and that his mum was <u>not</u> trying.	
27.7.90	Lorraine at court. Plea of Not Guilty to the abandonment charge was accepted by Procurator Fiscal, and sentence was deffered for 3 weeks for SER.	
6.8.90	Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue. Looking relaxed and happy - behaviour not too bad. Still stating that he had no wish to return home. He seemed hurt, however, that his mother had made no move to visit or contact him.	
	Dad had visited several times and Donald <sup>is keen</sup> has been to have overnight visits with him. I told him that this could not happen until Police checks had been done.	
9.8.90	Lorraine to office - information for SER collected. She stated that she now did not wish Donald to have contact with his father and would not sign consent form. She was not too pleased that Mr Burgess had visited Beech Avenue and stated that if plans were made for Donald to go to his father's she would deny that he was the father.	
	Lorraine stated that she was living in Gallowhill once more, having fallen out with Tom, but was not too keen to re-start access as she stated that she knew that a return home for Donald would not work.	
	Arranged to meet her next week and arrange regular access for Donald, as planned at the Review.	
10.8.90	Case notes read.	AMCADAM SSW
14.8.90	<u>Home Visit</u> as arranged last week, no one at home. Left note saying I would return tomorrow evening.	SM/CW
15/8/90	<u>Home Visit</u> as arranged, no one at home.	SM/CW
16/8/90	<u>Home Visit</u> , no one at home. Visit to Beech Ave - Donald has <u>just left</u> as he had been caught stealing cigarettes and wished to avoid Mr Rankine (O.I.C.). Spoke with Pearl Donald's keyworker about Donald. She felt he was begining to settle and relax because he was not going home.	SM/CW
17/8/90	<u>Telephone call</u> from Beech Avenue. Donald has visited his mother's house and, on finding no-one at home, went to his Aunt's hosue (adress unknown). He found Charles in the care of his cousin (aged 14) and phoned the police. They visited, found Aunt and Miss Stewart at home, and seemed satisfied that cousin able to be left in charge of Charles. Mum and Aunt were a bit upset at this and demanded a visit from Social Work!	SM/CW
20/8/90	Donald to office, looking very smart in his new school uniform. Took him to the amusments for an hour. He stated that he did not want to return home to his mum, and that his father (Harry Bugess) had been visiting Beech Avenue regularly.	SM/CW

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- Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue. Spoke to Donald and staff about my meeting with his mother and told him that there would be no access until Miss Stewart moved back to Gallowhill. Donald seemed delighted and immediately began to make plans to meet his friends that afternoon.
- 11.7.90 Discussed role of Donald's natural father and asked Sheena to get written statement from mum on the subject.  FC
- 16.7.90 Monday - Miss Stewart did not keep her appointment as arranged. Sent a letter making another office appointment for Wednesday. TELEPHONE CALL to Beech Avenue to tell them of this. Donald had behaved well over the weekend.
- 18.7.90 Miss Stewart did not keep arranged appointment.
- 19.7.90 Home Visit - no reply
- 20.7.90 Home Visit - no reply
- 23.7.90 Letter sent recorded delivery arranging appointment for Thursday 26 July.
- 25.7.90 Examined case records and discussed case in supervision. Because of mum's non-availability, Sheena to go ahead with seeking dad's agreement to Police checks and other enquiries with a view to increasing contact with Donald. In the meantime, Dad only to have access within Beech Avenue Ch Home. Sheena to have full discussion with Donald about Dad's role in the meantime. Also to invite mum into the office for formal discussion about her intentions in respect of Donald's future care. This to take place with a SSW or A/M present.  FC
- 25.7.90 Visited Donald at Beech Avenue. Donald looking very well and happy - looking forward to getting visits from Dad. He also looked quite happy at the fact that he was not to get access until his mum moved back home. Staff stated that his behaviour had been quite good.
- 26.7.90 Lorraine to office. She stated that she was still staying with Tom (Thomas McDonald) despite being told that Donald could not have access unless she was staying in her own house. She stated that she did not want Donald home as she knew that the situation would break down again. She was very uptight at going to Court tomorrow and did not want to talk about anything but herself. She was not willing to sign the consent form to allow Donald visits to Harry Burgess. She stated that she would contact Donald and Mr Burgess before deciding what to do. I advised her to contact Donald at Beech Avenue.

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9.7.90

Sent letter to Miss Stewart arranging to meet with her and Donald on Wednesday at her home.

The object of this visit was to draw up contract of behaviour for access visits and to look at best times for overnight access.

TELEPHONE CALL to Beech Avenue to arrange this with Donald and to enquire how his holiday had been. Staff informed me that Donald had a great time.

Spoke to Donald himself who said that he enjoyed himself.

10.7.90

Message left for me to say that she was not at home but staying at boyfriend's house (Thomas McDonald, 3 Mull Ave, Glenburn).

Also while I was out F Clarke (SSW) had a message from Vera King (DOIC, Beech Ave) to say that Lorraine Stewart was not staying at home.

11.7.90

Discussed above with F Clarke (SSW). He advised that Donald should not have access visits in a place that was not the family home (and had not been checked out properly by Dept-F.C.) . Visit to Miss Stewart at Mull Avenue to find out

- 1) why she was staying in Glenburn
- 2) how long she was staying here.
- 3) to discuss the effect on Donald's access visits and check out her level of commitment to his return home.

Lorraine was at home with Charles and Tom. She was reluctant to speak about Donald and was more interested in herself and the letter that she had received from the Housing Dept. It stated that they were intending to take legal action over the state of her back garden. I advised her to go to the Housing Department immediately to deal with this and she said she would.

Miss Stewart stated that she was staying in Glenburn as her sister and her two children were living in her house in Gallowhill. She was applying for a house of her own.

I advised Miss Stewart that this situation was affecting Donald's access as he would not be allowed overnight visits to a place that was not his own house. Miss Stewart stated that she did not really want Donald to come home and that if Harry Burgess (Donald's real father) wanted Donald he could have him.

I spent some time speaking to Miss Stewart about the effect that this would have on Donald, and on herself. She continued to state she had thought about this and would not change her mind.

I arranged for her to come into the office on Monday 16 July to let me know where she was staying (she said that she intended to move back to Gallowhill at the weekend) and arrange further access with Donald.

11.7.90

Case discussed in supervision  
 Sheena to encourage Miss S.  
 to visit Donald at Beech Ave. *J.C.*

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6.7.90

Examined case records. Referred SW to my entry (1) of 5.6.90 regarding fortnightly submission of records.

Concerned at the infrequent contact with Lorraine given the casework tasks identified in child care review with a view to achieving early return home of Donald. Therefore, Sheena to negotiate with Lorraine a regular time to call and get a commitment from her to be at home when she calls - so that tasks can be tackled .

Sheena to advise me of the success of this.



FC/CR

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19.6.90

They checked with Hunterhill Tutorial but he was not there. I spoke to F. Clarke (SSW) and made a home visit, but there was no reply.

3.30 p.m. T.C. from Beech Avenue. Donald had returned to the home stating that he had gone for an overnight access which had gone very well but that he had decided to 'dog' school. He was annoyed at the fuss that was being made and could not understand that no-one was certain that he had been at home and that this was taken seriously.

Visit to Beech Avenue - Spoke with Donald about this incident. He stated that access had gone well but that he did not want to go to school as it was the last week of term. I explained to him the possible seriousness of the situation. He found difficulty in understanding this.

He stated that he was worried about the thought of moving school in August to Merksworth but was looking forward to the summer holidays.

22.6.90

Home visit - no reply.

25.6.90

T.C. from Beech Avenue to say that Donald's mum contacted them last night to inform them that okay could not attend the Review. I informed F. Clarke (SSW) who decided that Miss Stewart should be there and re-arranged the Review for Thursday.

Home visit - no one at home. Left a note saying I would return tomorrow,

26.6.90

Home visit (as arranged) no one at home. *sister out*

27.6.90

Home visit Miss Stewart at home along with her two children - this family has just moved from England and are staying with Miss Stewart until they can find a house of their own.

Informed Miss Stewart that the Review was to be held on Thursday (tomorrow) at 3.30 p.m. She stated that she would arrange for Tam (Thomas McDonald, 2 Mull Ave., - her boyfriend) to look after Charles while she attended the Review.

she also stated that she had been told by her housing officer that there was going to be action taken about the state of her back garden and the communal stairs. She had no written information as yet.

28.6.90

Child Care Review see minutes.

As a result of this review, a plan of work suggests itself and requires discussion with SSW in Supervision.

- 1) Work to be done separately with Miss Stewart and Donald on their feelings and ways of coping with each others behaviour.
- 2) Work to be done with Donald and his mum together in looking at agreed patterns of behaviour and expectations of access arrangements.
- 3) Possible section 12 money to allow Miss Stewart to re-decorate her house along with Donald and Charles. This could allow Miss Stewart and Donald to have more pride in the home and the process of re-decoration may improve relationships as they plan and work together.

30.6.90 -  
7.7.90

Donald on holiday to Wemyss Bay with Beech Ave.

SMcD/CR

*Examined Case Records*  
*F.C.*

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21.5.90 **T.C. to Beech Avenue.** Donald had arrived back safely. Informed staff of above.

23.5.90 **Meeting at Beech Avenue.** with Vera King, S.W. Charles Jackson CSP and Donald.  
 Agreed that Donald should attend Tuesday and Thursday evenings which was individual work and a group session.  
 He was still to be encouraged to return home.

30.5.90 **Home visit.** Lorraine still stating that she does not wish Donald to return home for access, or permanently.

31.5.90 Donald's review cancelled as he was in a Puppet show.

5.6.90 Examined case records  
 1) Social Worker to ensure that file is submitted to S.S.W fortnightly for examination.  
 2) Events recorded in entry dated 21.5.90. Warranted early discussion with me. They also warrant planned approach to tackling the issues. This to be discussed on S.W.'s return from leave.  
 3) Tom Cloherly to supervise case during Sheena McDonald's current period of annual leave. *F. Clarke* F.C. S.McD/CR

13.6.90 T Cloherly phoned Beech Avenue to arrange visit for Thursday 14.6.90 Donald was home on Mon 11.6.90 and Sat 9.6.90 Things went well, mum had not been drinking, he informed care staff.  
 Care staff to inform Donald that I would visit Thursday.

14.6.90 Visited Donald at Beech Avenue. He was very keen to talk about school as he is returning to mainstream secondary in August. I discussed with him his views and fears about this, notably his tendency to counter his problems by adopting physical force.  
 Main worry is that he will be going into first year although he is third year age group. Tried to assure Donald that teachers would be able to look out for his problems and help him. He seemed to take this in.  
 Upon discovery that I would be seeing Sheena McDonald on return from her holiday I was asked by Donald to ensure that Sheena obtains his seasons ticket for the Lagoon Swimming baths. costing £26 lasting 1 year.  
 On my return from holiday I telephoned Beech Avenue to check how access had been whilst I was away and to make arrangements to see Donald. I was told that the Home had encouraged Donald to go home on his arranged access days (Mon & Wed overnights and all day Saturday) and this seems to have gone well. His behaviour at Beech Avenue had not been so good - incidents of misbehaviour at the baths and at the home were reported. The had been dealt with by staff and Donald had taken his punishment well. Staff felt that Donald was easily led by other children rather than 'bad'.  
 I arranged to visit Donald the next day (Tuesday 19th).

18.6.90 **T.C. from Beech Avenue.** Staff reported that the driver picks Donald up for school had arrived at Beech Avenue asking where Donald was. He had called for Donald at home that morning as arranged (last night being an overnight access) but he was not there.  
 Beech Avenue informed Police as Donald had left for his overnight as usual. S.McD/CR

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08.05.90.

Child Care REview in respect of Donald see minutes.

Decisions made:- 1. Referral to CSP  
2. Increased access overnights on Monday and Wednesday. Day access on Saturday 10-4pm.

After the Review Miss Stewart stated to myself that she realised that she would have to cut down her drinking in order to allow increased access.

We moved to Hunterhill Tutorial Centre for an Education Review. This was fairly straight forward. Donald is to go to Merksworth High School in August. (Miss Stewart to make placeemnt request) Arrangements to be made for Donald to spend a day a week at Gallowhill Primary to allow him to get used to mainstream schooling.

SMcD/EOB

09.05.90.

T/C from Beech Avenue. Mr Rankine (OIC) took Donald home for his overnight access visit at 3.15pm but Miss Stewart was not at home.

**Home visit 3.45pm.** Door was answered by a man unknown to myslef. Lorraine was in and had been drinking.

She stated that she had gone over the score because she was upset about the re-appearance of Harry Burgess - Donalds real Dad.

We spent a long time talking this through and, although she still does not want Donald to have contact with his father, she seemed to calm down and accpet that there will be problems with Donald about this.

She stated that she did not feel able to see Donald tonight but that she would be in for his Day Access on Saturday.

I encouraged her to telephone him to make contact.

T/c to Beech Avenue to tell them of this.

11.5.90

**Case Conference** Donald remaining on register - Physical Abuse. Charles' have been removed from register.

14.5.90 -

Worker off sick.

18.5.90

21.5.90

**Visit to Beech Ave.** Donald still very bitter against his mum and did not wish to return home. Talked to him about C.S.P. He seems to have no worries about this.

took Donald home. Immediately I went into the house with Donald, Miss Stewart began to shout at him for leaving after last Monday's access. Donald had apparently blamed her for not putting in placing request for Merksworth when she ahd.

Donald left the hosue at this point and Lorraine told him to stay in care.

Spent a long time with Lorraine pointing out her responsibilities for Donald and the amount of work that she had to do with him. she stated, however, that she was not interested in having him back.

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15.3.90

Home Visit to Lorraine she stated that she and Charles were getting on fine. She saw that Charles was missing his brother but that the house was quieter without him. Lorraine stated that she could not cope with Donald's constant bad behaviour. I explained that other people did see what Donald was like (i.e. school, Sacred Heart, Beech Avenue.) and it was not fair to say that Lorraine was the only person to 'suffer' Donald's behaviour.

I also pointed out that unless she let the Social Work department work with her, we were not able to help her. This may mean doing things that did not suit her (i.e. Groupwork and befrienders for Donald and Charles) but this may be the best thing for the children.

We also spoke about the possibility of getting money to help her re-decorate her house (Section 12 or section 12 initiative).

This would be on the understanding that Donald would be returning home.

Lorraine stated that she had been in touch with her lawyer (Mr. Kerr, Robertson and Ross) and that she did not have to appear in Court on 4.4.90.

23.3.90

Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue, Donald stated that he was not returning home as he and his mother were still arguing. I told him that this was a decision that would be made by the Child Care Review. He also wanted to know why he was not allowed his computer at the children's home. I stated that his mother did not want the computer at the home, nor did the home. He was not happy at this state of affairs.

28.3.90

Home visit. Donald, Charles and Lorraine at home, along with Lorraine's friend Grace and her children. Donald and Charles in and out of the house playing with Grace's children. Donald getting quite high and excited and Lorraine shouted at him to calm down. She stated that things would be fine for the rest of the evening but that she expected that the boys would argue with each other the next morning.

S.MCD.

Lorraine seemed able to cope with Donald's home visit.

She stated that things with Charles were fine.

3.4.90

Home Visit - Charles out playing in the street. Looked fine. Lorraine at home. Stated that she was very worried about her Court Case tomorrow. Although she did not have to appear, she was afraid that she would be 'put away' for this. I stated that it was likely that reports would be requested and that I would probably recommend Probation.

S.MCD.

Notes read

Christine Bell - Access to be pursued with a view to returning child home A.S.A.P.  
Has C.A.T. Worker David Campbell been consulted re Ms Stewart? b.B.

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28.2.90

Home Visit - Donald, Charles and Lorraine at home about to have their tea. Charles was his usual self watching T.V.

Donald stated that things were going well, that he and his mum still argued, especially over the issue of his new school. Lorraine stated that she accepted that Donald was to go to Merksworth but she still said that this would not be the best school for Donald.

8.3.90

Home Visit - no reply. Visit to Sacred Heart Youth Club. John Doherty informed me that Donald had requested that he go to the Boxing club at the Reid Kerr College with his friend Robert Brooks. John saw this as okay but told Donald to go and check it with his mum.

T/C from Senior Social Worker. Donald returned to the group and stated that his mum was 'steaming' and had shouted at him for not being at the club. She then chased him down the stairs and told him not to go back to the house.

Home situation checked by Sheena McDonald and Jess Bellshaw. Miss Stewart was not 'steaming' and stated that Donald saw her coming out of the house and immediately ran away she contacted Standby (standby workers visited while we were in the house). Lorraine stated that if Donald were returned to her she would 'kill him'. Workers assessed that Charles was safe in her care, and Donald was taken into care under section 15. He was adamant that he was not returning home.

Placed in Carsewood Children's Home. Miss Stewart informed of this.

9.3.90

Donald moved to Beech Avenue Children's Home. Miss Stewart informed of this and told that she was free to visit Donald at any time as long as she checked this with the Children's Home.

12.3.90

T/C to Beech Avenue. Donald gas settled in quite well. Mum had telephoned over the weekend but there were harsh words on both sides. Telephone was put down but staff were unsure who put the phone down on who.

14.3.90

Visit to Beech Avenue. Donald states that he was not going home. He was informed that this was not his choice and that access would be built up slowly.

Miss Stewart and Charles arrived to visit Donald. Spoke about access with Donald and his mum. Miss Stewart stated that she wanted a break from Donald at least until the Court case was over (date set for 4th April).

Agreed access. Overnight on Wednesdays nights and day visits on Saturdays.

Case notes read Christine Bell.

Contd.....

S.MCD.

DATE

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21.2.90  
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I advised Donald to go to bed early because of his sore throat but he looked appalled at this idea and said that he was going to Aunt Aggies with his mum later on.

SMCD/PF.

Lorraine stated that her mum was feeling a lot better.

Relationship between Lorraine and Donald seemed much improved from last week.

See entry by SSW and 14/2/90 C.Bell.

22.2.90

T/C to Housing Dept. - re rubbish in back garden. They could not help but advised me to contact cleansing dept.

23.2.90

T/C to school. Donald had not taken time off school because of cold, but had walked out of school on Thursday lunchtime (reason unknown by school secretary - Mrs.McCusker, H/T unavailable). Mrs.McCusker has advised Donald and Ms.Stewart has advised Donald and Mrs.Stewart not to return to school until Monday

SMCD/PF.

According to school secretary this is not an official suspension nor is it an unusual occurrence. Donald quite often takes 'huffs' and knows the school will follow this up on next visit or at Grovepark.

23.2.90

Notes read. Issues of 1) Mother's drinking.  
2) Amount of time they spend outwith the home, particularly mother, requires clarification would these children benefit from a befriender? C.B. S.S.W.

SMCD/PF.

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6.2.90  
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It was agreed that Miss Stewart should think about this and let the school know of her decision.

Both Lorraine and I went to see Donald in his classsroom and looked through his school work. Donald looked pleased at this attention.

Arranged that I would visit the following evening and Lorraine pointed out that although she should be in, she may be at her mother's house.

SMCD/PF

7.2.90

Home visit. Not at home.

8.2.90

Home visit. Not at home. T/C to sisters house was informed that Lorraine Donald and Charles were not there.

SMCD/PF

14.2.90

Home visit - Lorraine, Donald and Charles at home. Lorraine not looking at all well was sound asleep in the chair when I arrived. When Donald woke her, she explained that she had been out shopping and was tired. I could smell drink from her and, when I questioned her about this, she stated that she had had a couple of pints', but was not drunk. Donald offered to make her a cup of tea, which he did. Charles was present, and looked well. Spent most of the visit watching T.V.

SMCD/PF

Lorraine was in a very 'nippy' mood and spent most of the visit shouting at Donald because he had expressed doubts about the suggestion that he go to Williamsburgh Primary 1 day a week.

I tried to explain that it was noticed that Donald was worried about this idea but Lorraine was annoyed becuase Donald had told her that he was quite happy, but told me that he was worried.

After awhile she calmed down, and began peeling the potatoes and cutting chips.

I waited until she finished this task and left.

{ Notes read. - Does mother become irritable when she has been drinking and thus picks on the boys? To be worked on by S.W. C.Bell.

SMCD/PF

21.2.90

Donald and Lorraine at home. Lorraine staed that Charles was out playing. Donald stated that he had had a sore throat and did not feel well. This had not, however, kept him off school and Lorraine said that she was giving him a cough bottle (Benelyn).

SMCD/PF.

Lorraine was looking much better and stated that she was often 'up and down' and she did not worry about this so why should I!

Lorraine asked if I could do something about the rubbish in the back garden so that she could clear it up. I agreed to contact the Housing Dept.

SMCD/PF.

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18.1.90	<p>/.....contd.                  I called in at the Sacred Heart Youth Club where I saw Donald, who was vague as to where his mother was. He stated that she would be back by the time he returned from the group. If she were not, he would go to his Aunt 'Aggies' (above address)</p> <p>Donald looked well and contented. Stated that things were well at home and that he was glad that the group had started back.</p>	SMCD/PF
19.1.90	<p>Home visit - This visit was during the day and Lorraine had often stated that she was out all day on a Friday.</p>	
25.1.90	<p>Home visit. Lorraine and Charles at home. Donald at Sacred Heart Group.</p> <p>Lorraine looked very 'down', Charles his usual bright self.</p> <p>Lorraine stated that donald had run away 2 Saturday's ago and that she had contacted the police and Standby Service - S.W. had no note of this and on checking with Standby noted that they had no note of a call on this day.</p> <p>Donald returned safe and well later that day. He had told me that he had gone out with a pal, but did not say where he had been or why he had gone. I did not pursue this matter as I fely that Lorraine had dealt with it at the time and to go over this would set she and Donald shouting at each other once more.</p> <p>Donald stated that he spent last Saturday with his father in Linwood, at Donald's request Larriane stated that she was happy with the arrangement as she then knew where Donald was, and was safe.</p>	SMCD/PF
31.1.90	<p>Home visit. All 3 at home, just having there tea. Donald and Charles looked well and happy, offered me some chips.</p> <p>Lorraine states that things were going well and that she felt that Donald and Charles were behaving O.K. This, from, Lorraine, was praise, as she is usually quick to point out when the boys are doing wrong.</p> <p>I noted that Donald had a review at Hunterhill Tutorial next Tuesday and offered to pick Lorraine up. She accepted.</p>	SMCD/PF
6.2.90	<p>Notes read. Issue of Donald running off, whereabouts unknown, to be discussed with child privately. C.B. S.S.W.</p> <p>Called at the Stewart house to take Lorraine to Hunterhill for the Review but she had left a note stating that she would meet me there.</p> <p>When she arrived at the school she stated that her mother was not well and she had gone to do her messages earlier that morning.</p> <p>Review - see minutes in file. Only dissent was during discussion about Donald's future school. Hunterhill staff were keen that he got to Merksworth where there was a behaviour support project; Miss Stewart was adamant that he go to Castlehead or the Grammar.</p>	SMCD/PF

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18.12.89

Children's Panel - Donald and Charles kept on 44 (1) (a)

21.12.89

Home Visit - Lorraine, Donald and Charles at home. All looking forward to Christmas, which was to be spent at Tam's (Thomas Mc Donald, 2 Mull Avenue, Glenburn)

Tam is Lorraine's boyfriend, but neither Donald or Charles see him as a father figure. Lorraine has had an ongoing relationship with this man for approx 2 years and has talked of getting married, although no plans are set.

SMCD/PF

Donald and Charles speak of Tam in friendly terms and always appear to be happy with the relationship.

28.12.89

Home Visit at 5 Marjory Drive. Although I had been informed by family that they expected to spend Christmas with Tam, I dropped in as I was passing. I met Donald who had come from Glenburn to collect mail for his mum. This he did, and I ran him back to Glenburn. On the way he stated that his mum had gone shopping with Tam but he did not expect her to be long. He had expected to be in Gallowhill longer as he was to take the bus back to Glenburn

SMCD/PF

Charles was playing outside Tam's house with Tam's daughter Lynn, who is 12. Donald prepared to join them. Both boys looked well and stated that Lorraine and Tam would not be long and intended to be back for lunch (this was around 11.30 am.) I did not want to see them but told Donald I would visit at home next week.

W/E 5.1.90

No visit due to ongoing Child Abuse Investigation.

10.1.90

Home Visit. Lorraine and the boys were in. Gave Lorraine £40 Children in Need money which was meant for Christmas. She was delighted and so were the boys and began planning what they could do with this money.

SMCD/PF

Both boys looked well and happy and stated that they had enjoyed Christmas. Lorraine stated that she was glad it was over and could get back to a normal routine.

She had enjoyed the Christmas period but had ended up arguing with Tam. When further questioned she stated that this was not serious but was due to them staying together for a period of 2 weeks. She stated that she was glad to be on her own.

SMCD/PF

Lorraine had had no word about her court case and was still worried about this.

I explained that a Social background Report would probably be requested and that I would be writing this for her.

17.1.90

Home visit - no reply. There had been no prior arrangement for this visit.

S.S.W.'s had been on industrial action from 6/11/89 to 16/1/90  
Notes read C.B.

SMCD/PF.

18.1.90

Home visit - no reply. Lorraine had often stated that if she were not at home she would be at her sister's house MRS.MCMULLAN, 104 NETHERHILL ROAD. 887.9117.

I phoned this number but got no reply.

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29.11.89.

Home visit. Donald and Charles at home with 'Robert'. He explained that Lorraine was at a friend's funeral and he was keeping an eye on the boys. He stated that Lorraine was very worried about the Proof Hearing at the Court and that he was going with her for support.

Donald not too well - off school. He stated that he was not going to Sacred Heart on Thursday.

Charles was bright usual self.

SMCD/EOB

6.12.89.

Home viist. Met Donald in close waiting for his Mum. He stated that since he and Charles were taken into care they were not allowed into house on their own. Charles arrived home, so we sat in the car to wait for Lorraine. She arrived at 4.15 (been waiting since 3.30pm) She had been drinking but was not drunk. I spoke to her about leaving the boys in the close and she stated that she did not mean to be so long. She spoke of Donald stealing two watches from Tam's house. Donald admitted this and stated he would get them back.

Lorraine said that she was depressed because it was coming close to Christmas and there was not much money.

We spoke of Donald's behaviour and I tried to impress on her that this would be for attention. She did not seem to appreciate this and felt that Donald was testing her to see if she would hit him again. She was determined not to do this again.

SMCD/EOB

14.12.89.

Home visit. Charles and Lorraine at home, Donald at his group. Lorraine sober and in a much better frame of mind. She does not seem to have much idea of boys emotional needs and her role as a mother.

Charles looked well spent most of visit spent watching TV.

SMCD/EOB

18.12.89.

Discussed with Sheena McDonald.

Need to be able to offer more structure and support to Mum but until Children's Hearing has been held this cannot happen.

Need to explore variety of options by way of groupwork for the boys and a similar support for Mum. Other options would be to discuss with Hawkhead Family Unit possible psychiatric/psychological input.

WE/EOB

Jan 1984

SSW now back at work (Industrial Action). The following points need clarification:-

- ① Issue of mother being out overnight + her drinking.
- ② " " " whether visits are by prior arrangement, as child often appears not to be at home
- ③ More specific information required whenever possible, eg "babysitter", "Robert", "Tam" not sufficient. Full names + addresses where possible.
- ④ Mother to be seen as our to raise issues, eg drinking / nature of relationship with "Robert", how she deals with the children - sanctions used, etc.

*Robbie Bell SSW*

DATE	PROGRESS NOTES	SIGNATURE
31.10.89.	Case Conference - Donald and Charles placed on 'At Risk' Register. Miss Stewart informed.	SMCD/EOB
1.11.89.	Panel Hearing was continued - children allowed home.	SMCD/EOB
2.11.89.	<u>Home visit.</u> Lorraine was busy cleaning house and making plans to buy new bed covers and re-paint Donald and Charles' bedroom.	
	Charles arrived home. Looked well and stated he was glad to be back at school.	
	<u>Sacred Heart Group.</u> Donald acting very loud and aggressive. Stated that he was pleased to be home but was worried about Mum starting to shout at him again. He also asked about another Panel and I explained to him about Charles having to go to the Sheriff for proof.	<i>Stewart</i> SSS <i>Zell</i>
8.11.89.	<u>Home visit 3.30pm</u> Lorraine not at home - man answered the door who claimed he was the babysitter. Lorraine was said to be at her sisiter's house.	
	Visit to 104 Netherhill Road - no reply.	SMCD/EOB
9.11.89.	<u>Home visit.</u> BABysitter answered again.	
	Saw Donald at Sacred Heart. He stated that the babysitter - Robert "Bananas" was caring for himself and Charles a lot while Miss Stewart was out.	SMCD/EOB
14.11.89.	Donald to office for contact group. Stated that things went well over the weekend but that this Robert was caring for the boys overnight as Mum was out. She returned during the day but went back out before boys returned from school. Donald stated that he got on well with Robert!	SMCD/EOB
16.11.89.	<u>Home visit.</u> No one at home.	
	Donald at Sacred Heart. Stated that there was still a lot of shouting going on in the house, but Mum seemed a lot calmer. She was worried about Charles' proff Hearing which was coming up soon.	SMCD/EOB
21.11.89.	Donald to office. Looked well and slightly happier. He stated that things were going well at home and that he had spent some time at the weekend with 'Gran', Mrs McMillan. This had given both Donald and his Mum a break.	
	I explained that John Docherty was still off sick and that the contact group would be cancelled for a while.	SMCD/EOB
23.11.89.	<u>Home visit.</u> Miss Stewart, Charles, Donald and Robert at home. Lorraine stated tht she was worried about the proof Hearing but otherwise things were going well. Charles had just had a bath and was sitting in his gressing gown. There were no marks or bruises on his body. Whole family stated that it had been much more pleasant at home. Lorraine and Donald still shout at each other. I was not introduced to Robert but Lorraine stated that he was a friend of hers who was staying for a short while. I was unable to clarify if this was a close relationship but the boys seemed happy at his presence.	SMCD/EOB
30.11.89.	CASE RECORDS APPROVED	WE/EOB

Resp for  
D.M at Home. } Investigates  
Reception,

Ellen

T/C this a.m. from Helen (? strange person) at Beech Ave re Donald Stewart

You're probably aware of the incident at Balrossie last week where Tom McKeeon separated Donald & another boy fighting. Donald now accusing Tom McKeeon of having assaulted him. (H. Trowdale retracted this statement saying Donald did not make this statement)?

Today Donald is saying he's sick and refusing to go to school.

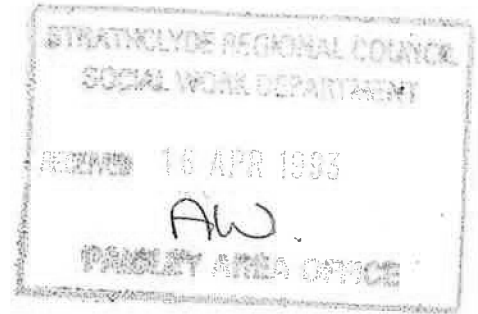
Helen told me that since you weren't around I'd to get up there & "remove" Donald to school. Also I'd to enlist Balrossie's help in removing Donald to school as they hadn't been helpful when she'd phoned earlier.

Suggested to Helen that the situation was not urgent. Said I'd advise you when you came in & you could contact Balrossie & Beech Ave & probably arrange to see Donald; at some point.

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PS Also advised Helen that I am not empowered to "physically remove children" anyway.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL



Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

MEMORANDUM

From: Reporter's Dept

To: Social Work Dept  
Abbey House ✓

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

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

Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate.

Date of Hearing:

Name:

Decision:

699, 3

AW

Donald Stewart  
8d Blackhall Court  
Paisley

LAR-44(1)(a) varied to  
44(1)(b) Beech Avenue CH

Date 14th April 1993

\*Delete as appropriate

for Reporter

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

At<sup>1</sup> 10 Green Lane  
Paisley on 6/4/93

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region by way of variation of [and in substitution for]\*

the supervision requirement dated<sup>2</sup> 22/12/92

to which<sup>3</sup> Donald Stewart

is subject, hereby require him/her\* [to reside in<sup>4</sup> Beech Avenue Childrens Home  
Beech Ave -  
Paisley

[to be under the supervision of<sup>5</sup> Strathclyde Region Social Work Dept

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated<sup>2</sup> 22/12/92.

is hereby revoked.

*Carl Lorne*  
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.

etc.

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

1 Place and date  
2 Date of previous supervision requirement  
3 Name of child  
4 Name of residential establishment  
5 Name of local authority or other supervisor  
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Reporter:

F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

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

## NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on..... Tuesday 6th April 1993

at..... 2.00 pm ..... within..... 10 Glen Lane, Paisley

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

Name

Time of Case

Reason for Appearance



699/85

Donald Stewart <sup>AW</sup>  
8d Blackhall Court  
Paisley

3.15 pm

Continued Hearing



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cc SWD: Abbey House, West Yonderton

Date ..... 29th March 1993

*Anna Marie Gordon*  
for Reporter

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## NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

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at..... 2.00 p.m. .... within..... 10 Glen Lane, Paisley

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Reason for Appearance

699/85

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8D Blackhall Court  
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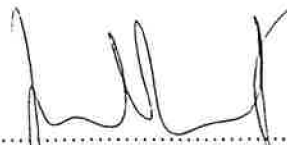
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Abbey House ✓  
West Yonderton

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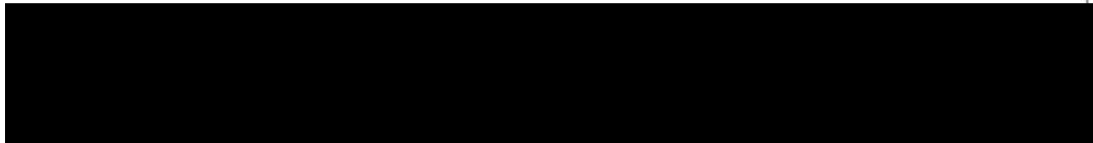
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Date of Hearing:

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Decision:

9th March 1993



Donald Stewart
8d Blackhall Court
Paisley

A.W

Grds & Cont.Grds-Hearing continued

Social Work Department
A. Wood

Date ....22nd March 1993

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A Woods

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Decision:

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22nd December 1992

Donald Stewart <sup>AW</sup>  
8d Blackhall Court  
Paisley

LAR-44(1) (b) varied to 44(1) (a)  
with community parents

Date 24th December 1992

Annie Marie Girdle  
for Reporter

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**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968  
THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986

At<sup>1</sup>

10 Gleskare, Paisley on 22/12/92

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region by way of variation of [and in substitution for]\*

the supervision requirement dated<sup>2</sup> 28/7/92

to which<sup>3</sup> Donald Stewart 59 Gleskare Ave, ~~Paisley~~ Neilston

is subject, hereby require him/her\* [to reside in<sup>4</sup>

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[to be under the supervision of<sup>5</sup> Director, Social Work,  
Strathclyde

]

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated<sup>2</sup> 28/7/92

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*R B B*  
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Chairman of the children's hearing

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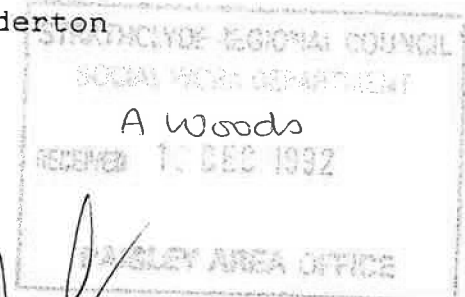
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699/85	Donald Stewart <sup>AW</sup> 8d Blackhall Court Paisley	2.00 pm	48(2) Review

cc SWD: Abbey House, Johnstone, West Yonderton



Date 14th December 1992.....

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 for Reporter

**Strathclyde Regional Council**  
Social Work Department

Director: F E Edwards RD BA MUniv FBIM

Our Ref: PAT/LC.AL

Your Ref:

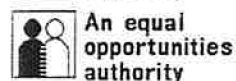
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**Strathclyde**

SCOTLAND



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Abbey House  
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PAISLEY PA1 1JS

Tel: 041 842 5151 Fax: 041 842 5144  
If phoning or calling ask for: Leslie Cameron

Area Reporter's Department  
10, Glen Lane,  
PAISLEY.

Dear Julie/Annemarie,


Re: Donald Stewart (12.9.77) 44(1)(b) Beech Avenue

Will you please call an early Review in respect of the above named in terms of Sec. 48(2) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

A Child Care Review on 21.7.93 made a decision about a longer term care plan for Donald which involves a move to a family placement.

A full report will follow on Angus Wood's return from annual leave on 9.8.93.

Yours sincerely,

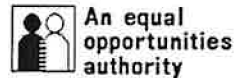
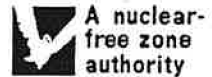
  
Leslie Cameron  
Senior Social Worker

# Memorandum



**Strathclyde**

**SCOTLAND**



Tel: 041 842 5151  
Our Ref: PAT/LC/GC  
Your Ref:  
Date: 23 July 1993

From: L Cameron, Senior Social Worker  
Abbey House

To: L Watson, ADO Child Care  
District Headquarters

**SUBJECT: Donald Stewart, (12/9/77), 44 (1) (b) Beech Avenue**

Please find attached Form F assessment in respect of the Campbell family, 49 Chepstow Rd, Clifton, Swinton, Greater Manchester.

Salford Social Services completed it and have given very positive reports of their contact with them. They have also been in touch while Donald was staying with the family.

Will you please present this at the next Fostering Adoption Panel for consideration of a regular payment to the Campbells in respect of their care of Donald.

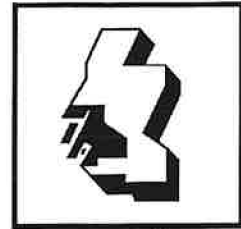
A CCR held on 21/7/93 recommended that a Panel be convened with a view to Donald residing with the family in Manchester. I have also written to the District Manager requesting that he consider meeting the initial cost of a move in terms of material needs Donald may have.

  
L Cameron  
Senior Social Worker

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## Memorandum

Tel: 041 842 5190  
Our Ref: PAT/AW/GC  
Your Ref:  
Date: 16/4/93



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From: Angus Wood  
Social Worker

To: Area Manager  
Paisley Central Area Team

**SUBJECT: Donald Stewart**

Donald is a 15 year old boy in residential care. He has been offered a four day Ocean Youth Club training course starting on 25/4/93.

One of the features of Donald's situation has been the breakdown in his relationship with his mother. The relationship has deteriorated to such a degree that rehabilitation is not an option for Donald. The current work plan is to prepare Donald for independent living.

Donald's mother has refused to sign the O.Y.C consent form. Denial of this opportunity would set Donald back in terms of his already fragile self esteem, and would be inconsistent with this departments plan to encourage Donald to become responsible and self-reliant.

Can I therefore ask for your permission for Donald to take part in the O.Y.C course.

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Director: F E Edwards RD BA MUniv FBIM

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The Reporter's Department  
Glen Lane  
Paisley

Dear Sir/Madam

Name: Donald Stewart

Address: Beech Avenue Childrens Home

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

I am writing to ask for an early Review on the above named child.

A report will follow.

Could the panel be arranged as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Senior Social Worker

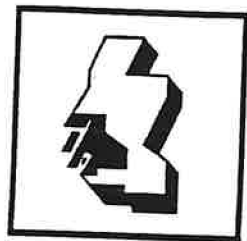
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Date: 10th March 1993



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Gail Morris

Senior Social Worker (Child Care)

Swinton Community Social Work Team

SWINTON

Greater Manchester

Dear Ms Morris

RE: JOHN CAMPBELL, 49 CHEPSTOW RD, CLIFTON, SWINTON, GREATER MANCHESTER.

The above named has contacted this office with a view to offering accommodation/care to a young man Donald Stewart (DOB 12.09.77) who is presently in our care.

Donald Stewart has been in Local Authority care several times throughout his life, primarily as a result of the breakdown of his relationship with his mother. He was received into our care in March 1990 and it was acknowledged that rehabilitation would be unlikely. Donald was placed in a Children's home and a Community Parent placement pursued. Unfortunately this placement broke down fairly quickly and other alternatives have to be explored.

There were a number of contributing factors to this breakdown, including limited preparation of the child and carers and a differing view of whether Donald would be offered care and control as opposed to a more independent lodgings placement. Donald has shown however, that he would commit himself to any project which he himself proposes. He is acquainted with Mr Campbell as the brother-in-law of a friend.

Mr Campbell has indicated his willingness to be assessed, undergoing Police Checks etc and is willing to offer Donald a home. This is what Donald himself would wish.

Donald is presently on a statutory Supervision Order through the Children's Hearing System and if he were to move we would wish this to be continued. He is presently living in a Children's Home which we believe is no longer appropriate to his needs.

As part of our investigation of alternatives, will you please undertake an assessment of the above named with a view to him offering Donald Stewart a home, but also a measure of care and guidance. I would appreciate if this could be done as quickly as possible.

Yours Sincerely

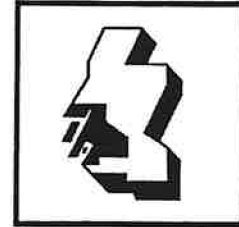
  
Leslie Cameron  
Senior Social Worker

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Mr John Campbell  
49 Chepstow Road  
Clifton  
WINTON  
Greater Manchester

Dear Mr Campbell

Further to our recent telephone conversation, can I have your permission to ask Salford Social Services Department to go ahead with the checks which need to be made before Donald Stewart can stay with you?

Could you contact me so that we can discuss the matter in some more detail?

Thank you for the interest you are taking in Donald's situation. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Angus Wood  
Social Worker

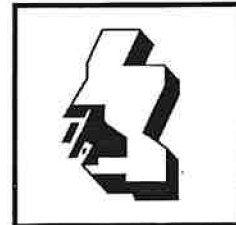
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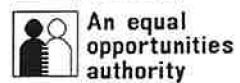
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The Reporter's Department  
Glen Lane  
PAISLEY

Dear Sir/Madam

Name: Donald Stewart

Address: 59 Glen Shee Avenue, Neilston/8d Blackhall Court, Paisley, PA2 7ES.

Date of Birth: 12.09.77

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I am writing to ask for an early Review on the above named child/ren.

A report is included/will follow.

Could the Panel be arranged as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Senior Social Worker

PAT/AW/AL  
1.12.92

Angus Wood

The Reporter to Children's Hearing,  
10, Glen Lane,  
PAISLEY.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Donald Stewart - D.O.B. 12.9.77

The above named young person has been linked with Community Parents as planned, and introductions are underway.

I am writing to request an early Review Hearing. I enclose a Review Report which describes Donald's current situation.

It is anticipated that Donald could be ready to move in with his Community Parents by the end of December, 1992.

Yours faithfully,

Angus Wood  
Social Worker

The family subsequently approached the Department to offer Donald a permanent home. Salford Social Services have undertaken a very thorough assessment and Mr and Mrs Campbell have fully co-operated with this. Donald has since then spent planned time with the family very successfully. He has made friends locally. Mr Campbell indicated Donald had settled into family expectations and routine reasonably well, given his lengthy time in care. He is negotiating willingly, and accepts guidance. He presented a very positive attitude and commitment to Donald. Donald himself sees this as a future home base.

Staff at Beech Avenue and Social Worker Angus Wood indicated that Donald is evidently benefiting from this positive experience. There are some physical alterations required to the family home to enable Donald to have his own space, ie a room divide. The local Housing Authority have agreed to this provided it meets safety standards.

Donald appears to get on well with the family children and they look forward to him coming.

#### EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

Reid Kerr broke down following an incident involving Donald damaging a car in the staff Park. Since then attempts have been made to secure work experience, without success.

Mr Campbell, with Donald, has investigated options in the Manchester Area and there is an option similar to Reid Kerr, locally.

#### HOME

Contact with Mrs Irvine has been limited. However she is aware of proposals and recent situation and agrees.

#### HEALTH

Although Donald has slight asthma and hayfever he does not require to use his inhaler. There are no other health problems.

#### CONCLUSION

Mr and Mrs Campbell appear to have given serious consideration to offering Donald a home. They have fully co-operated with assessment and contact from Salford Social Services.

They are also aware of the financial implications as they are in receipt of income support.

Donald is clearly enjoying the positive family experience and showing signs of developing maturity. He is happier, behaviour consistently better and talking about the family.

It is therefore unanimously agreed that a move be proposed to Manchester through the Children's Hearing system. It was also proposed that the Department would attempt to meet the cost of this in terms of providing material needs and alteration to the family home. Leslie Cameron will request this via the District Manager.

PAT/AW/AG 27.05.93

Strathclyde Regional Council

Social Work Department

Eastwood/Renfrew District

**REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING**

Name: Donald Stewart

Address: Beech Avenue  
Children's Home

Date of Birth: 12.09.77

Home Address: 8d Blackhall Ct  
Paisley

School Attended: None

Religion:

Section of Legislation: 44(1)(b)

Reason for review: Update on progress regarding care plan.  
by whom called Review called by Social Work Department.

New Grounds of referral (if appropriate): None

Significant changes since previous report: See Report

Changes in Social Work Department or Worker: None

Contact with other agencies: Steps to Independence Project  
Salford Social Services

Report compiled by: Angus Wood  
Paisley Area Team  
Abbey House

Date report completed: 27.05.93

### HOME SITUATION

Donald was received into care in 1990 as a result of a breakdown in the relationship with his mother, who had physically assaulted him some months previously. Donald's mother was married about a year ago to a Mr Steven Irvine.

Donald's relationship with Mrs Irvine has continued to be problematic and, although clearly she is an important feature in his emotional life, a return to the family home has been ruled out by Donald and his mother. At present Mrs Irvine absolutely refuses to see Donald, and recently refused to give her consent to Donald taking part in a sail training programme.

### TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Donald refused to attend school from September 1992 until January this year. He enrolled at Reid Kerr College in January, and was noted as a committed and enthusiastic participant in Auto Engineering and Construction courses. However in February he broke into a staff member's car, and was immediately excluded from college.

He is not eligible for a Youth Training placement until Christmas 1993. In order to provide some structured activity in the interim, a short Ocean Youth Club Sail Training course was arranged. Donald took part in this course but was unable to complete it because of an incompatibility between him and the crew.

Further structured educational or training opportunities are being sought as a priority.

### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

For some months, Donald has been expressing a wish to move to some form of independent living. In recognition of this, a place was sought in Redheugh Hostel, which unfortunately announced its closure before Donald's place could be confirmed. An application has been made to the Steps to Independence Project for supported lodgings, but a placement is unlikely to become available for some months.

Recently Donald has made contact with a Mr & Mrs Campbell, who live at 49 Chepstow Road, Clifton, Swinton, Greater Manchester. Mr & Mrs Campbell have two children aged 8 and 5. He spent two nights with the Campbells some months ago. The Campbells have offered to care for Donald, either on a respite basis or in the long term. Donald has established a trusting relationship with the Campbells and is enthusiastic about the prospect of spending more time with them.

The necessary boarding out and fostering checks have been carried out with Salford Social Services and the police. These checks have proved satisfactory.

Donald spent three nights with the Campbells recently on a trial respite basis. Feedback from Donald, the Campbells and Salford Social Services has been positive and a series of further visits is planned.

BEECH AVENUE CHILDREN'S HOME

Donald has been unsettled in Beech Avenue and both he and the staff believe his placement there is reaching the end of its usefulness. In April a place became available in the Independent Living Unit at Carsewood Children's Home and Donald spent a number of overnights there. However, after discussions involving Donald and staff from the residential units, it was judged that, given the new challenge and opportunity presented by the Campbells, Donald would meantime benefit from the stability of his home base at Beech Avenue.

The staff at Beech Avenue and Donald acknowledge that his placement there is far from ideal but there is a commitment to making it work until the situation regarding the Campbells becomes clearer.

AREA OF CONCERN

Donald has recently become interested in driving cars. He apparently paid some money for one in early April and it is believed that he drove it on waste ground. This car was destroyed by vandals, but driving still holds a fascination for Donald. He has been informed of severe consequences of driving while under age. Work continues with Donald on this issue.

CONCLUSION

The care plan for Donald Stewart is to acknowledge his expressed wish to move to a more independent form of living, while recognising the vulnerability brought about by his family history and experience of life in care.

Donald presents as having a high estimation of his own ability to cope with new situations. However, his recent past contains instances which indicate that he is still an immature 15 year old. These include the incident at Reid Kerr College, his behaviour problems at Beech Avenue, his interest in driving cars and his inability to cope with the social demands of the sail training course.

An opportunity has presented itself to Donald in the form of the Campbells offer of care and accommodation in Swinton. Trial visits are underway. A Child Care Review will be held after the next trial visit. At that stage a Review Hearing may wish to consider varying Donald's Supervision Order to take account of the developing plan. At the present time however, a Children's Hearing does not appear appropriate.

Angus Wood  
Social Worker

*Strathclyde Regional Council*

*Social Work Department*

***SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CHILDREN'S HEARING***

Name: Donald Stewart

Address: Beech Avenue  
Children's Home  
Paisley.

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

School Attended: None

Home Address if different:  
8d, Blackhall Street,  
Paisley.

**HOME SITUATION**

Donald's mother at present refuses to see him. Recently she refused to give her consent to Donald taking part in a sail training programme. The poor relationship between Donald and his mother is the basis of his present involvement with this department and it continues to present him with great difficulties.

**RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

As indicated in previous reports, Beech Avenue Children's Home is of decreasing value to Donald and efforts are being made to identify a more appropriate home base for him.

A Mr. Campbell who lives in Swinton, Greater Manchester, has been identified as a potential carer, and the necessary checks with Salford Social Services and the police have proved satisfactory. Donald successfully spent a weekend with Mr. Campbell and his family and this option appears to present opportunities for positive future development.

A fuller report on this topic will be presented shortly to the Reporter's Department.

**NEW GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL**

Donald enrolled in an Auto Engineering Course at Reid Kerr College early this year. This was viewed by all concerned with Donald as a very positive development. Donald attended the course punctually and without fail.

Unfortunately on 17th February, Donald attempted within the college grounds to break into a staff member's car. This was apparently done in front of a group of other students.

Donald accepts the grounds for referral. He deeply regrets the incident, particularly because it resulted in his exclusion from Reid Kerr College.

The incident appears to have been an example of status-seeking, and is an indicator of Donald's low self esteem and still limited horizon s./....

CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION

Donald Stewart is a young person with a history of severe family problems.

He has been in care for about three years and has very low self-esteem. The offence in question is part of a pattern of behaviour resulting from these difficulties. There is a strong possibility of a change in Donald's circumstances in the near future.

An early Review has been sought regarding the possibility of Donald spending time in Swinton, and a report will follow in the near future.

Regarding the present Grounds for Referral, the recommendation of this department is that no further action be taken.

*A Wood*

Angus Wood  
Social Worker

*Strathclyde Regional Council*

*Social Work Department*

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CHILDREN'S HEARING**

Name: Donald Stewart

Address: Beech Avenue  
Children's Home  
PAISLEY

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

School Attended: NONE

Home Address if different:  
8d Blackhall Court  
PAISLEY

**INTRODUCTION**

Donald attended a continued Hearing on 9 March 1993, which was to consider varying his order to name Redheugh Hostel. At that Hearing the Panel was informed that Redheugh was to close, and would not be able to accept Donald. No other appropriate hostel placements are available within a realistic timescale.

The Panel discussed with Donald the possibility of his moving to Swinton, Greater Manchester, to live with the family of a friend. The Hearing was continued to permit this option to be explored.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Mr Campbell, Donald's friend in Swinton, has indicated his willingness for the relevant checks to be carried out to assess his suitability to look after Donald. Liaison has taken place between this department and Salford Social Services Department. At the time of writing they have allocated a worker to make an assessment of Mr Campbell and his family's circumstances. Initial routine Police checks appear to be satisfactory.

**CURRENT SITUATION**

Donald has remained at Beech Avenue since the breakdown of his community parent placement. He continues to feel restless there, and it is clear that the placement is reaching the limits of its effectiveness for Donald.

The matter of education or training has been made difficult by Donald's exclusion from Reid Kerr College. He is eligible for Y.T. in May. For insurance reasons, work experience is not available to Donald. However, a place on an Ocean Youth Club training vessel has been secured for one week in April. It is hoped that this prospect will provide Donald with a goal for the coming weeks.

ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

The option of a move to Swinton remains open to Donald, and it remains his preferred course of action. However, at the time of writing the final checks have not been completed by Salford Social Services Department. When these have been carried out it is anticipated that there would be a planned introductory period to living in Swinton.

Donald would clearly need safeguarding against the possibility of the arrangement not working out.

For the above reasons the recommendation of this department is that Donald's Supervision order be varied to name Beech Avenue Children's Home. It is anticipated that an early review would be sought as soon as the result of Donald's proposal introductory period in Swinton was known.

*A. Wood*

Angus Wood  
SOCIAL WORKER

*Strathclyde Regional Council*  
*Social Work Department*

***SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CHILDREN'S HEARING***

Name: Donald Stewart

Address: Beech Avenue  
Children's Home  
Paisley

Date of Birth: 12.09.77

School Attended: Excluded from Reid Kerr College

Home Address if different:  
8d Blackhall Court  
Paisley

Introduction:

Donald attended a Review Hearing on 15.02.93. The Hearing had been requested as a result of the breakdown of Donald's Community Parent placement. It was continued to enable the Social Work Department to pursue the option of hostel accommodation for Donald.

Recent Events:

Until mid-February, Donald was successfully attending Reid Kerr College for four half-days per week, taking part in Auto Engineering and Construction courses. On 17.02.93 he was excluded from the college, having apparently been charged with breaking into a staff member's car. The college will on no account re-admit Donald during this session.

The Social Education Unit was pursued as a temporary educational resource, but currently has no vacancies. There appear to be no such resources available in the period between now and April, when Donald becomes eligible for Youth Training.

Donald visited Redheugh Hostel twice in February and an application was made which staff indicated was being considered very favourably. Unfortunately, Redheugh was informed last week that it is to close down. The officer in charge has been instructed not to accept any new referrals. Consequently, this opportunity has been closed down for Donald. Other hostels have been contacted but none are appropriate.

On 24.02.93, Donald hitch-hiked with a friend to Swinton near Manchester. He stayed there for two nights at the home of his friend's sister and her husband. By arrangement with Salford Social Services Department and the local police, Donald was returned to Beech Avenue on 26.02.93. Mr John Campbell, the brother-in-law of Donald's friend played a responsible part in the above events, informing the relevant agencies locally and contacting this Department.

Current Situation:

Donald is residing at Beech Avenue. This placement, as stated in previous reports, is not appropriate in the long term and Donald agrees that he must move on soon. The sudden decision by the Salvation Army to close Redheugh has been a severe setback. As a result, a Child Care Review will be held in the near future to decide the best course of action.

One new possibility has been opened up by Mr Campbell in Swinton expressing an interest in looking after Donald. Donald is enthusiastic about this. There is obviously a great deal to be found out before the appropriateness of this course of action can be assessed. Initial approaches to Salford Social Services have been made in this respect.

Assessment/Recommendation:

Because of the unexpected closure of Redheugh, the situation remains very fluid. Appropriate alternative accommodation for Donald can not be found immediately. The option of Donald being looked after in Swinton requires to be explored thoroughly. Donald has no real emotional ties in Paisley and he states that he experienced respect and acceptance with Mr Campbell's family.

In the light of these uncertainties, the Panel may wish to continue the Hearing to permit the option of a move to Swinton to be explored more fully. Other resources, such as a place in a teenage independence unit in a Children's Home may have to be considered along side this.

Angus Wood  
Social Worker

# Strathclyde Regional Council

## Social Work Department

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CHILDREN'S HEARING

Name: Donald Stewart

Address: Beech Avenue  
Children's Home  
Paisley

Date of Birth: 12.09.77

School Attended: Balrossie

Home Address if different:  
8d Blackhall Court  
Paisley

The following information is offered to update the Review Report which this Department provided on 27.11.92.

#### COMMUNITY PARENTS

Donald has been linked with Mr & Mrs Lamont, who live at 59 Glen Shee Avenue, Neilston. Mr & Mrs Lamont have satisfied the necessary Boarding Out Regulations and Police Checks, and have experience of this kind of work, having worked in Supported Lodgings and showed a capacity to deal with several placements.

Mr & Mrs Lamont are in their 50's. They have grown up children who often visit the family home. Their grandchildren feature largely in the life of the family. The oldest is about Donald's age and the others are much younger. Many extended family members live locally and will enable Donald to find his feet in the Community.

A younger boy, Daniel is also placed with the Lamont's. Donald and Daniel will have their own bedrooms. Daniel was noted as getting on well with an older boy in the previous placement.

#### THE PLACEMENT

First introductions have been successfully completed and Donald has been taken through a carefully phased series of overnight stays, leading up to a long weekend stay which will take place just prior to the Children's Hearing. Both Donald and the Lamont's feel very positive about the placement. Donald responds well to the mixture of firm boundaries and personal warmth offered by Mrs Lamont. To date Donald has got on well with Daniel.

#### EDUCATION

As indicated in the previous report, Donald was a school refuser for most of the autumn term. He attended an Open Day at Reid Kerr College in November followed by an interview. He has subsequently gained a place on a vocational course at the college, starting in January. Initially this course will involve attending for five half days per week. The Department's Social Education Unit is available to support Donald in the transition to college life, to the extent of providing supplementary sessions during the week. Donald appears enthusiastic and committed to the idea of college.

CONCLUSION

Donald has come successfully through his introduction to Community Parents. Mr & Mrs Lamont can offer several things. They are an active family and their social networks can offer Donald a context through which to become part of the Community. Additionally, they can offer role models. They can offer him a degree of independence through having his own room and personal space. They can also offer firm boundaries and opportunities to be nurtured.

This Department can unreservedly recommend that Donald's Residential Supervision Order be altered to a Home Supervision Order with a condition to reside at Mr & Mrs Lamont's address.

*A.W. Wood*

Angus Wood  
Social Worker  
17.12.92

INTERIM PLANNING MEETING ON DONALD STEWART (12.9.77) AND MR & MRS LAMOND, 59 GLENSHEE AVENUE, NEILSTON, GLASGOW

The initial plans of introduction from 24 November to 5 December 1992 have went very well. Donald is happy at the possibility of his placement with Mr and Mrs Lamond and Mr and Mrs Lamond feel that Donald will be able to integrate in their family. Due to the success of these provisional introductions, a further series of introductions has been made up until the Children's Hearing date on 22 December 1992 when hopefully Donald will be placed within the Lamond's care.

Wednesday 8 December 1992

12.30 p.m. - Mr Lamond to collect Donald at Beach Avenue Children's Home and take him to their home. Donald to stay overnight and Mr Lamond to return him to Beach Avenue Children's Home on Wednesday 9 December 1992 at approximately 6.00 p.m.

Friday 11 December 1992

Mr Lamond to collect Donald at Beach Avenue Children's Home and Donald to stay with the Lamonds until Sunday 13 December 1992. Mr Lamond will return Donald to Beach Avenue Children's home at approximately 6.00 p.m.

Tuesday 15 December 1992

Child Care Review arranged at Mr and Mrs Lamond's house at 11.30 a.m. Donald will attend the Review and stay overnight with Mr and Mrs Lamond and Mr Lamond will return Donald to Beach Avenue Children's Home at approximately 6.00 p.m.

Friday 18 December 1992

Mr and Mrs Lamond to collect Donald at Beach Avenue Children's Home and Donald to remain with Mr and Mrs Lamond until the Children's Hearing on 22 December 1992 when it is hoped that his Order will be varied. A Condition of Residence will be made with Mr and Mrs Lamond.

Practical Issues

Medical

Beach Avenue will arrange Donald's medical for the morning of 18 December 1992.

Clothing

Beach Avenue will finance adequate clothing for Donald's transfer to Mr and Mrs Lamond.

Furniture

Furniture has been organised, and Mr and Mrs Lamond have to go and pick the furnishings they wish for Donald's room.

Car Mileage

Mileage claim will be completed by Mr Lamond for the journeys during the introductions.

Social Work Support

A new social worker is to be allocated for Donald, and this will hopefully take place prior to the Child Care Review on 15 December 1992.

Children's Hearing Date

The date for the Children's Hearing is 22 December 1992. No time has yet been made.

Education

Donald will hopefully gain a place at Reid Kerr College some time in January 1993, but if this does not succeed the Social Education Unit in Paisley will offer support until such times when Donald can commence college.

Telephone Numbers

Mr and Mrs Lamond  
59 Glenshee Avenue  
NEILSTON  
Tel : 041 880 7355

Jackie Kerr  
Social Worker  
RFFC  
115 Wellington Street  
GLASGOW  
Tel : 041 227 6044

Alex Neil  
Social Worker  
RFFC  
115 Wellington Street  
GLASGOW  
Tel : 041 227 6044

Angus Woods  
Social Worker  
Paisley Social Work Department  
Tel : 041 842 5151

Donny Rankin  
OIC  
Beach Avenue Children's Home  
PAISLEY  
Tel : 041 889 7375

PLAN OF INTRODUCTIONS

Donald Stewart : Date of Birth : 12.9.77

Mr & Mrs Lammond  
59 Glenshee Avenue  
NEILSTON

Tuesday 24 November 1992 : 5pm-6pm - Mr & Mrs Lammond to have an introductory visit to Donald in Beach Avenue Children's Home.

Thursday 16 November 1992 : 5pm-7pm - Angus Woods, Social Worker to escort Donald to Mr & Mrs Lammond's House. Donald will stay for tea. Mr Lammond to escort Donald back to Beach Avenue.

Sunday 29 November 1992 : 11am-7pm - Mr Lammond to escort Donald to their home. Donald to stay for lunch and tea and Mr Lammond to return him to Beach Avenue.

Tuesday 1 December 1992 -

Wednesday 2 December 1992 : 1.30pm- Mr Lammond to collect Donald and take him to their home. Donald to stay overnight and Mr Lammond to return him to Beach Avenue on Wednesday 2 December.

Friday 4 December 1992 -

Saturday 5 December 1992 : 3.30pm (4.12.92) - 6pm (5.12.92) - Angus Woods Social Worker to collect Donald and take him to Mr & Mrs Lammond's. Donald to stay overnight and to be returned to Beach Avenue by Mr & Mrs Lammond on Saturday 5 December.

Interim Planning Meeting : Monday 7 December 1992 @ 5.30pm at Mr & Mrs Lammond's Home.

Telephone Numbers :

Mr & Mrs Lammond 59 Glenshee Avenue NEILSTON	041-880-7355
Jackie Kerr, Social Worker RFFC	041-227-6044
Alex Neil, Social Worker RFFC	041-227-6044
Angus Woods, Social Worker Paisley SWD	041-842-5151
Donny Rankin O.I.C. Beach Avenue Children's Home	041-889-7375

Strathclyde Regional Council  
Social Work Department  
Eastwood/Renfrew District

Date of review:

Outcome:

REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

Name: DONALD STEWART Address: Beech Avenue Children's Home.  
Date of birth: 12.9.77 8d, Blackhall Court,  
School attended: Balrossie Paisley.  
Religion:  
Section of legislation: 44(1)(b)  
Reason for review and by whom called: Request to vary order to 44(1)(a) with condition to reside at Community Parents. Review called by Angus Wood.  
New grounds of referral (if appropriate): None  
Significant changes since previous report: See report  
Changes in Social Work Department or worker: Change of social worker from Ellen Finlayson to Angus Wood  
Contact with other agencies: Psychological Services, Balrossie School, Beech Avenue Children's Home  
Report compiled by: Angus Wood  
Paisley Area Team  
8, Seedhill Road,  
PAISLEY.  
Date report completed: 27.11.92

### HOME SITUATION

Donald's mother married Mr Steven Irvine in February 1992, and since around that time the couple and David's younger brother Charles have lived at 8d Blackhall Court. This is an 8th floor flat in a high rise block which the writer understands to be a joint tenancy between Mr & Mrs Irvine. Donald's younger brother Charles appears to have adapted reasonably well to this change.

Initially Donald's relationship with Mr Irvine was good, and he appeared also to be developing a more relaxed relationship with his mother. The writer understands that, for this reason, Donald was having fairly regular access to his mother early in the year. In the new, more settled circumstances, Mrs Irvine's alcohol consumption has apparently also ceased to be a concern.

The case was allocated to the writer in September 1992, and it was clear at that stage that the home situation had deteriorated. Donald now has an antagonistic relationship with Mr Irvine. Access, which had been arranged for one overnight stay per week, was not successful. Donald's mother and Mr Irvine are currently stating that they do not wish to see Donald. Principally for this reason Donald's overnight home access has been cancelled for the time being.

### BEECH AVENUE

Donald has been unsettled at Beech Avenue since the previous report was submitted. There was a delay in the process of linking Donald with Community Parents. This understandably caused Donald a mounting degree of frustration. He absconded on several occasions over the summer and autumn, usually spending single nights away from Beech Avenue. There have also been a number of incidents in which Donald has been abusive to staff, damaged furniture and broken windows.

Despite the above incidents, Donald has remained fundamentally loyal to the staff at Beech Avenue. It is clear, however, that Donald is in real need for change in his life, and that if his placement at Beech Avenue were to continue beyond the present time it would be of rapidly diminishing use to him.

### SCHOOL

Donald ceased to attend Balrossie school early in the present session, despite continued efforts to persuade him to attend on the part of the writer and Beech Avenue staff.

The question of a suitable educational placement has been discussed with Donald by Lynn Townsend, Educational Psychologist, and her recommendation given Donald's past and continuing difficulties, is to introduce Donald to a course at Reid Kerr College. This matter has been pursued, and at the time of writing Donald is about to begin an induction course at the College.

### BEFRIENDER

Donald benefited greatly from contact with his befriender, Mr Laing, but Mr Laing's living arrangements changed some months ago, making him unable to see Donald as often as before. Lately, however, Mr Laing has gained employment in the Renfrewshire area and has expressed his intention to see Donald regularly once again.

COMMUNITY PARENTS

As already indicated, there was a delay in the process of linking Donald with Community Parents, but Donald has now been introduced to Mr & Mrs Lamont. It is expected that Donald's first overnight stay will be on 01.12.92, the aim being to have him established at the Lamonts' by Christmas.

Donald is very committed to making his placement with the Lamonts' work. He has given some thought to the demands which the new situation would make of him, and appears to have realistic expectations in this regard.

ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

Donald Stewart was received into care as a result of physical abuse by his mother and a subsequent breakdown in that relationship. He has a history of emotional rejections, and has been involved with the Social Work Department since 1986, having been in care continuously, despite efforts to re-establish him at home with his mother since March 1990.

Donald has reached the age of fifteen with very little recent experience of normal family life to prepare him for the adult world. He is in need of a stable, settled home environment. Given the breakdown of Donald's relationship with his mother, this can best be achieved in the circumstances by Community Parents. A placement is now available and introductions are under way.

In recognition of the above developments, which were discussed in outline at a Review Hearing on 27.07.92, the recommendation of this Department is that Donald's Residential Supervision Order be varied to a Home Supervision Order naming Mr & Mrs Lamont's address, 59 Glen Shee Avenue, Neilston.

Angus Wood  
Social Worker  
27.11.92

PAISLEY AREA SOCIAL WORK TEAM

REFERRAL TO GROUPWORK PROGRAMME

DATE OF REFERRAL:

Name: Donald Stewart D.O.B.: 12-9-77  
Address: c/o Beech Ave Legal Status: 44 (1)(b)  
Children's Home  
School: Balrossie Social Worker: Angus Wood  
Guidance Teacher (or Named Contact): .....

FAMILY COMPOSITION At Home:

Lorraine Irvine (Mother) - Recently married to Steven Irvine  
Charles Stewart (9) (Donald's  $\frac{1}{2}$  brother)

PROBLEM AREAS

Family Donald's relationship with his mother has deteriorated to a point where there is no possibility of him living with her. There was a knife attack on Donald by his mother in 1987 which resulted in a Child Abuse investigation and R.I.C. Mother had a drink problem, now apparently better.

School Currently not attending Balrossie School. Virtually no attendance since Aug '92.

Behaviour: Problems resulting from "answering back" last term, suspensions etc.

Attendance:

Community One or two in recent months:- acting as a "look out", Breach of the

Offences: Peace, Littering with Intent etc. Also has stolen items from Beech Avenue lately.

Peer Relationships: Presently spends time with an older friend, Tony, who has family in Manchester. Seems to associate with young people he has met in the social work system. Lately has got involved in street fights along with others.

Others:

REFERRAL TO GROUPWORK PROGRAMME (Cont'd.)

OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN (e.g. self image, solvent/alcohol/drugs, sexuality, etc.)

Donald has been approved for Community Parents and there has been a hold up in the process.

GROUPWORK

Previous Involvement in Groupwork

Has had substantial experience of groupwork prior to present period in care.

Reasons for Referral to Current Groupwork Programme

Donald needs to find outlets, particularly given the hold-up with C. parents, which

- (a) Put him in touch with a peer group
- (b) Give him challenges, and alternatives to his present narrowed-down focus on the social work system.

ACTION TAKEN

Discussed with PRC on 15/10/97.  
Suggested short planned attendance at MSG with view to introduction to structured groups or organizations in the community.

BACKGROUND/ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

BASIC DETAILS

S & R Group Appointment: 15 Oct. 92 Re-referral: YES / NO

CHILD'S NAME: Donald Stewart ADDRESS: 90 Beech Ave  
 D.O.B: 12 9 77 SCHOOL: Balrossie (8 D. Blackhall Ct).  
 LEGAL STATUS: NONE  VOL 29(2)  44 1(a)  44 1(b)  Other  SEX: M / F

SOCIAL WORKER: Angus Woods

CATEGORY OF REFERRAL

1. NEW OR ADDITIONAL GROUNDS

- a) Beyond Control  b) Moral Danger  c) Lack of Par. Care  d) Victim Offence   
 dd) At Risk  e) Incest Assoc  f) School Non Att.  g) Offending   
 gg) Solvent Abuse.

2. REVIEW HEARING

Reason.....

3. CONSULTATION

AREAS OF CONCERN

Home: Main area of concern remains relationship with mother. Been in care 3+ yrs. Negative influence from mother. Community Parents have been identified but final complications. Isolated in Ch. home.

School: Since summer refusing to attend Balrossie, School would like him off their books.

Community: No peer gr. Oldest member in Beech Ave. His "extra" free time during day - drifting into potentially offending behaviour. Has spent time with Police - loitering with intent.

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

N/A

- \* NFA  Vol 29(2)  44 1(a)  44 1(b)  Continue hearing   
 Continue Order  Other .....

CHILD'S NAME:

ATTENDANCE: Donald Stewart.

DATE: 15th Oct. '97

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

Centred around delay re community parents and this effect on Donald. Discussed possible community group or organisation for "normalisation", identity, structure e.g. cadet unit.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

- 1. No Resources required.
- 2. More info. needed  Specify.....
- 3. Link to Comm Based Group  Specify... Cadets
- 4. Minimum Support group (a) Assess  b) Comm.  c) Holding
- 5. Individual Work  6. Family Work  7) School Work
- 8. I.T. Group  Setting..... 9. School work.
- 10. Community Assessment Meeting.
- 11. DRAM: a) CSP  b) Soc. Ed.  c) Short Stay  d) Consult.
- 12. Residential Care  Specify.....
- 13. Other Resources  Specify.....

ACTION PLAN

WHAT

WHO

WHEN

Arrange meeting between S.W. I.T. and Donald to

Angus.

A.S.A.P.

discuss short term placement in Min. Support Gp.



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Information, etc. (Scotland) Rules 1971  
Rule 6(1)(2)(3)

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**DEPARTMENT OF REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL**

Reporter: F. J. KENNEDY OBE LL.B

**MEMORANDUM**

From: Reporter's Department  
10 Glen Lane, Paisley, PA3 2HU

To: Social Work Department  
Abbey House & Renfrew

**SUBJECT: REPORTERS' DUTIES AND TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION, ETC (SCOTLAND)**  
**RULES 1971 - RULE 6(1)(2)(3)**

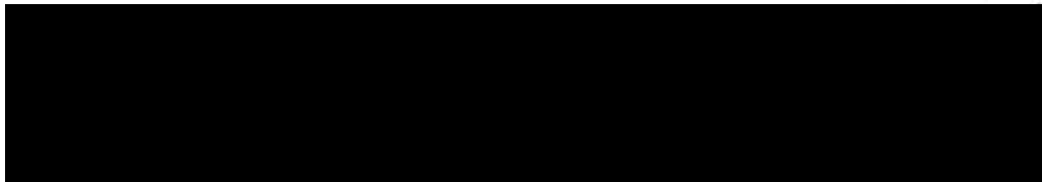
In accordance with instruction contained in Rule 6 of the above Statutory Instrument the decision(s) made by a Children's Hearing are undemoted.

Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate.

Date of Hearing: 14th March 1994

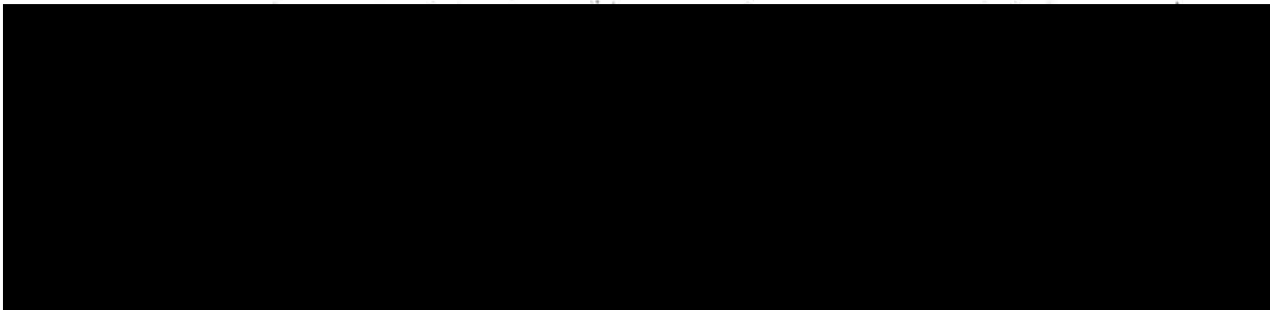
Name:

Details of referral:



699/85  
RL  
Donald Stewart  
c/o Harkins  
3k Cowal Drive  
Linwood  
(SWD Abbey House)

44(1)(a) terminated



**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968  
THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986

At<sup>1</sup> *The Children's Hearing Rooms*  
*18 Glen Lane*  
*Paisley 14 March, 1979*

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region hereby terminate the supervision requirement attached and docketed with reference hereto as from<sup>2</sup> *14 March, 1979*

*Donald Stewart*  
*to Harkins*  
*36 Canal Drive*  
*Curwood*



Chairman of the children's hearing

- 1 Place and date
- 2 Date which termination is to take effect

Strathclyde Regional Council

Social Work Department

Eastwood/Renfrew District

**REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING**

Name: Donald Stewart Address: c/o Harkins  
3K Cowal Drive  
Linwood

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

School Attended:

Religion: Protestant

Section of Legislation: Section 44(1)(a) with Condition of Residence

Reason for review and: Breakdown in nominated placement  
by whom called Social Work

New Grounds of referral  
(if appropriate):

Significant changes since  
previous report: Breakdown in nominated place of residence

Changes in Social Work  
Department or Worker:

Contact with other agencies:  
Liaison with Salford social Services

Report compiled by: Robert Lockhart  
Abbey House  
8 Seedhill Road  
Paisley

Date report completed: 9 March 1994

The last substantive Children's Panel that Donald attended made a Home Supervision Requirement with a condition that Donald reside with Mr & Mrs John Campbell at their home in Manchester.

Donald had previously established an apparent good relationship and rapport with this couple, and had requested that he be allowed to stay with them. Subsequent to a form of assessment undertaken by Salford Social Services, it was eventually agreed that Donald could go and stay with Mr & Mrs Campbell and effectively leave "Residential Care".

Salford Social Services had agreed to supervise Donald's placement on behalf of this Area Team, and at a subsequent internal review held in Manchester on 24/11/93, it was felt that the situation was reasonably stable. Donald had made efforts to obtain employment, although with limited success, and apart from already recognised problems of the Campbell's accommodation being a 'tight-fit' for the Campbell family and Donald, the indications from Mr & Mrs Campbell and Donald were of a positive willingness to continue with the placement.

Unfortunately just after the New Year, reports from Salford Social Services were received advising that some difficulties had arisen between Donald and Mrs Campbell, with the latter becoming more and more dissatisfied with Donald's general adolescent attitude, including aspects of personal hygiene and lack of co-operation and respect towards adults.

The Social Worker from Salford, Carole Pelling, visited and discussed these issues with Donald and Mr & Mrs Campbell and thought that a compromise and new understanding had been reached with the Campbells still apparently willing to provide accommodation and care for Donald.

However this compromise proved to be short-lived, and Donald approached Salford Social Services on 19/1/94 advising that the placement had broken down and that he wanted to return immediately to Scotland.

Again at this time, from discussion there did not appear to have been any particular precipitating incident to have caused the breakdown, rather the clash between the Campbell's expectations of how an adolescent should behave, and the reality as presented by Donald proved to be insurmountable or in truth a challenge that neither Donald nor Mr and Mrs Campbell were eventually prepared to face up to and work through.

Donald was adamant that he wanted to return to Paisley, and arrangements were made for Donald to return to Scotland on 20/1/94. On his arrival, alternative accommodation was sought, with a place eventually made available at Raisdale Hostel. However Donald refused to take up this offer of accommodation even on the short-term to allow other alternatives to be investigated, and somewhat of a stalemate was reached with the possibility of Donald in keeping with his chronological age making his own way, and declaring himself homeless at the Housing Department.

This step was forestalled by Donald suggesting that he could go and stay with the person that he regarded as his 'dad'. This is Mr Patrick Harkins, who had a relatively long-term relationship with Donald's mother, and is the natural father of Charles, Donald's younger brother.

An approach was therefore made to Mr Harkins at his home at 3K Cowal Drive, Linwood, and he agreed to allow Donald to stay with him on an emergency basis, and also agreed for various checks to be made on his circumstances, and that of his current co-habitee Jacqueline Sternick, and their two children Andrew (8) and Gary (4).

Consequently the appropriate checks were made and nothing significant or relevant to potential child-care concerns were found. This information was verbally advised to an Emergency Children's Panel convened to account for the breakdown in Donald's nominated place of residence, and agreement at that time given Donald to reside meantime with Mr Harkins.

Donald has now been staying with Mr Harkins and family since 20/1/94, and it will appear that relationships have remained amicable and accepting. Some discussion has taken place with Donald about potential accommodation that could possibly be arranged through Social Work resources, but he has remained dismissive of any suggestion of going to a Hostel or Supported Lodgings which are seen as options that could be appropriate steps to help Donald towards independence.

Donald himself has spoken about either remaining with Mr Harkins or approaching the Housing Department about getting his own accommodation. The significant impression is that Donald wants to be allowed to make his own choices and decisions about the route he wants his life to take at this time, with minimum 'interference' from Social Work.

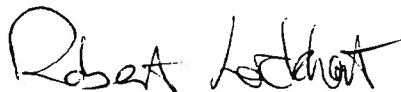
Donald has been in care and in control with social Work for some considerable time, and perhaps it is not surprising that he has now reached a point, at which he feels that the statutory instrument of supervision through the Children's Panel has served the purpose, and that he has a need to become responsible for himself.

Given that Donald is not willing to entertain any offer of accommodation within the Social Work 'system', it is considered that it would be of limited value to pursue this any further at this stage, although the obligations would remain with Social Work to assist Donald in this respect if he changed his mind.

The decision to consider removing Donald's supervision requirement is perhaps not so clear cut, but events over the last few months have demonstrated that Donald can, rightly or wrongly, think and act independent of advice and guidance from concerned agencies, and perhaps he should be allowed the opportunity to make his own decisions and to take responsibility for them.

It is advised that Social Work help and assistance will still be available to Donald, and he will be offered support on a through-care basis, which should eventually include protocol/financial help in establishing his independent status when appropriate.

It is considered however that any continuing or future support to Donald can be offered and given on a voluntary basis, and that to allow Donald and Social Work a degree of flexibility on hopefully reaching agreeable aims and goals on keeping with Donald's best interest and future welfare, that it is now the right time to terminate Donald's supervision requirement.



Robert Lockhart  
Social Worker

PAT/RL/AMCL/T1/STEWART  
9/3/94

Donald is keen to work to earn money but this is problematic as under English Law he is not eligible to leave school until next May.

Careers are refusing to let Donald register. He can do so, however, if a letter is sent confirming that the last school he attended was residential.

Donald asked if he could stay with Mrs Campbell's father when visiting Scotland. It was explained that a police check would have to be carried out and that this may take several weeks to complete. Donald was unhappy about this as he would not want to stay with his own family, although he would visit. It was agreed that Mrs Campbell would speak to her father to gain his agreement for a police check to be carried out. Robert would then visit to obtain the necessary information.

Mr & Mrs Campbell are very pleased with how the placement is progressing. Donald is not involved in any delinquent activity and spends much of his time on his C.B. Radio. He gets on well with their children and even helps with the baby. The only problem is a practical issue regarding accommodation.

Donald is sharing a bedroom and the possibility of partitioning the room has been discussed previously. Mr Campbell was to obtain quotes for this. Quotes so far are much higher than anticipated as the Council are insisting on the work being completed to a certain standard. Mr Campbell will continue to obtain quotes and will forward them to the Department to consider.

In the meantime bunk beds would help to alleviate the situation. Robert will apply for a discretionary payment as soon as possible.

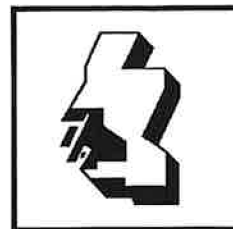
The meeting ended positively given the excellent start that the placement has made.

Swinton Community Team will offer regular support, although there will be a change of worker at the end of the year.

**Strathclyde Regional Council**  
**Social Work Department**

**Director: Mary C Hartnoll CBE BA**

Renfrew District Headquarters  
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Our Ref: DB/CM  
Your Ref:  
Date: 20 January 1994

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

Donald Stewart (dob 12.09.77)  
c/o Mr & Mrs Campbell, 49 Chepstow Road, Clifton, Swinton, Greater Manchester

I write to advise that on 20th January 1994 authority was given in terms of Section 44(6) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 for the emergency transfer of the above named from Mr & Mrs Campbell, 49 Chepstow Road, Clifton, Swinton, Greater Manchester to c/o Patrick Harkins (father), 3K Cowal Drive, Linwood.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Bowie'.

David Bowie  
Assistant District Manager

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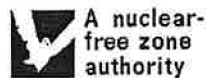
## Memorandum

Tel: 041 842 5151  
Our Ref: PAT/CG/RL/GC/T1/STEWARTD  
Your Ref:  
Date: 21/1/94



**Strathclyde**

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From: Robert Lockhart  
Social Worker, Abbey House

To: Ann-Marie Goldie  
Reporters Department

**SUBJECT: Donald Stewart, c/o Harkins, 3K Cowal Drive, Linwood**

Donald was placed with Mr and Mrs Campbell, 49 Chepstow Road, Swinton, Greater Manchester, on a 44 (1) (a) Supervision Order on 12/10/93. Mr and Mrs Campbell had difficulty in dealing with the stress of not unusual teenage behaviour and the placement broke down. This was not due to any involvement in delinquent behaviour. Donald returned to Paisley on 20/1/94. Various Social Work placements were offered but Donald refused to go anywhere but his dad's. I visited his dad and gained his agreement. Mr Stewart resides with Jacqueline Sterrick and their two children.

A full Social Background Report will be submitted to the hearing subsequent to Tuesday. There is no reason to believe that Donald will abscond.

Robert Lockhart  
Social Worker

HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>	<u>Contact Name</u>
Dorothy McCall	041 339 2048 041 331 2630	Alison Black Lynn McGurk
Glencowan House Nithsdale Road	041 424 1246	
Maryhill Road	041 945 1763	
Blue Triangle	041 334 3302	Cath Oxley
Kinnaird Place	041 440 0010	ELLEN SCULLION
Blue Triangle Headquarters	041 332 8365	
Hillhead House	041 339 0294	Maggie Handon
Supported Accommodation Holland Court	041 333 0901	
Bothwick Street	041 774 0528	
Elpis Centre	041 221 8886	
West Princes Street Hostel	041 332 4061	

RAIS DAZE

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GILBERT ESSON

MRS SIMPSON

Mr Finneyan

1/10

Ticall from J Campbell  
Richards have arrived for the  
hearing.

Some probs with Donald being  
cheerful & difficult with many.  
John managing to deal with this  
using Paul Hetherington - Soc Sec

Donald may have secured employment  
with a Kennel & keen to start

Advised John to encourage Donald  
to negotiate a start date after

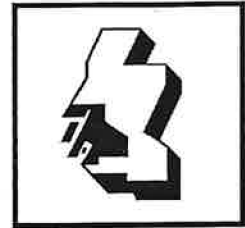
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Need to pursue local support  
Donald keen to use it.

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SW

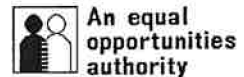
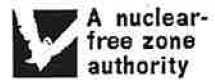
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Tel: 041 842 5151  
Our Ref: PAT/LC/GC  
Your Ref:  
Date: 23 July 1993



**Strathclyde**

**SCOTLAND**



From: L Cameron  
Senior Social Worker, Paisley

To: P Bryers  
District Manager

**SUBJECT: Donald Stewart (12/9/77) 44 (1) (b) Beech Avenue**

Donald was received into care at the age of 12 years following an assault on him by his mother. He is presently resident in Beech Avenue Childrens Home. A Child Care Review decision recommended that rehabilitation with his family was not a viable option.

Donald has minimal contact with his family and his mother takes little part in future planning or general care.

Several options have been attempted to secure Donald's longer term future including Community Parents, a placement at Redheugh, (lost when they lost their funding) a referral to STIPS and the Independent Living Unit at Carsewood.

Over the past few months assessment of a family in the Manchester area has been undertaken. Donald met them through a friend and they propose to offer Donald a home with them.

Salford Social Services, on our behalf, have completed an assessment of the family and aware of Donald's lengthy period in residential care.

Donald has spent time with Mr and Mrs Campbell and their family very successfully and appears to be benefiting from a positive family experience.

A Child Care Review on 21/7/93 recommended that this placement be proposed to a Childrens Hearing as the most positive option for Donald's future.

It also recommended that consideration be given to meeting the financial cost of the move. The Campbell family are in receipt of Income Support. This will involve enabling Donald to go fully equipped materially for family life.

The Campbells also require some alterations to their home in order to accommodate Donald in his own room. The anticipated cost is £300 - £400 for the work and the local authority Housing Department have given their agreement to the work being carried out provided it meets safety standards.

Obviously the Childrens Hearing will have to make a decision about the move, however access to funds may be required shortly after this.

We are also presently on assessment Form F to the next Fostering Adoption Panel to request that they consider making a regular payment in respect of Donald. The next meeting is August 93.

Will you please consider meeting the cost of this placement which requires £800 from Section 24 Budget. Given Donald's lengthy period in residential care the option of this move may be the most positive as well as the most viable, and at the point of dispensing the money, the Children's Hearing system will have discharged Donald from residential care.

A detailed note of the cost is attached.



Leslie Cameron  
Senior Social Worker

Breakdown of Cost

Housing Alterations: £400 maximum

Clothing: including work wear, and small personal items: £400

Total: £800

Strathclyde Regional Council

Social Work Department

Eastwood/Renfrew District

REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

Name: Donald Stewart

Address: Beech Avenue  
Children's Home, Paisley

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Home Address:

School Attended: None

Religion:

Section of Legislation: 44(1)(b)

Reason for review: Proposed change in circumstances  
by whom called: Review called by Social Work Department

New Grounds of referral None

Significant changes since: Substantial number of successful trial periods  
Previous report: at proposed new carer's home

Changes in Social Work Department or Worker: Case to be allocated to Robert Lockhart

Contact with other agencies: Salford Social Services  
S.T.I.P.S.

Report compiled by: Angus Wood, Social Worker  
Paisley Area Team  
Abbey House  
8, Seedhill Road,  
Paisley

Date report completed: 12.8.93

## BACKGROUND

Donald was received into care at the age of twelve years following an assault on him by his mother. He is presently in Beech Avenue Children's Home. A Child Care Review decision recommended that rehabilitation with his family is not a viable option.

Donald has minimal contact with his family, and his mother takes little part in future planning or general care. She has been kept aware of recent developments in Donald's care plan and generally approves of the direction it has taken in recent months.

Several options have been attempted to secure Donald's long term future, including Community Parents, a placement at Redheugh Hostel (lost when Redheugh's funding was withdrawn), a referral to Steps to Independence and the Independent Living Unit at Carsewood Children's Home.

Over the past few months assessment has been undertaken of the Campbell Family who live in the Manchester area. Donald met them through a friend, and they have offered Donald a home with them. Salford Social Services Department has completed an assessment of the family, and are aware of Donald's lengthy period in residential care. They have expressed a commitment to supporting Donald should he move permanently to live with the Campbell's.

Further information on Donald's history and circumstances is contained in the report dated 27.5.93.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

An extended programme of visits by Donald to Manchester has been sustained since the report of 27.5.93. All reports from Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and Social Services in Salford, have been positive.

Donald had a holiday with the Campbell's in July, and continues to spend periods of several days with the Campbells.

A new baby was born to Mrs. Campbell in June. Donald was included by the family in the preparations for her arrival, and continues to be included in looking after her.

## SOCIAL WORK PLAN

At a Child Care Review held on 21.7.93, and attended by Donald and Mr. Campbell, it was decided that Donald's best interests would be served by a move to Manchester, that visits to the Campbells be continued, and the support of Salford Social Services be requested to continue.

Financial support is being provided to assist the Campbells during this assessment, and a request has been placed before the Fostering/Adoption Committee to consider long-term financial support to the Campbells should it be decided that Donald live there on a permanent basis.

Donald has been put in contact with a Construction Industry Training board training scheme in Salford, and should he move there on a permanent basis, would be able to take up upon the opportunity he has been offered. Home contact continues at present on an occasional basis.

RECOMMENDATION

Given the progress noted above, and Donald's commitment to the plan, the recommendation of this Department is that Donald's Supervision Order be varied to a 44(1)(a) Home Supervision Order with a condition of residence at Mr. and Mrs. Campbell's home, 49, Chepstow Road, Clifton, Swinton, Greater Manchester.

*A. Wood*

Angus Wood  
Social Worker

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12.8.93



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Rule 6(1)(2)(3)

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
DEPARTMENT OF REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL**

Reporter: F. J. KENNEDY OBE LL.B

**MEMORANDUM**

From: Reporter's Department  
10 Glen Lane, Paisley, PA3 2HU

To: Social Work Department  
Abbey House & Renfrew

**SUBJECT: REPORTERS' DUTIES AND TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION, ETC (SCOTLAND)  
RULES 1971 - RULE 6(1)(2)(3)**

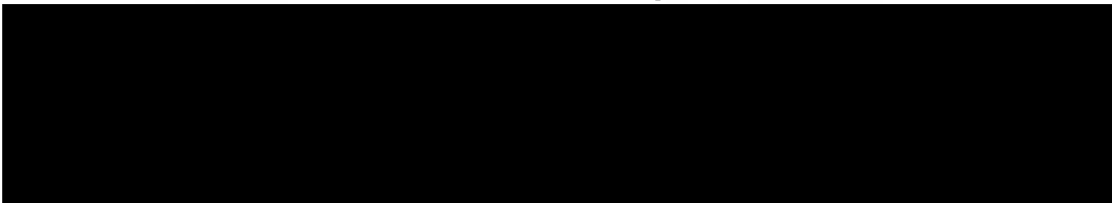
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Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate.

Date of Hearing: 14th March 1994

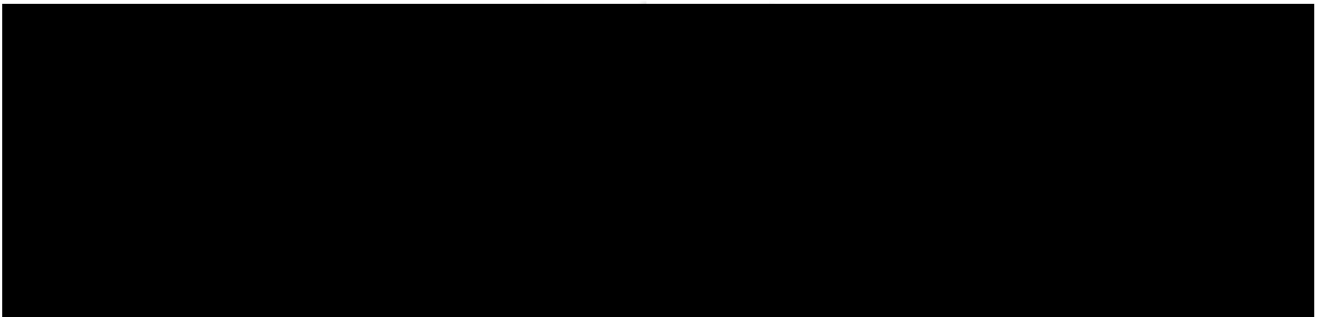
**Name:**

**Details of referral:**



699/85  
*RL*  
Donald Stewart  
c/o Harkins  
3k Cowal Drive  
Linwood  
(SWD Abbey House)

44(1)(a) terminated



CITY OF  
SALFORD



When calling or telephoning  
please ask for Carole Pelling

Director of Social Services  
Peter Hewitt

Fax No: (061) 728 2172

Swinton Community Team  
Elmstead House,  
141 Partington Lane  
Swinton M27 0WN

My Ref: SWI/CP/GD

Your Ref:

Date: 19 January, 1994

Tel: (061) 793 2275\2399

Subject: DONALD STEWART - D.O.B. 12.09.1977

Ms Caroline Georgeson  
Senior Social Worker  
Strathclyde Regional Council  
Social Work Department  
Paisley Area Office  
Abbey House  
8 Seedhill Road  
Paisley  
PA1 1JS

Dear Ms Georgeson,

I am writing to introduce myself as the 'new' Social Worker supervising Donald's placement with the Campbell family.

There appear to have been some problems recently in terms of Mrs. Campbell managing Donald. On the 5th January 1994, I was told of an urgent telephone call from Mrs. Campbell requesting a visit that evening. As I couldn't respond to that request I contacted a neighbour and invited the Campbell's into the office the next morning for a discussion about any difficulties.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell visited the office on the 7th January 1994 to talk over several issues, these were:

1. Donald having nothing to do all day - he doesn't officially leave school until Easter in England.
2. Donald's personal hygiene - the Campbell's complained about Donald not washing, changing clothes etc. We looked at building up Donald's self esteem, then simple measure like shower gel and deodorant for him. The Campbell's feel that money is very limited and the budget or Donald's allowance would not stretch to such items.
3. Lack of space and privacy in the bedroom areas. The Campbells are awaiting Scotland to approve alterations.

The situation causes tension in the household because the younger children cannot bring their friends into play because of Donald's possessions in the shared bedroom. The big difference in ages between Donald and the two Campbell children leads to difficulties at bedtimes. Donald cannot read at night in bed etc, in case he disturbs the younger children. I would stress this is a matter which needs resolving if the placement is to be successful.

4. Relationships in the household and carers responses to situations. The Campbell children have mixed feelings about Donald staying at 'their' house, the older child wants him to stay, whilst the youngest boy wants him to go back to Scotland. Overall it would appear that the three get on reasonably well with Donald, enjoying being the older male.

5. Mrs. Campbell had high expectations of adolescents in general - that they should be helpful, co-operative respectful etc. Mrs. Campbell is from a strict parenting experience where she never challenged her parents.

6. Money is an issues in the family - are the family entitled to any further payments - clothing allowances etc.?

I visited Donald at home on 13th January 1994 and some of the issues had been talked over, hygiene and co-operation issues. A major concern of mine and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell is that Donald is planning a trip to Scotland, so that he can visit relatives. Donald says that he can stay with anyone he chooses. I do not think this may be the position. Donald would like to stay in Scotland for several weeks, could you please give urgent advise about protection issues.

I think it would be helpful for Donald and his carers to also receive a letter stating your advice regarding the proposed trip to Scotland so that all parties are very clear.

Although there are some difficulties around the placement overall Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are providing a caring environment for Donald, one which Donald says he wants to live in. It would be sad for this placement to break down on 'material issues' like lack of finance and slow structural alterations to the boys bedroom.

As we know caring for adolescents can be a challenging task and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell seem to be committed to helping Donald settle down.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you need any further clarification of the situation.

Yours sincerely

Carole Pelling

Carole Pelling (Ms)  
Social Worker

ANGUS WOODS  
~~MARGARET BLACK~~

For the attention of: .....  
Area Team: .....  
Address: .....  
LCA  
District: .....  
Immediate Telephone Notification  
to Above: Yes..... No   
Previously known to Standby  
Service  YES/NO 2153



### STAND-BY SERVICE

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52 LUMSDEN STREET  
GLASGOW  
Telephone: 041-357 3696  
Fax: 041-334 8577/357 4309



LINKLINE 0800-811-505

Serial No.: ..... **503794** .....  
Record No.: .....  
Date: ..... 10/4/93 .....  
Time Referred: ..... 2333 .....  
Time Completed: ..... 04.00 .....  
Distribution:   
Area Team .....  
District Officer .....  
Other .....  
Other RSS

Client's Surname STEWART  
~~PREVIOUS~~ 40 IRVING  
Present Address 30 BLACKHALL COURT PAISLEY  
~~PREVIOUS~~  
Previous Address BECK AVE PAISLEY

Forenames Donald  
Age/DOB 12/9/77  
Telephone .....

Children { Name .....  
Age .....  
Sex .....



.....  
44(1) D

Referrer: Margaret Black (staff) Address Beck Ave Telephone .....

1. **Details of PROBLEM:** ABSCONDEE/FAILURE TO RETURN/MISSING CHILD/OTHER.  
(Delete as appropriate).

2. **ACTION TAKEN:** RETURNED BY STANDBY/RETURNED BY ESTABLISHMENT/RETURNED BY POLICE/OTHER  
ACCOMMODATION/OTHER.  
(Delete as appropriate).

02.47  
He from Beck Ave. to advise that police have returned  
Donald. G. Black.

3. Has case been referred to Police as missing child?  YES/NO

Signed [Signature] Social Worker  
Seen by M. McLuffey Senior Social Worker

For the attention of:

Area Team: .....

Address: .....

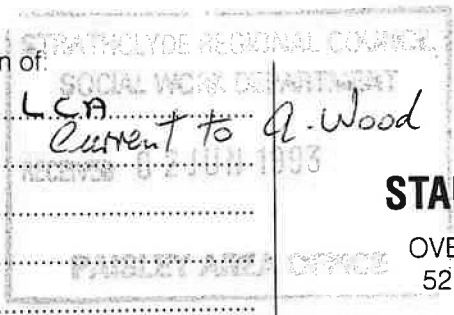
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to Above: Yes..... No .....

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Service—YES/NO .....



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LINKLINE 0800-811-505

Serial No.: ..... 504779

Record No.: ..... 8153

Date: ..... 31/5/93

Time Referred: ..... 00.03

Time Completed: ..... 08.30 W.O.W

Distribution:

Area Team ..... ✓

District Officer .....

Other .....

Other ..... P.S.S

Client's Surname ..... STEWART

Forenames ..... DONALD

Present Address ..... BEECH AV C.H.

Age/DOB ..... 15

Previous Address ..... 80 BLACKHALL COURT, IRVINE

Telephone .....

Children	Name	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Age	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Sex	.....	.....	.....	.....

Referrer:

Name ..... BEECH AV C.H. Address ..... Telephone .....

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(Delete as appropriate).

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ACCOMMODATION/OTHER.  
(Delete as appropriate).

Monday 08.30 - no further contact

3. **Has case been referred to Police as missing child?** YES/NO

Signed ..... SR .....  
Social Worker

Seen by ..... Paul Wilson .....  
Senior Social Worker

**Strathclyde Regional Council**  
Social Work Department

Director: F E Edwards RD BA MUniv FBIM

Our Ref: PAT/LC/AL

Your Ref:

Date: 31.5.93



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Paisley Area Team  
Abbey House  
8, Seedhill Road  
PAISLEY PA1 1JS

Tel: 041 842 5151 Fax: 041 842 5144  
If phoning or calling ask for: Leslie Cameron

Julie Paterson,  
Area Reporter's Department  
10, Glen Lane,  
PAISLEY.

Dear Julie,

Donald Stewart (12.9.77) 44(1)(b) c/o Beech Ave., Paisley

I recently requested a Review Hearing in respect of the above named in terms of Section 48(2) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

I wish to confirm that this is no longer appropriate as we are presently assessing an alternative care placement.

Angus Wood's report dated 27.5.93 gives full details of the present situation and future plans.

I will keep you up to date with the situation.

Yours sincerely,

Leslie Cameron  
Senior Social Worker

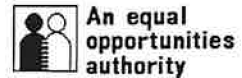
# Memorandum

Tel: 041 842 5151  
Our Ref: PAT/LC/GC  
Your Ref:  
Date: 23 July 1993



**Strathclyde**

SCOTLAND



From: W Eadie  
Area Manager, Paisley

To: P Bryers  
District Manager

**SUBJECT: Donald Stewart (12/9/77) 44 (1) (b) Beech Avenue**

Donald was received into care at the age of 12 years following an assault on him by his mother. He is presently resident in Beech Avenue Childrens Home. A Child Care Review decision recommended that rehabilitation with his family was not a viable option.

Donald has minimal contact with his family and his mother takes little part in future planning or general care.

Several options have been attempted to secure Donald's longer term future including Community Parents, a placement at Redheugh, (lost when they lost their funding) a referral to STIPS and the Independent Living Unit at Carsewood.

Over the past few months assessment of a family in the Manchester area has been undertaken. Donald met them through a friend and they propose to offer Donald a home with them.

Salford Social Services, on our behalf, have completed an assessment of the family and aware of Donald's lengthy period in residential care.

Donald has spent time with Mr and Mrs Campbell and their family very successfully and appears to be benefiting from a positive family experience.

A Child Care Review on 21/7/93 recommended that this placement be proposed to a Childrens Hearing as the most positive option for Donald's future.

It also recommended that consideration be given to meeting the financial cost of the move. The Campbell family are in receipt of Income Support. This will involve enabling Donald to go fully equipped materially for family life.

The Campbells also require some alterations to their home in order to accommodate Donald in his own room. The anticipated cost is £300 - £400 for the work and the local authority Housing Department have given their agreement to the work being carried out provided it meets safety standards.

Obviously the Childrens Hearing will have to make a decision about the move, however access to funds may be required shortly after this.

We are also presently on assessment Form F to the next Fostering Adoption Panel to request that they consider making a regular payment in respect of Donald. The next meeting is August 93.

Will you please consider meeting the cost of this placement which in total may require £1000 approximately. Given Donald's lengthy period in residential care the option of this move may be the most positive as well as the most viable

B Eadie  
Area Manager

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12-9-77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue Children's Home.

Date of admission: 08-03-90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

- Donald to Remain at Beech Avenue
- Explain hostel accommodation, particularly Redhoush.
- Continue at Reid Kerr College
- Parental access as before.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care: 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Mother, Mrs Irvine, 8 D Blackhall Court, Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care: Charles Stewart, address as above.

(c) Siblings in care:

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

Donald has had very little contact with his mother and stepfather since the last Review.

Mrs Irvine has been kept informed of developments in Donald's life. She has indicated an unwillingness to attend hearings and other meetings in recent months. She broadly approves of Donald's contact with Mr Campbell and his family.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

Approximately weekly contact at Beck Avenue or in the course of visits or outings to other places.

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

Contacted as necessary to inform Mrs Irvine of developments and to gauge her response to them.

## 6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Mrs Irvine's continuing unwillingness to be proactive in contacting Donald

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

Donald feels he has few if any roots in Paisley. He is dissatisfied with life in Beck Avenue. Continued residence there is failing to help him develop as a young adult.

## 7. Other agencies involved:

- S.T.I.P.S.

- Salford Social Services Department.

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

Donald needs to make relationships beyond the residential care system in order for him to develop fully as a young adult. Placement in a family home would provide him with the security and challenges necessary to overcome the effects of his years in care.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

- Continuing contact with Mr Campbell and his family in Manchester to assess the appropriateness of placement.
- Exploration of Manchester as a long-term option.
- Consideration of alternatives.

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

10. Any further comments:

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

Leslie Cameron (S. SW)  
 Angus Wood (S-W)

Signed: AWood  
 Designation: S-W  
 Date: 21/7/95



Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12-09-77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 08-03-90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

- ① Donald to reside at 59 Glen Shee Avenue, Neilston, c/o Community Parents, Mr & Mrs Lamond.
- ② Donald to attend Reid Kerr College part time, and to be supported by Social Education unit.
- ③ Donald to continue regular access at his mother's home.

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

44(1)(a) with Community Parents' address named by Children's Panel on 22/12/92.  
Returned to Beech Avenue on a respite basis on 11/1/93.

Any action indicated:

Reporter's Department informed of Donald's return to Beech Avenue.  
Hearing scheduled for 2-30 on Monday 15th February.

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Mother, Lorraine Irvine, 8 d Blackhall Court, Paisley PA2 7ES.

(b) Siblings not in care: Brother, Charles Stewart, address as above.

(c) Siblings in care:

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

Donald and his mother continue to have a poor relationship. Mrs Irvine's husband, Mr Steven Irvine, has indicated extreme annoyance at the disturbance caused by the police visiting his home when Donald has absconded lately. He has expressed some hostility to Donald on this account.

Mrs Irvine and her husband are currently unwilling to have Donald back on a long term basis.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

Approximately weekly contact, initially at Community Parents', and then at Beech Avenue, Social Education Unit and Reid Kerr College. Recent visit to Redhugh Hostel, Kilbirnie.

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

Home visit and attendance at Children's Hearing 22/12/92.

Home visit after breakdown of C.P. placement.

Home visit to discuss Child Care Review.

6. Areas of Concern:

- (a) Family Donald's relationship with his mother is still such that a permanent return home must be ruled out in the foreseeable future.
- (b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review) Donald's c.p. placement broke down, apparently irrevocably, on 11/1/93. He feels he has "outgrown" Beech Avenue, and Beech Avenue's population is significantly younger than Donald. A change of environment is needed to help Donald develop towards maturity and independence.

7. Other agencies involved:

Social Education Unit (on consultative basis).

Reid Kerr College.

Regional Family Finding Team.

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

Continuing access to Mrs Irvine as appropriate. Contact as appropriate between Donald and Charles.

Continued support in education or training.

Donald needs a setting which makes demands of him as a developing young adult, but which provides security and room to take some backward steps. A six-month placement in a semi-independent unit may be appropriate.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

A planned move out of Bech Avenue and into a semi-independent setting. Donald has expressed interest in supported lodgings and in hostel accommodation.

A trial period in such a setting would be appropriate, in view of the fact that Donald is relatively untested outwith the children's home.

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

10. Any further comments:

Donald has recently demonstrated that he is committed to courses of action which he has positively opted into. Reid Kerr College is an example of this.

Any plan must take into account Donald's fear of change, and apprehensiveness with other teenagers, although at present he appears willing to take some risks.

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

Lesley Cameron (S.S.W)

Angus Wood (S.W.)

① - Remain in B.A. meantime

② - Tell Lewis about it

③ - 2 weeks - look at other

④ - R.K. College - continue

⑤ - Look beyond college

- Continue with home visits as before.

- Work Redfern in evening

Grouped Lathisly  
5 pm on Mon

Signed: A. Wood

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 11/2/93



31/5/93

T/C from Vera King - abducted Friday night / last night (Sunday). T/C from Donald received at 2pm. Police informed, but unable to trace Donald.

9 am still no sign of Donald.

ATE

D. Stewart

PROGRESS NOTES

SIGNATURE

23/5/93

T/C to Beach Avenue in response to tel. message yesterday.  
Donald suggested I accompany him to Mr Harkins.  
Arranged to take him there on Friday.

Spoke to Vera King. Donald and another resident left the  
building thru a window last night and became involved  
in a dispute with one of the neighbours - Mrs McDonald.

18/2/93

Should check - trying to get into car at Reid Herrs yesterday.  
T/C to Reid Herr. Bill Montem confirms this, and that he  
is excluded from Reid Herr, at least for the rest of this session.

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# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RECEIVED - 3 MAR 1993

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PAISLEY AREA OFFICE  
RULE 5

Reporter to the Children's Panel

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

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

## NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on..... Tuesday 9th March 1993.....  
 at..... 2.00 pm..... within..... 10 Glen Lane, Paisley.....

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

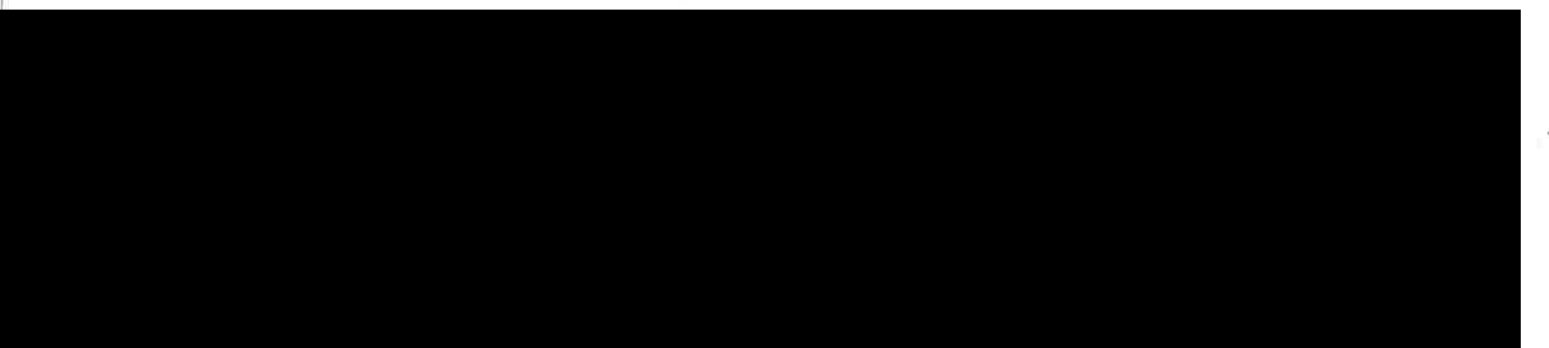
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Time of Case

Reason for Appearance



99/85	AW	Donald Stewart 8d Blackhall Court Paisley	2.30 pm	Grounds and Continued Hearing
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c.c. Abbey House & West Yonderton

Date ..... 1st March 1993 .....

*Anne Marie Caldwell*  
.....  
for Reporter

RW

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968  
THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986

<sup>1</sup> Donald Stewart (12.9.77) 8d Blackhall Court, Paisley

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

conditions<sup>2</sup>: That he has committed the offence as specified below, being grounds for referral in terms of section 32(2)(g) of the above Act.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

In support of the above condition it is stated:

That he was on 29 September 1992 found within the curtilage of the unoccupied dwellinghouse at 247b Lochfield Road, Paisley in circumstances that would infer he was there with the intention of committing the crime of theft;

NATURE OF OFFENCE: Contrary to Section 57 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

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10 Glen lane  
Paisley

..... 1st March 1993

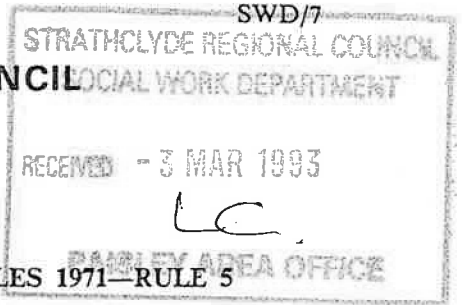
*Ann Marie Bold*  
.....  
for Reporter

NOTES

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

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL



Reporter to the Children's Panel

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

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

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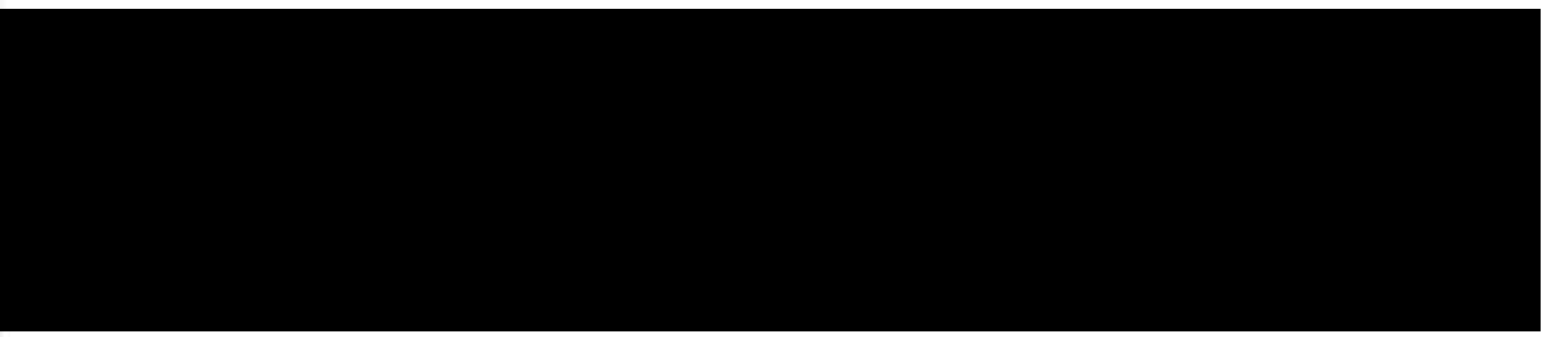
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c.c. Abbey House & West Yonderton

Date ..... 1st March 1993 .....

*Anna-Maree Cairns*  
.....  
for Reporter

**Strathclyde Regional Council**  
**Social Work Department**

Director: F E Edwards RD BA MUniv FBIM

**Regional Family Finding Centre**

115 Wellington Street, Glasgow G2 2XT

Tel: 041-227 6044

Fax: 041-227 6187

Our Ref: RFFC/JK/CDW

Your Ref:

Date: 22 February 1993



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Mrs Lesley Watson  
ADO Child Care  
Social Work Department  
Abbey House  
Seedhill Road  
PAISLEY

Dear Mrs Watson

The placement of Donald Stewart (dob : 12.9.77) and Mr & Mrs Lamond, 59 Glenshea Avenue, Neislton, Glasgow.

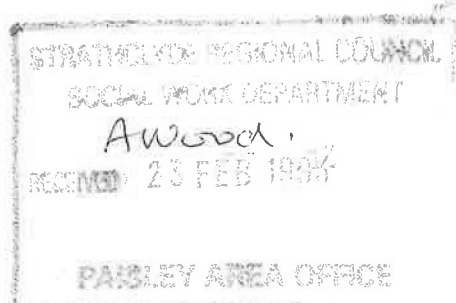
A disruption meeting will be held on the above placement at the Regional Family Finding Centre, 115 Wellington Street, Glasgow G2 2XT., on Thursday 25 March at 3.00pm. I would be grateful if you could contact me before hand if you are unable to make this date.

Yours sincerely

Jacqueline Kerr  
Social Worker

PP

c.c. X Angus Woods, Social Worker, Abbey House, Seedhill Road, PAISLEY  
Lesley Cameron, Senior Social Worker, Abbey House, Seedhill Road, PAISLEY  
Donnie Rankin, O.I.C., Beech Avenue Children's Home, Beech Avenue, PAISLEY



# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

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

## MEMORANDUM

From: Reporter's Department To: Social Work Dept.,  
Johnstone, Abbey House

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

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

Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate.

Date of Hearing:                      Name:                                      Decision:

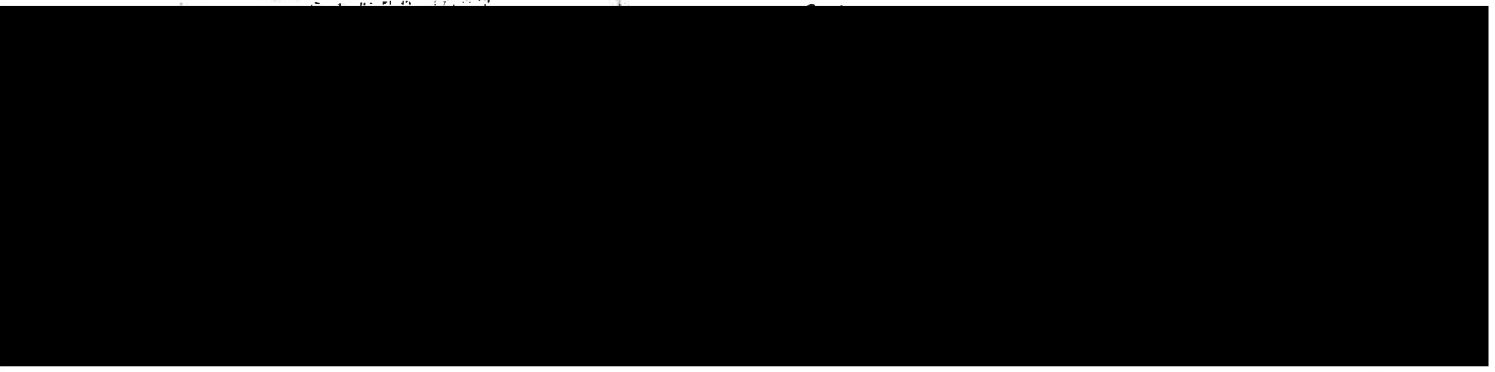


99/85

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
 SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
 Donald Stewart  
 8d Blackhall Court  
 Paisley

*A.W.*  
*A. Woods*

Review continued



Date 18th February 1993

\*Delete as appropriate

*Anne Marie Guide*  
 for Reporter

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.09.77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 08.03.90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1. Donald to remain in Beech Avenue and Balrossie in the meantime.
2. Access to remain flexible and to be at the discretion of Beech Avenue Staff.
3. Community Parents to be pursued.
4. Befriending situation to continue with overnight access once per month.

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

44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

Reporter's Department has been informed of likely change of status as a result of Donald being placed with Community Parents.

2. Current address/es of:  
Mother, Lorraine Irvine, 8d Blackhall Court, Paisley, PA2 7ES.

(a) Parents:

Brother, Charles Stewart, address as above.

(b) Siblings not in care:

None

(c) Siblings in care:

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

Mrs Irvine and Donald continue to have a poor relationship. Mrs Irvine has been married to Mr Steven Irvine since early 1992. Donald's relations with Mr Irvine have fluctuated over the months, having lately improved after a period of some weeks in which Donald was not welcome in Mr & Mrs Irvine's house.

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

Approximately weekly contact with Donald at Beech Avenue, area office and West Yonderton. Visit with Donald to outdoor pursuits centre. Visits with Donald to Community Parents during introductory period.

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

Home visit 25.09.92. Home visit 30.10.92. 27.11.92 Home visit to confirm access arrangements. 04.12.92, Mr & Mrs Stewart with Donald to Community Parents.

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6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Donald's relationship with his mother is still such that a permanent return home must be ruled out in the foreseeable future.

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

Donald has been refusing to attend Balrossie since early in the present session. He went through a period of frustration due to a hold up in the process of linking with Community Parents, and this had a detrimental effect upon his behaviour at Beech Avenue. Until recently Donald's morale and self-esteem were low.

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7. Other agencies involved:

Psychological Services (Lynn Townsend).  
Family Finding (Jackie Kerr/Alex Neill).  
Reid Kerr College (Mr Hodge).  
Social Education Unit.

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

Donald's placement at Beech Avenue has come near to the end of its usefulness. A family-type placement is required to introduce Donald again to a "normal" living environment after several years in a children's home. He may need help in making the transition from non-school attendance to attending college as has been envisaged. Donald still feels the need to continue with access to his mother and younger brother.

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Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

Short-term:- Facilitate placement with Community Parents. Ensure that Donald can make the transition to attending college. Social Education Unit have offered support in this regard.

Medium-term:- Support Donald in Community Parents placement. Support Donald in his college placement. Help Donald develop an appropriate and realistic relationship with his mother and brother from his new home base.

Long-term:- Give attention to preparing Donald for independence.

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

10. Any further comments:

Children's Hearing to review Donald's Supervision Order arranged for Community based groupwork has been considered as an option recently, but rejected by Donald. This may be worth reconsidering as an extra support to Donald in the New Year, particularly with regard to college attendance and the changes brought about by new living arrangements.

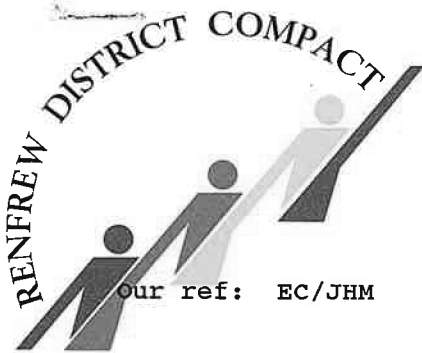
11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

Anne Docherty - Senior Social Worker

Angus Wood - Social Worker

Signed: A. Wood  
Designation: Social Worker  
Date: 15/12/97





Our ref: EC/JHM

5 October 1992

Mr & Mrs Stewart  
1-3 Beech Avenue Children's Home  
Paisley

Dear Mr & Mrs Stewart

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Yours sincerely

*Liz Cameron*

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 to Above: Yes..... No .....

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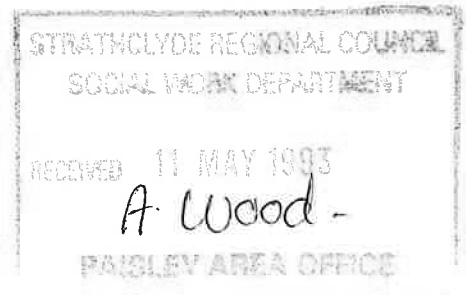
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 Previous Address ..8D Blackhall court, Paisley..... Telephone ..  
 Children { Name .....  
 Age .....  
 Sex .....

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 ACCOMMODATION/OTHER.  
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3. **Has case been referred to Police as missing child?**  YES  NO

Signed ..[Signature]..... Social Worker      Seen by ..[Signature]..... Senior Social Worker

For the attention of: LCA  
 Area Team: .....  
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Client's Surname STEWART Forenames DONALD  
 Present Address BEECH AVE, PAISLEY Age/DOB 12.9.77  
CH. HOME  
 Previous Address 9 B BLACKHALL COURT, PAISLEY Telephone .....  
 Children { Name .....  
 Age .....  
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Referrer: Staff Member Address Beech Ave Telephone .....

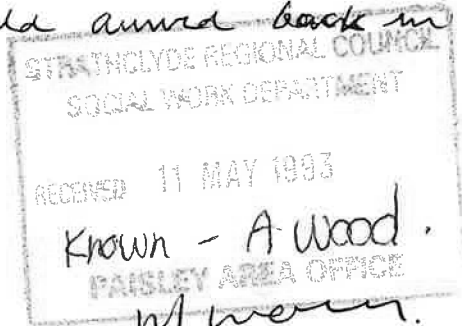
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Maurice Wallace

2. **ACTION TAKEN:** RETURNED BY STANDBY/RETURNED BY ESTABLISHMENT/RETURNED BY POLICE/OTHER  
 ACCOMMODATION/OTHER.  
 (Delete as appropriate).

07.40 Phone call from Glenara Donald arrived back in the 'are small hours'



3. **Has case been referred to Police as missing child?** YES/NO   
 Signed Maurice Wallace Social Worker  
 Seen by M. Wallace Senior Social Worker

## Minutes of Review Meeting

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FORM

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Date of Review: 24.11.93

Name of Home: c/o Mr & Mrs Campbell, 49 Chepstow Road, Clifton

Name of Child: Donald Stewart Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission:

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

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Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

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

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Summary of Discussion:

The Review was opened with an explanation that it's purpose was to discuss how the placement had been progressing and plan for the future.

Donald was introduced to the Campbells, whilst resident in Beech Avenue Children's Home, by another young person. He quickly formed a relationship that was supportive. Donald began a programme of home leave and is now resident with Mr & Mrs Campbell under Section 44(1)a (Social Work Scotland Act) with a Condition of Residence.

Mr & Mrs Campbell have been assessed as link carers and will be paid in this way. There has been a delay in finance making the payment and this is being pursued. The payment will be backdated.

When in Beech Avenue Donald received pocket money and this continued whilst on home leave. This stopped when the legislation changed and any pocket money has to be paid from the allowance paid to Mr & Mrs Campbell. It was acknowledged that this is a reduction from previous payments.

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Minutes of Review Meeting continued

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

1. Donald to remain in current placement
2. Discretionary payment to be applied for bunk beds and bedding. Robert to complete application.
3. Swinton Community Team to supervise placement
4. Paisley Area Team to finance placement
5. Swinton to organise next Review in approx. 6 months.
6. Robert to write letter for carers confirming that Donald's last school placement was residential.

Date of next review:

To be arranged

Names and Designations of review panel:

- Gail Morris - Senior Social Worker - Swinton Community Team
- Paul Hetherington - Student Social Worker - Swinton Community Team
- Caroline Georgeson - Senior Social Worker
- Robert Lockhart - Social Worker
- Donald Stewart
- Mr & Mrs Campbell - Link Carers

Chairman of Review Meeting: C. Georgeson

Designation: Senior Social Worker

Date: 14.1.98



## Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART.

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate): 9110191

Access to be maintained on a flexible basis. Mum to be encouraged to visit Donald at Beech Avenue and maintain contact.

Sheena to set up a meeting with Lynn Townsend, Merksworth and Babsie to discuss possible re-introduction to Merksworth.

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

S441B.

Any action indicated:

## 2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Mrs H Irvine 8 D Blackhall Court Hunterhall

(b) Siblings not in care:

Charles Stewart

(c) Siblings in care:

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

Since the last review Donald's mother and brother have moved to 8 D Blackhall Court. Donald's mother has remarried and is now Mrs Irvine. Donald attended the marriage ceremony and has had some contact with both his mother and younger brother. Contact remains sporadic and it tends to be Donald that makes most of the effort to visit his family.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

October to January ongoing contact by Sheena Mc Donald.

13/2, 28/2 Ellen Furlaypos at Beach Ave.

- Initial introduction to Donald.
- Discussed Community Parenting, Befriending and forthcoming medical at the Family Centre.
- 10/2; 19/2; 21/2; 26/2; 2/3/92 Telephone contact with Beach Ave & Babbie.

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

October to January Sheena Mc Donald maintained contact with the family, although Mrs Irvine had a tendency to miss appointments.

14/2 & 24/2 : Mrs Irvine was not at home.

2/3 - Home visit. Discussed forthcoming Review

## 6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family

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

## 7. Other agencies involved:

Psychological Services (Lynn Townsend)

Family Finding (Axx nial Linkworker)

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

Donald has been accepted onto the waiting list for Community Parents. Mr Kenneth Laimp has made an application to Befriend Donald and this will hopefully go before the Panel in the near future.

Donald's needs appear to be met at Beach Avenue and it is likely that he will remain there for the foreseeable future. Donald's contact with his mother and aunts continues to be sporadic.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

Short term.

Donald should remain at Beach Avenue and Balsozie

long term.

Community Parenting will be pursued on behalf of Donald. Also the Ref remaining..

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

10. Any further comments:

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

Ann Docherty SSW.

Ellen Finlayson S.W.

Signed: E. Finlayson

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 5/3/92

## Minutes of Review Meeting

Date of Review: 9.10.91

Name of Home: Beech Avenue Children's Home

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 8.3.90

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

1. Need to progress community parent application as speedily as possible.
2. Uncertainty regarding future schooling and Donald's ability to maintain both attendance and progress.

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

1. Mum's inconsistency towards Donald and the danger of this confusing and upsetting him.
2. Need to note Donald's progress since attending Balrossie. It is important that he is recognised as acting in a more mature manner.

Summary of Discussion:

Sheena McDonald advised the review that application had been made and accepted for community parents. A worker from Community Parents Unit has been assigned to link with Donald but he is unlikely to be offered a placement in the immediate future. Annette Bonnar confirmed this view saying that a placement could take some time. Frank Clarke advised that the Unit has been favourably disposed to Donald and were hopeful that the delay in finding Community Parents would not be too great.

Sheena advised the review that Donald's mum has found it difficult to attend review's in the past but has made a big effort to come to this one. She has been impressed with Donald's progress recently. Cheryl Hill said that within Beech Avenue, Donald is still viewed positively but he is capable of producing difficulties. Cheryl felt that befriending might offer Donald support in the interim. She stated that Donald tends to get into dispute with local lads and was involved in a fight at the weekend. Donald still has a tendency to allow his mouth to get him into trouble.

Ina Lamont reported that within the classroom, Donald's biggest problem was his behaviour. His English is good though the quality of his work depends very much on his mood. He is very good at art but has lost some enthusiasm for technical.

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There was some discussion regarding Donald's re-introduction to Merksworth but it was reported that Lynn Townsend had not yet reported on the outcome of her enquiries. Irene Edwards advised that there are difficulties which the school is likely to face and these still need to be resolved.

The recent incident involving a taxi driver has now been resolved. Within the Unit in Balrossie, Donald is said to be easy to manage though noisy. He appears to be pleasant though sometimes his aggressive way of talking is seen as a defence rather than genuine aggression.

There was some discussion regarding the contact Donald has with his mum and younger brother. Lorraine said that she would welcome Donald visiting the home more often as long as he behaves. Sheena McDonald said that she felt that there was need for contact not to be on a rigidly formal basis. This was accepted by the Review.

# Report for Review Case Conference

## Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

1. Children's Names <p style="text-align: center;">Donald Stewart</p>		2. D.O.B. <p style="text-align: center;">12/9/77</p>
3. Children's Addresses <p>Beech Avenue Children's Home, Paisley.</p>	4. Home addresses if different <p>5, Marjory Drive, Gallowhill, Paisley.</p>	6. Date of Initial Case Conference <p style="text-align: center;">31/10/89</p>
5. Parents/Caretakers name and address <p>Miss L. Stewart, 5, Marjory Drive, Paisley.</p>		7. Category of Registration <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Physical Abuse</b></p>
9. Recommendations of Last Review		8. Date of current and previous Review Case Conferences <p style="text-align: center;">27/4/90 12/11/90</p>

- 1) Donald to remain on Register.
- 2) Commence C.S.P. to help to work towards Donald returning home.
- 3) Charles to be de-registered.

10. Legal position of child    Sec. 44(1)b.

11. Significant changes since last Case Conference  
(a) Child

At a Child Care Review on 13/9/90 and at the Quarterly Assessment it was recognised that the plans for Donald should not be to return home and that other plans should be considered.

(b) Family

Miss Stewart has stated to the Social Worker and to the Children's Hearing that she does not wish Donald to return home. Despite encouragement, Miss Stewart has not visited Donald at Beech Avenue.

(c) Social Work Department Involvement

Social Worker has weekly visits to Donald at Beech Avenue, to look at the following issues:

- 1) Donald's persistent truancy.
- 2) Feelings of rejection that Donald may have from his mother and father.

(d) Involvement of Other Agencies

- 1) Merksworth High School. Guidance Teacher and Behaviour Support Staff are aware of Donald's home situation.
- 2) Lynn Townsend, Educational psychologist has had contact to advise on school attendance.

12. Areas of concern

- 1) Donald's persistent truancy needs to be addressed at a Child Care Review. Donald does not seem to be coping with the pressures of mainstream education as well as all other pressures.
- 2) Donald will feel rejected by his mother, and other family seem unwilling or unable to offer a permanent alternative.

# Quarterly Assessment Report

## Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

1. Name of Child Donald Stewart	5. D.O.B. 12/9/77
2. Home Address 5, Marjory Drive, Gallowhill, Paisley.	6. Date of Initial Case Conference 30/10/89
3. Current Address (if different) Beech Avenue Children's Home, Paisley.	7. Date of Review Case Conferences 11/5/90
4. Social Worker Sheena McDonald	8. Date of Next Case Conference 12/11/90
	9. Category of Registration At Risk Physical Abuse.

10. Visits during the previous 3 months (underline dates if child seen)

11/5/90 - Case Conference	<u>14/6/90</u> - Visit at Beech Avenue by Tom Cloherty
<u>21/5/90</u> - Visit at Beech Avenue	<u>19/6/90</u> - Visit to Beech Avenue
<u>23/5/90</u> - Visit at Beech Avenue	27/6/90 - Home visit      11/7/90 - Home visit
30/5/90 - Home visit.	<u>28/6/90</u> - Review. <u>11/7/90</u> - Visit Beech Avenue
<u>6/8/90</u> - Visit to Beech Avenue	27/8/90 - Visit Beech Avenue <u>25/7/90</u> - Visit Beech Avenue
<u>20/8/90</u> - Outing with Donald	3/9/90 - Children's Panel.

11. Specify any contact with other agencies involved during the previous 3 months (i.e. G.P., Health Visitor, School, etc.)

Regular contact with Beech Avenue Staff and Group Worker.

Now that Donald has started at Merksworth High School, contact will be made with appropriate Guidance Staff.

12. Describe the current child/family situation

Donald was received into care on 8th March 1990 and although the plans have always been that he return home as quickly as possible, Miss Stewart has not made a commitment to this, or worked with the Department to facilitate this. Charles (Donald's younger brother) still stays with his mother and seems to be quite happy. Donald has made contact with his natural father Mr. Harry Burgess who has been visiting Donald on a regular basis at Beech Avenue. Checks are being made to assess suitability of future contact.

13. (a) Are you concerned about any features that have occurred during the last 3 months?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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(b) If YES please specify

Neither Donald nor his mother seem to wish Donald to return home and are not making the effort to work at their relationship.

At a recent Panel Miss Stewart made it quite clear that she was unwilling or unable to offer Donald a stable home.

14. Have you identified any additional resources which may assist? (specify)

C.S.P. was identified to assist the return home but this was stopped due to lack of staff at West Yonderton and because the planned return home was seen to be taking longer than first planned.

15. Future Treatment plan and any other remarks

- 1) Donald to be seen on a weekly basis to look at his behaviour at Beech Avenue.
- 2) Regular contact with Miss Stewart to help her look at the relationship between herself and her son.
- 3) Contact with Mr. Burgess (Donald's natural father) to look at future relationships.
- 4) Donald to continue at Sacred Heart Youth Club.

*12/9/90 Case records signed. Child care review - 13/9/90 to focus on father taking Donald etc. if this is successful name could be removed for register. Progress will be checked at Rev. Case Conference on 12/11/90. Bill Fialie*

<p>Signature: <i>Sheena M Donald</i></p> <p>Social Worker</p> <p>Date: <i>12/1/90</i></p> <p>If Co-Worker</p> <p>Signature</p> <p>Date</p>	<p>I verify that the Case records have been checked and countersigned each fortnight.</p> <p>Signature: <i>F. Clarke</i></p> <p>Senior Social Worker</p> <p>Date: <i>11.9.90</i></p> <p>Area Manager Signature: <i>Wm Eden</i></p> <p>Date: <i>12/9/90</i></p>
Date sent to District Manager	Date received by District Manager

HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE

Minutes of Review Meeting held on 24th October, 1989.

DONALD STEWART (Gallowhill)  
(12. 9.77)

PRESENT: Mrs. M. McCusker, H.T., Hunterhill T.C.  
Mrs. M. Ruxton, Class Teacher

Apologies received from Mr. W. O'Hara, Educational Psychologist and Miss S. McDonald, Social Work Department.

Attainments/Forecast

Maths S.P.M.G., Stage 4  
multiplication - t.u. x100 x1000, p.9-12  
number and money - alternative methods of calculation, p.13-16  
co-ordinates - position fixing p.17-19

Language Reading - Flightpath "Burglars in the Yard" 2 x week  
Comprehension - Teacher devised questions  
Reading Workshop, Blue cards, 5-7  
Reading Speedcards, Blue cards, 8-10

Practice in Basic Skills, Book 2  
plurals p.34  
picture comprehension, p.35  
vocabulary, p.36-37  
joining sentences with and/but. p.38  
completing sentences using own words, p.39

English Workbook 3 (Ginn)  
Reading for information p.10-11; 14-15  
Verbs p.12, 13, 16

Superspell, Book 3  
compound words, p.10-11  
revision - dge, ge, tch, ch, p.12  
soft 'c', soft 'g', p.13-14  
colour names, p.15

It was strongly regretted that neither Donald's parent nor his social worker were present.

Mrs. Ruxton reported that Donald had settled well in the senior class, he is coping with both maths and language, although at times he shows a lack of patience for comprehension questions. He has a good brain and a tremendous imagination and offers a great deal to the class project. He is usually very helpful to others in class and helpful around/

around the classroom; however, he can be over-polite. His chat recently with Mr. Knight from the Garret Mask & Puppet Theatre showed how well he had involved himself in the puppet project.

There have been two recent incidents of truanting but it is felt these were caused by influences from outwith school rather than in school. Donald is coming to school much cleaner than previously and is wearing his school uniform. Even outwith class he is much calmer.

Donald's home circumstances are known to be very unsettled but it seems Donald is beginning to cope with this. It is noticed that he is more supportive of his mother when he speaks about her, whereas before he "hated" her. Donald does say that his younger brother is getting into trouble at home and it is thought that perhaps this is taking some of the pressure away from him.

Money is still a problem with Donald and he owes the school over £5.

If his behaviour and work continue as it is it might be advisable to give Donald a "taste" of secondary school. It is not certain to which secondary school he would go, but perhaps Mrs. Ruxton could take him with her on her routine visit to Renfrew High next week.

#### Conclusion

Ms. Stewart will be encouraged to come to Hunterhill and see how Donald is progressing, as yet she has not met Mrs. Ruxton.

1st November, 1989.

MMcC/icc

c/Psychological Services

Dr. Haran

SocialWork Dept.

Gallowhill Pr.

Miss M. McMillan

HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE

Minutes of Review Meeting held on 8th June, 1989.

DONALD STEWART  
(Gallowhill)  
(12. 9.77)

PRESENT: Mrs. M. McCusker, H..T., Hunterhill T.C.  
Mrs. E. Watt, Class Teacher  
Mrs. C. Perry, Auxiliary, Hunterhill T.C.  
Mr. W. O'Hara, Educational Psychologist  
Miss S. McDonald, Social Work Department  
Miss Stewart.

An apology had been received from Dr. W. Haran, Senior Clinical Medical Officer.

Attainments/Forecast

Maths S.P.M.G., Stage 3, p.102  
Mental Maths 3, p.11

Language Flightpath - "Burglars" p.55  
Read, Write and Remember - "Other Times" p.4  
Super Spell (2), p.30  
Workbook in Primary English 1, p.42  
Reading Workshop, Tan, 7  
Better English 3 p.15

Mrs. Watt stated that Donald had been coming into school more often recently in an aggressive and cheeky manner. He is extremely insolent to adults when he doesn't get his own way and doesn't seem to care how he speaks to others. When Donald is annoyed or upset he continually niggles at others in order to upset them. His work fluctuates like his moods. In a good mood he will work away happily; he likes to show off his knowledge to other and wants to be the centre of attraction. His work is not progressing as it should although it is becoming slightly neater and he is beginning to take a little pride in it. Donald does not like to be corrected.

Donald cannot be trusted. Recently he has been getting money from his mother for cookery but telling his teacher that his mother is still not allowing him to have cookery.

Donald/

Donald is not particularly popular with other pupils, he is inclined to be a loner. He constantly "baby" talks and acts silly. He enjoys vulgar talk and is seen as the one in school who starts vulgar innuendos. The driver in the school transport reported that he has never heard such filth as he has heard from Donald.

Miss Stewart says Donald is the same at home; his room is extremely untidy and he will not clean it up. She has to keep shouting at him and he shouts back; it is thought that the household is extremely volatile.

Donald attends an I.T. group after school on a Thursday. Hunterhill staff are not happy about this group as those who attend are quite a bit older than Donald. Miss McDonald said that he was being taught to accept some responsibility for his own behaviour, but it was noted that this was possibly counter-productive and Donald was not mature enough to accept the kind of responsibility 14 and 15 year olds would accept. A group of younger children meet on a Wednesday at Gleniffer High and although this group is more work-orientated it was felt this would better meet Donald's needs.

It was pointed out to Miss Stewart that it was pointless agreeing that yes Donald did this and did that at home too. It must be clearly pointed out to him what is acceptable behaviour at home as well as at school otherwise he would never improve.

Miss Stewart was urged to encourage Donald to take a pride in himself and come to school clean. He recently has been coming looking extremely grubby.

All agreed Donald was not ready for mainstream school at present.

### Conclusion

Donald has been coming to school quite dirty and Miss Stewart was asked to encourage him to take a pride in his appearance. He should also take a pride in his belongings.

Miss Stewart was asked to make it quite clear to Donald how he should speak to others.

Miss McDonald will look at other suitable clubs/groups for Donald.

Donald must be made aware that his disgusting talk is not acceptable.

28th June, 1989  
MMcC/icc

c/Psychological Services  
Dr. Haran  
Social Work Department  
Gallowhill Primary  
Miss M. McMillan

HUNTERHILL TUTORIAL CENTRE

Minutes of Review Meeting : 27th September, 1988.

DONALD STEWART  
(12. 9.77)

PRESENT: Mrs. M. McCusker, H.T., Hunterhill T.C.  
Mrs. E. Watt, Class Teacher  
Mrs. C. Perry, Auxiliary, Hunterhill T.C.  
Mr. W. O'Hara, Educational Psychologist  
Ms. L. Townsend, Senior Psychologist  
Mrs. M. Spiers, S.W. Department  
Mr. J. Boyle, West Yonderton I.T. Project  
Mrs. Stewart.

Apology from Dr. Haran, Senior Clinical Medical Officer.

Attainments/Forecast

Maths : Hesse p.54-66  
Revision of tables  
Revision of division  
Revision of fractions  
Mental Maths 2 Ex. 9-18

Language : Read, Write and Remember (Birds) p.1-10  
Practice in Basic Skills, Book 2, p.8  
Better English, Ex.2  
All Round English, p.13

Reading : Famous Legends, Book 1, p.20  
( 'Ladybird' )

SHAWNEE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SCHOOL WORK DEPARTMENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
11 OCT 1988  
REF'D TO *m Spiers*  
ACK'D  
ANSWD.

At Donald's admissions meeting it was decided to offer Donald a part-time placement in Hunterhill and the other days he would attend Gallowhill Primary. However, Mrs. Stewart does not wish him to go to Gallowhill and Donald does not attend school on Mondays or Tuesdays. Donald is not really settled in Hunterhill and it is felt that "going his own way" from Saturday to Tuesday doesn't help; he begins to settle on Friday but then is home for 4 days. Staff are agreed that he should be at school the full week, and a full time placement will be given to Donald.

In class Mrs. Watt finds him at times loud and cheeky and unable to remain in his seat for long. He has poor concentration and rarely gets much work done. On the other hand, he is desperately keen to be liked and accepted, and when on his own he talks about how nobody likes him. He can be very kind, there is a nice side to him.

Mrs./

Mrs. Spiers' main contact with him is through Mr. Boyle, Donald's 'befriender'. She will be seeing him on Thursdays at Sacred Heart with John. Mrs. Spiers stated that Donald's home is a little more settled at present but can be very volatile. Money is short at home but Mrs. Stewart agreed to give Donald 30p. every week for his "bank" and his cookery. John stated that he had no problems with Donald and that Donald enjoys his outings with him. Staff at school see Donald as playing school off against his befriender and John was asked to co-operate with school in so far as when Donald is particularly bad he does not go on an outing but rather to West Yonderton farm when John can discuss his behaviour. A behaviour diary has been kept before and this could be restarted.

Mrs. Stewart asked that Donald be given homework but staff feel they would prefer him to settle to his classwork first. However, if homework is given Mrs. Stewart agreed to see it was done as instructed.

Mrs. McCusker noted that Mrs. Stewart had a very poor relationship with staff at Gallowhill Primary. She pointed out that Hunterhill would be unable to work with Donald if Mrs. Stewart was not giving them her full support and asked Mrs. Stewart if there was anything she did not understand or agree with she had not to condemn staff but get in touch with Hunterhill immediately. Donald had to see that his mother was working with his teachers.

#### Conclusion

Donald will start at Hunterhill full time from Monday, 3rd October. He will bring indoor shoes to school.

Mrs. Stewart will try to give 30p. to Donald every week for his bank or cookery.

Mrs. Stewart was asked to support staff in all they do. If she has any problems or anxieties she is asked to contact Mrs McCusker immediately.

John will liaise with school and agreed to take Donald on outings or to West Yonderton for a discussion, according to his behaviour.

Perhaps a behaviour diary could be started.

6th October, 1988  
MMcC/icc

c/Psychological Services  
Dr. Haran  
Social Work Dept.  
Gallowhill Primary  
Miss M. McMillan

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RENFREW DISTRICT

D.A.S.U. REFERRAL FORM

This form should be completed on all children who have been received into care or for whom reception into care may be a consideration and forwarded to D.A.S.U. by noon on Friday prior to case discussion on Tuesday a.m.

SECTION A: FACTUAL DETAILS

<u>Name</u>	<u>D.O.B</u>	<u>Religion</u>
Donald Stewart	12.09.77.	
Charles Stewart	17.01.83.	
<u>Home Address</u>	<u>Previous periods in care</u>	
5 Marjory Drive Paisley	1.04.68-8.04.86 due to physical illness of mother 28.11.77-7.04.78 - Donald in foster care mother's lack of accommodation	
<u>Present Address</u>	<u>Child's current Legal Status</u>	
5 Marjory Drive	44(1) (a)	
<u>Date of R.I.C.</u>	<u>Significant Medical Details including G.P.</u>	
27.10.89-1.11.89.	GP Dr Hamilton - St James Street. Donald also known Dr Marian, Russell Inst. Donald suffers from asthma.	
<u>School attended prior to R.I.C.</u>	<u>Proposed School</u>	
Donald - Hunterhill Tutorial Charles - Gallowhill Primary	No change.	
<u>Details of parents/carers</u>		
Lorraine Stewart 5 Marjory Drive Paisley	Father - Patrick } 3 Cowal Drive Linwood	- Boys have had some contact but do not like fathers new girlfriend.
<u>Siblings</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Previous periods in care</u>

SECTION 2: HOME CIRCUMSTANCES

Identify the factors which led to the reception into care (or proposed reception into care)

Donald and Charles are at present under supervision, and have been known to the writer since January 1988. Focus of work has been Donald's behaviour and his mother's attitude to this. Since June 1989, the home situation has seemed more settled. Miss Stewart, Donald, schools and groupwork reported that the situation at home appeared good. On 27 October during home visit, Miss Stewart informed social worker that she had 'gone for Donald with a knife' resulting in several cuts on his legs. After investigation and medical workers returned to Miss Stewart's home to find that Miss Stewart had arranged for the boys to come home on their own, then go to an Aunts house. The only person at this house was a 15 year old cousin.

What resources/initiatives have been employed to keep the child in the community?  
Please give details of any previous discussions/meetings held

Groupwork and befriender for Donald - 4 points of contact until June. Now Sacred Heart IT Group for Donald. BATCO for Charles.

SECTION 3: PLACEMENT DETAILS

What is the recommended placement for the child?

Home - Discharged by Panel on 1.11.89 - Hearing continued for 3 weeks.

What are the objectives of the placement? (particularly with reference to rehabilitation)

Any other comments (use additional sheet if necessary)

Focus of Social Work contact will be to encourage Miss Stewart to take responsibility for her son's behaviour and to cope with it.

SOCIAL WORKER... Sharon McDonald ... DATE... 3/11/89 ...  
SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER... [Signature] ... DATE... 3/11/89 ...  
AREA TEAM... Abbey House ... Tel.No... 842 5757 ...



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**Statement taken from Donald Stewart aged 14 years, at Beech Avenue Children's Home on Thursday 7th November 1991 at 5 p.m.**

I was carrying on with Neil Munro aged 14 I think, in Bute Unit during the lunch break today. We were dummy fighting when Julian Barr, a member of care staff at Balrossie School, came into the room. Julian pulled me by my track suit top from behind and pulled me off Neil and threw me on the ground. I landed on my left side and my face hit the floor - left side of my face. I hurt the side of my head - there is a lump on the left side of my head, and my bottom lip was cut and bleeding. This was witnessed by Alex Hooper, Allen Murphy, Frank Craig and Neil Munro. All these are boys at Balrossie School. Julian Barr then dragged me by my clothing into the sitting room. He forced me to sit down by putting my left arm up my back and pushing my head forward. I sat down and he told me to 'sit there'. Julian Barr then left the sitting room and I got up and ran out into the dining room, slamming the sitting room door behind me. I ran through the dining room into the gym hall and out into the car park and driveway.

I was walking/jogging down the driveway intending to go to Bridge of Weir, then Beech Avenue, when Julian Barr came running down the driveway after me. I started to go a bit faster, but Julian was walking fast and caught me in a head lock. This means that he had his arms round my body and up through my arms and holding my head down from behind. I was struggling trying to get away and during the struggle my face was marked on the right hand side just below my right eye and just above my right eyebrow.

Still holding me, Julian dragged me into the Bute Unit Office.

Julian told me to sit down and I told him to 'f' off. He told me to sit down three or four times and I told him to 'f' off a couple of times. He then pulled my right arm behind me, straightened it and pushed me down onto a chair by my left shoulder.

Julian was talking to me but I was not listening. Then the bell went and Julian said 'class time'. I went to science class.

My science class teacher Dougie Wingate said 'that's a terrible mark you've got on your face'. I said that 'Jules' had done it. Dougie Wingate said to me 'I don't believe that for one minute'.

There was no one else in the driveway when Julian grabbed me.

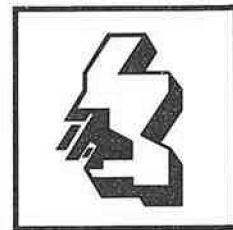
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DONALD STEWART

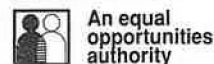
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M.E. CROWE  
SOCIAL WORKERS

J. McLEAN



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#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON CHILD

**DONALD STEWART DOB 12.9.77 CURRENTLY RESIDING AT BEECH AVENUE  
CHILDREN'S HOME, PAISLEY**

Donald Stewart was received into the care of this Department on 8.3.90. The reception into care was a section 15 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. Donald and his younger brother were received into care previously, in December 1989 on Place of Safety Order's following his mother attacking him with a knife. Donald and his brother were returned home following a Children's Hearing soon after.

Relationships between Donald and his mother, a single parent, have been poor over a lengthy period of time, and Donald's name was placed on this Department's 'at risk' register on 31.10.89 under the category of 'physical abuse'. De-registration took place following a Review Case Conference held on 12.11.91.

Donald was admitted to Balrossie School, Kilmacolm on 16.4.91, having previously attended Hunterhill Tutorial Centre since 1988.

Donald recently made allegations that a taxi driver assaulted him. The outcome of the investigation into this was that no further action was taken by Police or this Department.

Following the present allegations, Donald was medically examined by G.P. Dr Watson, St. James Street, Paisley on the evening of 7.11.91. Donald has a small prominent lump on the left side of his head, a 1½ inch linear red mark below his right eye and a linear 1½ inch red mark above his right eyebrow. All of these, and a cut lip, which was not immediately noticeable are alleged by Donald to have been sustained as a direct result of the assaults.

Dr Watson states that the injuries could be consistent with Donald's account. Dr Watson has agreed to give a written statement to this effect.

Jean McLean  
Social Worker

Strathclyde Regional Council

Social Work Department

Eastwood/Renfrew District

Date of review:

Outcome:

REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

Name: DONALD STEWART

Address: 5, Marjory Drive,  
Gallowhill,  
PAISLEY.

Date of birth: 12.9.77

School attended: Balrossie School

Religion:

Section of legislation: Sec. 44(1)(b) naming Beech Avenue, Children's Home

Reason for review and  
by whom called: Annual Review

New grounds of referral  
(if appropriate):

Significant changes since  
previous report:

Changes in Social Work  
Department or worker:

Contact with other agencies: Balrossie School

Report compiled by: Sheena McDonald  
Paisley Area Team  
8, Seedhill Road,  
PAISLEY.

Date report completed: 9.8.91

WORK DONE & PRESENT SITUATION:

Since Donald's last Hearing he has remained in Beech Avenue Children's Home and has had little contact with his mother or young brother Charles. He left Hunterhill Tutorial Centre in June, 1990, and began attending Merksworth High School. Donald found this difficult to cope with and his attendance was poor until October. After the October holiday, Donald did not return to school, spending much of his free time in and around the Paisley area. This got him into quite a lot of trouble, and his behaviour within the home deteriorated.

Child Care Reviews were held to plan Donald's future and he found it difficult to co-operate with this as he was frightened of what the future would hold.

An application was made for Donald to attend Balrossie School as a day pupil, and until a place was available, he attending a 'Holding Group' at the Social Education Unit two mornings per week. Donald responded well to this, his attendance was excellent, and he seemed to enjoy the individual contact there with four boys in the group. His behaviour, however, outwith this group continued to deteriorate and his placement in Beech Avenue was in doubt.

Donald began at Balrossie School just after Easter, 1991, and after initial difficulties with attendance lasting about a week, Donald soon settled down. His attendance was good and reports from class and subject teachers were excellent. Donald again responded well to the small class numbers and to the discipline of a structured day. His behaviour in Beech Avenue also improved and the possibility of Donald being moved from the home was removed.

While Donald was not attending school, he would see his mother on an informal basis, once a week, but since starting school, this contact has ceased.

Towards the end of the school term, Donald's grandfather died and this upset him very much. Towards the end of the term he did not attend as well as he might.

During the summer holidays, Donald has proved that he has settled down well and has started to talk about his future plans in a mature and sensible manner. At present there is a befriending assessment being carried out on an ex-member of Beech Avenue staff to allow an individual contact for Donald outwith the Home. Donald fully intends to return to Balrossie at the start of the term and future plans will be made at a forthcoming Child Care Review. It is hoped that links will again be made with Merksworth School and that a supported return to mainstream school will be possible for Donald.

A return home seems unlikely for Donald, but he seems to be able to accept this more and more, although it still leaves him fairly disturbed.

FUTURE PLANS:

- 1) Donald to continue to attend Balrossie School as a Day pupil, with possible links with Mainstream School.
- 2) A possible move out of Beech Avenue may be discussed at a forthcoming Child Care Review, but this should be a positive move, i.e. Community Parents or Long Term foster care.
- 3) Regular contact with a befriender once he is approved by District Headquarters.

It is the recommendation to the Children's Hearing that Donald remain in Beech Avenue Children's Home under Section 44(1)(b).

*Sheena McDonald*

Sheena McDonald  
Social Worker

PAT/SMcD/AL  
9.8.91

## STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968  
THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986At<sup>1</sup> *The Hearing Rooms,  
Elan Lane,**Paisley. On 3rd September 1990*

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region by way of variation of [and in substitution for]\*

the supervision requirement dated<sup>2</sup> *18.12.89*to which<sup>3</sup> *Donald Stewart 12.9.77*is subject, hereby require him/her\* [to reside in<sup>4</sup> *Beech Avenue Children's Home*] [to be under the supervision of<sup>5</sup> *The Director of Social Work*] subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated<sup>2</sup> *18.12.89*

is hereby revoked.



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Chairman of the children's hearingCONDITIONS REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING  
SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

- †1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.
- †2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.
- 3.
- etc.



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Chairman of the children's hearing

1 Place and date

2 Date of previous supervision requirement

3 Name of child

† Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

\* Delete as appropriate

4 Name of residential establishment

5 Name of local authority or other supervisor

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Reporter to the Children's Panel

*Reporter:*

F.J. Kennedy L.L.B.

MEMORANDUM

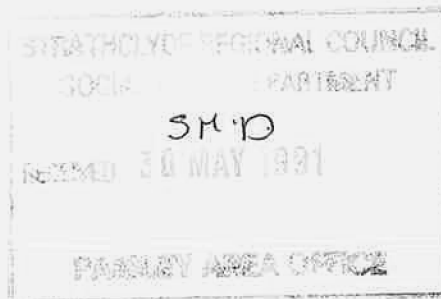
From Reporters Department To Social Work Department  
ABBAY HOUSE

**SUBJECT: SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968**  
**CASES SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION**

The undernoted has/have been referred under Section 32. Please submit social background report(s) not later than 24 May 1991

Ref. No. <u>699/85</u>	Name and Address	<u>Donald Stewart</u> <u>5 Marjory Drive</u> <u>Paisley</u> <u>DOB 12.9.77.</u>
Grounds for Referral		

That he did, while acting along with others, on 18 February 1991, in the Sub Post Office at 10 Barscube Terrace, Paisley, utter as genuine to an employee of said Post Office the Department of Social Security Book No. NM543545B2218323 on which the signature "Y.Glen" bore to be signed, said signature having been forged and did obtain the sum of £47.65.  
 NATURE OF OFFENCE - ~~FORGERY~~ AND UTTERING.



Date 26 April 1991 for Reporter DJ

SWD/5b

THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO AREA REPORTER IMMEDIATELY

Name(s) .....

Ref. No.(s) ..... Reporter's Area Code .....

Receipt is acknowledged of formal request for Social Background Report

Date .....  
 (for) Area Officer

For Reporters Use Only  
 REPORTERS DECISION

N.F.A.-39(1) 23.5.91

V.M.C.-39(2) .....

C.H.-39(3) .....

Date of actual C.H. to be given later

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

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

## MEMORANDUM

From: ... Reporters Department ..... To: ..... Social Work Department  
 ..... Abbey House .....  
 .....

**Subject: Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968—Section 38(1)—Existing Supervision Requirement—  
Supplementary Report**

The undernoted child/~~children~~ who is/~~are~~ subject to a supervision requirement has/~~have~~ been referred again. Details undernoted.

The view of the supervising social worker/residential establishment staff\* as to the advisability of a further hearing at this stage is requested. Should it be considered that the existing treatment measures require adjustment the completion of the appropriate proforma requesting a review under Section 48(2) would allow matters to be co-ordinated. if a further Hearing seems appropriate, a Supplementary Report should be submitted as soon as possible, and not later than ..... 7 November 1991 .....

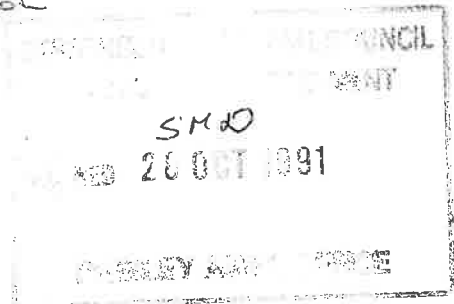
Name and Address: Donald Stewart 12.9.77  
5 Marjory Drive  
Paisley

Details of Referral:

That he did on 27 June 1991, while acting along with others break into the Todholm Primary School, Lochfield Road, Paisley and steal, a first aid kit.

NATURE OF OFFENCE - Theft by housebreaking

29/10/91  
 Pass to S. McDonald  
YPRG appt - 31/10/91 at 12 noon  
 - Anna Docherty  
 SSW



Date ... 24 October 1991 .....

..... W. H. H. .....  
for Reporter

\*Delete as appropriate

Meeting held re Donald Stewart  
on 13/11/91 in Melksworth School.

Present . S McDonald - Social Worker  
L Townsend - Senior Psychologist  
I Edwards - Behaviour Support Teacher.

Apologies T McKeown - Balrossie School

The purpose of today's meeting was to discuss Donald's return to mainstream education and possible part-time attendance at Melksworth High School to study extra subjects ie a second language.

Ms Edwards stated that she had presented Donald's situation at the SMT in Melksworth and that there was no possibility of a part-time timetable for Donald.

Ms Townsend stated that should a return to mainstream education be seen as appropriate in August 1992 then plans ~~out~~ ought to be made from Easter when 2nd year pupils selected courses for 3rd year. It was seen as appropriate that Donald attend a meeting with the Behaviour Support teacher in order to do this. It was suggested that Donald would then be able to attend Melksworth for the final 4/6 weeks of the Summer term with a view to starting full-time in August. This would be seen as a trial period only, returning to Balrossie if Donald, or the school, could not cope.

The meeting then discussed the appropriateness of Donald returning to mainstream education in August 1992. Given that Donald has settled well at Balrossie but is still an emotionally damaged and is unlikely to cope with the demands that a large school will place on him. Previously Donald has had problems in moving around the school and should be cause problems at this time the most probable course of action would be to exclude him. Once this happened, it ~~would be~~ was seen as unlikely that Donald would return.

BACKGROUND/ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

BASIC DETAILS

S & R Group Appointment:

Re-referral: YES / ~~NO~~

CHILD'S NAME: Donald Stewart ADDRESS: c/o Beach Ave

D.O.B: 12.9.77 SCHOOL: Balrossie SEX: M / F

LEGAL STATUS: NONE [ ] VOL 39(2) [ ] 44 1(a) [ ] 44 1(b) [x] Other [ ]

SOCIAL WORKER:

CATEGORY OF REFERRAL

1. NEW OR ADDITIONAL GROUNDS

- a) Beyond Control [ ]
  - b) Moral Danger [ ]
  - c) Lack of Par. Care [ ]
  - d) Victim Offence [ ]
  - dd) At Risk [ ]
  - e) Incest Assoc [ ]
  - f) School Non Att. [ ]
  - g) Offending [x]
  - gg) Solvent Abuse. [ ]
- Theft by HS.

2. REVIEW HEARING [ ] Reason.....

3. CONSULTATION [ ]

AREAS OF CONCERN

Home:

Currently in care.  
No prospect of him going home.  
Plan will be for Community Parents.

School:

Initially problems at Balrossie.  
Now doing well.

Community:

Not involved in any groups etc.  
Need from this to be looked at.

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

- \* NFA [ ]
- Vol 39(2) [ ]
- 44 1(a) [ ]
- 44 1(b) [ ]
- Continue Hearing [ ]
- Continue Order [ ]
- Other .....

CHILD'S NAME:

ATTENDANCE:

DATE:

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

This incident was seen as a one-off.  
Generally has been doing well.  
Responds well on a one-to-one. Consideration  
of a beguender

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

- 1. No Resources required.
- 2. More info. needed  Specify.....
- 3. Link to Comm Based Group  Specify.....
- 4. Minimum Support group (a) Assess  b) Comm.  c) Holding
- 5. Individual Work  6. Family Work  7) School Work
- 8. I.T. Group  Setting..... 9. School Work.
- 10. Community Assessment Meeting.
- 11. DRAM: a) CSP  b) Soc. Ed.  c) Short Stay  d) Consult.
- 12. Residential Care  Specify.....
- 13. Other Resources  Specify Beguender

ACTION PLAN

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>WHEN</u>
① No hearing to be requested.		
② Beguender		
③ Community-based activities	- Hospital radio Remote-controlled boat club	

Re Refer S&R Group YES / NO

Next appointment.....

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVE.

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

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

Sec 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss L STEWART, 5 MARSDEN DRIVE, GALLOWHILL

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARLES STEWART, 5 MARSDEN DRIVE.

(c) Siblings in care:

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

MISS STEWART HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH DONALD SINCE THE LAST REVIEW, OTHER THAN INFORMAL CONTACT. DONALD VISITED HER ON 9/10/91 TO SHOW HER HIS SCHOOL REPORT AND SHE AGREED TO ATTEND TODAY'S REVIEW

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

27/3/91 - REVIEW  
 6/9/91 - MEETING FOR COMMUNITY PARENTS  
 24/9/91 - VISIT TO BEECH AVE.  
 25/9/91 ESCORT FROM BANROSSIE  
 26/9/91 ESCORT TO BANROSSIE  
 8/10/91 DONAND + SW TO MISS STEWART

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

20/9/91 - CHILDREN'S PAPER FOR CHARLES.  
 3/10/91 - HOME VISIT  
 8/10/91 - HOME VISIT

## 6. Areas of Concern:

- (a) Family MISS STEWART CONTINUES TO BE INCONSISTANT TOWARDS DONAND AND THIS MAY CONFUSE + UPSET HIM
- (b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)  
 DONAND IS PROGRESSING WELL SINCE STARTING AT BANROSSIE, AND BEGIPING TO ACT IN A MATURE MANNER.

## Other agencies involved:

BANROSSIE SCHOOL

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

DONAND HAS BEEN ACCEPTED ON THE COMMUNITY PARENTS SCHEME, AND A SUITABLE PLACEMENT IS NOW BEING SOUGHT FOR HIM.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

SHORT - TO REMAIN IN BEECH AVE.

LONG - TO MOVE TO COMMUNITY PARENTS

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

10. Any further comments:

DONAND HAS RECENTLY STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE CONTINUED CONTACT WITH HIS MOTHER, AND THIS SHOULD BE ALLOWED WHERE POSSIBLE

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

F. CLARKE - SSW

S McDONAND SW

Signed: Sharon McDowell  
Designation: Social Worker  
Date: 9/10/91

Name of Home: Beech Ave.

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Date of Review Meeting: 9.10.91

## Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

To remain in B.A.  
 To remain at Balrossie with a view to return to Merksworth School  
 Follow up befriender situation

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

Donald is developing normally for a boy his age.

## 2. Emotional Development:

Donald is showing signs of a more mature attitude towards his situation. He accepts that he will not be returning to live with his mother and is interested in being considered for community parents.

## 3. Behavioural Problems:

Donald still has occasional outbursts of bad behaviour + tantrums but these are becoming less frequent of late  
 Befriending - now paid.  
 Meeting with Lynn T. + School. (ed.)  
 Groups??  
 Taxi  
 Mo's.

Decisions - 1) Meeting with Psgs school of  
 2) Date of next review. 5/2/92 1.30pm  
 Johnson

## Form C continued (2 of 3)

## 4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

He has seen mum at the recent Childrens Hearing and casually in town a few times

## 5. Contact with siblings:

Brother Charles has visited Donald in BA. and Donald is happy with these visits.

## 6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

Balrossie School

School attended: Balrossie School.

School report attached/~~not available~~

Educational observations:

## 8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home: Music, video, TV.

(b) Outwith home: Cinema, swimming

Form C continued (3 of 3)

9. Relationships:

(a) Within home: He gets on well with other residents but occasionally bullies younger children.

(b) Outwith home: He has some casual friends locally.

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

His need for community parents as the next stage in his future. His future school prospects and his ability to maintain his attendance and progress.

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

To be discussed at the review

12. Remarks:

Donald needs to feel there are some plans for his future as at times he feels he is drifting along without any prospects

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

P. Hill (Keyworker)

Signed:.....

Designation:.....

Date:.....



Strathclyde Regional Council

Social Work Department

Eastwood/Renfrew District

Date of  
Hearing:

Outcome:

REPORT TO CHILDREN'S HEARING

Name: Donald Stewart

Address: 5 Marjory Drive  
Gallowhill  
Paisley

Date of birth: 12.9.77

School attended: Balrossie

Presently living: Beech Avenue Children's  
Home, Paisley

Religion:

Grounds of referral: Theft by Housebreaking

Basis of report: Ongoing knowledge of Donald and his family.

Family details:

Name	Age	Relationship	Employment/School/ Income and source
Lorraine Stewart	30	Mother	Income Support
Charles Stewart	9	Brother	Lives with mother
Donald Stewart		Subject	

Contact with other agencies:

Beech Avenue Children's Home  
Balrossie School

Report compiled by:

S McDonald

Date completed:

31.1.92

## FAMILY BACKGROUND

Donald has lived in Beech Avenue Children's Home since March 1990 following a breakdown in relationships between himself and his mother. It was the plan of the Department to assist Donald's return to his mother but despite access arrangements, Child Care Reviews and individual work, Miss Stewart did not facilitate this return and it was agreed that an alternative placement be found for him. Donald still has informal contact with his mother and young brother Charles, but Miss Stewart does not recognise the need to be consistent with Donald and often lets him down in terms of visits, and promises that he may come home.

## THE CHILD

Donald presents as a lively, if sometimes sullen, cheeky boy, with a good sense of humour. His biggest problem at present is speaking out of turn, both to adults and children, and talking himself into situations that he finds difficult to get out of.

When he first went to live in Beech Avenue he was quiet and caused little trouble, but as months went on his behaviour and attitude began to deteriorate. This seemed to be linked with both his school attendance and his home situation. Donald tended to react badly to the rejection by his mother and his disappointment at not being able to return home manifested itself in disruptive and outrageous behaviour.

This behaviour has settled with maturity and a more settled school situation, although he can still cause some behavioural problems in Beech Avenue and in the community. He is now able to accept the uncertain contact with his mother and begin to formulate plans for his future along with Social Work and Beech Avenue staff.

## SCHOOL

At the date of Donald's reception into care, Donald attended Hunterhill Tutorial Centre where his school work was more than acceptable. He moved in August 1990 to Merksworth High School as Hunterhill staff were of the opinion that Donald could cope with mainstream education. This proved not to be the case and Donald, whilst coping with the work, found difficulty in adapting to the large classes and lack of supervision between classes and at breaks. He "voted with his feet" and did not return to school after the October holiday.

Until Christmas 1990 Donald left Beech Avenue in the morning for school and would wander about Paisley on his own or with a group of other absconders. In 1991 Donald was referred to the Social Education Unit and placed in the holding group. Social Education was not seen as appropriate and a place found in Balrossie as a day pupil. Donald started Balrossie at Easter 1991 and his manner and behaviour improved almost at once.

The plan is now to integrate Donald into mainstream education once more and negotiations are now taking place with Merksworth High School, about possible ways of doing this.

## FUTURE PLANS

Plans for Donald include the following:

- 1) Securing a Befriender for Donald. At present there is an application from a man willing to befriend Donald and offer him opportunities outwith Beech Avenue.
- 2) Application for Community Parents. Donald has been accepted on to the Community Parents Scheme and the matching process will begin as soon as suitable families are identified.
- 3) Leisure pursuits. Donald's keyworker at Beech Avenue and Balrossie School are now working together to offer him opportunities outwith Beech Avenue re. involvement in local Youth Newspapers and Hospital Radio.

INVOLVEMENT IN OFFENDING

Donald, whilst improving, is still becoming involved in offending in the community, resulting in referrals to the Reporter. These tend to be "one off" incidents and usually connected with Donald's contact with his mother. He is now able to recognise his responsibility in these actions and for the past few months has concentrated on not going outwith the Home with people likely to become involved in offending behaviour.

SUMMARY

As can be seen from this report Donald is a disturbed young boy, with an unsatisfactory home situation and uncertain future.

Work is still ongoing to offer Donald positive support when he is doing well, and to examine the reasons why his behaviour is not up to standard and ways of improving this.

I can see no advantage in Donald's residential supervision order being varied at this present time, and recommend that the Reporter take no further action on this matter.

PAT/SMcD/LM  
30/1/92

.....  
Sheena McDonald - Social Worker

Donald Stewart - Attendance Record

	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Absences</u>
<u>From January to June 1992</u>	104	69	35
<u>From August to Tuesday 6.10.92</u>	34	7	27

Moira Cunningham  
MC/Sm.  
6.10.92.

Attendance <sup>falling</sup> following <sup>away</sup> from mid-March.

CONFIDENTIAL:

HEADMASTER: David S.D. McCallum.

Balrossie School,

TELEPHONE NUMBER: Kilmacolm 2201.

Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.

21st August, 1992.

Report for Internal Review:

Boy's Name:	DONALD STEWART.
Date of Birth:	12. 9. 77.
Date of Admission:	15. 4. 91.
Home address:	Beech Avenue Children's Home, Paisley.
Field Social Worker:	Ellen Finlayson.
School Keyworker:	Gerald Keogh.

Current Care Plan:

1. Mr. Pettigrew to continue to encourage Donald to improve his behaviour and application to his classwork.
2. Beech Avenue and Balrossie School keyworkers to help Donald to manage within worthwhile groups, i.e. the local community.
3. Donald to be given every assistance from all agencies concerned to prepare for community parents.
4. Donald to continue to visit his mother. All agencies concerned to give support in an effort to help their relationship to grow stronger.
5. Balrossie keyworker to continue extraction periods from class and emphasise that bullying must stop and Donald must behave in an acceptable manner at all times.
6. Regular contact to be made between Social Work Department, Beech Avenue and Balrossie School.

Progress of Care Plan:

1. Mr. Pettigrew has continued his efforts with Donald although these are limited due to the irregular attendances at Balrossie by Donald.
2. Donald is encouraged to seek friendship outwith the home environment and to keep in mind that it would be prudent to stay clear of doubtful associates.
3. Donald has agreed to the plan of community parents and seems to be looking forward to being placed in a family home.
4. Donald is showing less commitment and interest in this area, but continued support may reverse this laspe on Donald's part.

Report for Internal Review - Donald Stewart.

- 5. Due to Donald's irregular attendance at Balrossie, little progress has been made in this area although extraction periods from class have happened when possible.
- 6. This is continuing to operate without any problems between all concerned.

Unit:

Prior to the summer holidays, Donald's behaviour was variable, generally, he was boisterous at times and enjoyed being involved in rowdy games. He can annoy other boys on occasion.

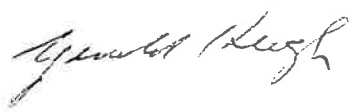
Hopefully with continued counselling this will be corrected.

Boy's View:

Donald's main thoughts are centred on community parents.

Areas for Discussion:

- 1. Donald's unco-operative behaviour in refusing to attend School on a regular basis using sickness as an excuse but on many occasions recovering quickly to roam around the town with some friend.
- 2. Donald's couldn't care less attitude when confronted about any mis-deeds, this is mainly regarding No. 1 above.



Written by : GERALD KEOGH.  
RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE OFFICER.



Countersigned by: DAVID S.D. McCALLUM.  
HEADMASTER.

Balrossie School,  
Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.  
GK/JBW.  
21st August, 1992.

DONALD STEWART (15) d.o.b.12.9.77

BEECH AVENUE CHILDRENS' HOME

1 BEECH AVENUE

HUNTERHILL

PAISLEY

Section 44 1(b)

religion:protestant

MOTHER:MRS LORRAINE IRVINE

8d BLACKHALL COURT

PAISLEY

SCHOOL:BALROSSIE

senior: D.M.RANKIN O.I.C.BEECH AVENUE.

keyworker:H.Trousdale.



## DONALD STEWART

Donald accepted being in care at Beech Avenue quite maturely more than a year ago when he first broached the subject of community parents. Recognising that it was unlikely he would return as a resident in the family home, Donald settled well into the lifestyle at Beech Avenue and looked forward with pleasure to positive changes in his life.

Ms McDonald, who was his F.S.W. took up a new appointment and was replaced by Ms Finlayson who has also moved on. **ANGUS WOOD** is now his social worker and they met on 25th September.

In the past 2½ years that Donald has lived in Beech Avenue, the complete client group has changed twice and all the other children in Beech Avenue are leaving either to return to their parents, or to live with foster parents.

This is having an adverse affect on Donald who, having suffered various rejections in his short life, feels once again that the world is letting him down and is concealing his emotional pain behind some rather anti social behaviour. His aggression is aimed mainly towards his carers in Beech Avenue, this appears to be Donald rejecting us because the family finding unit have had their plans postponed by a legal technicality. **ALEX NEIL** from family finding has written to Donald, and visited him to explain the current situation which has helped Donald to realise that every effort is being made to find him a family. Weekend leave is enjoyed with Mr & Mrs Irvine which is helping Donald greatly in his current situation and it is the only positive in Donalds' life at present.

We are extremely concerned that Donald has given us an incredible variety of reasons and excuses for his non attendance at Balrossie School which is inhibiting his intellectual development as he refuses to study within Beech Avenue. Physically, he is in reasonably good health but attended hospital regularly in the summer when, after injuring his leg he accidentally set fire to his bandages (intending only to burn a small section) and had to attend the burns clinic at the R.A.H. During his holidays, he rather stupidly drank from an open can which we suspect was "spiked" and attended Inverclyde Hospital as a safety measure. Staff at Beech Avenue have ensured that he is receiving the necessary physical excercise through skating which he enjoys.

Donalds' natural personality is pleasant, cheerful and he is sensitive to others feelings. He has shown kindnesses to other less fortunate residents and is generally well liked. Recently, there have been several incidents involving Donald where he has acted unsociably.

Donalds' current recreational pursuit is ice skating, which he is encouraged to practice as often as practical. We realise that daily exercise is desirable in a young person Donalds' age, and although we are unable to send him skating every day, he does go twice weekly, ensuring that although he is missing the necessary physical education at school, this need is being met within Beech Avenue.

Angus has visited Donald and ensured him that everything possible was being done for him, Donald accepted this and accepted Angus as his new social worker.

Kenny Lang, Donalds' befriender, is no longer employed as a gamekeeper, and has not been able to give the same commitment to Donald. This has been just another blow to the boy.

Donald has been counselled regarding all aspects of his life and basically this young man feels forgotten by the social work department. He is tired of promises and now requires positive results pointing towards his future.

**DONALDS' FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES REMAIN AS LAST REVIEW.**

**DONALD ENJOYS WEEKEND ACCESS WITH MUM, STEPFATHER & BROTHER.**

## SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

Recommendations of last review:-

1. To remain in Balrossie at present. Unfortunately, Donald, in spite of encouragement and counselling both from care staff, mother, stepfather and social worker, is not presently attending school.
2. Remain in Beech Avenue at present.
3. Psychologist to be notified as soon as Family Finding Team make significant progress.
4. Access to continue as before. Access now incorporates weekend leave which Donald enjoys immensely and would appear to be successful.
5. Monitor befriender contact and liase with Balrossie. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, his befriender has been unable to give the same input to Donalds' life as he did in previous months.

## PROPOSALS FOR CHILDS' FUTURE

The immediate concern is to have Donald return to Balrossie School on a daily basis. His social worker, **ANGUS WOOD** is currently investigating the possibility of a part time college education when Donald is the required age to attend college. We also are concerned that the legal process regarding community parenting is soon resolved.

**D.M.RANKIN OFFICER IN CHARGE BEECH AVENUE CHILDRENS' HOME**

Helen Trousdale keyworker Beech Avenue.



NAME DONALD STEWART.

DATE 1st October, 1992.

D.O.B. 12. 9. 77.

D.O.A. 15. 4. 91.

AGE 15 years.

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: 8.

CLASS TEACHER: David Pettigrew.

EDUCATIONAL  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FROM PREVIOUS  
REVIEW OR  
ASSESSMENT

Remain at Balrossie for the present.  
Monitor home situation and Review.

LANGUAGE  
SKILLS

I have seen Donald very rarely this term, therefore, it is difficult to comment on his academic progress. When in class he has been more co-operative and made attempts to continue his Scotvec module.

MODERN  
STUDIES:

Standard Grade - hardly ever at class.  
Donald has a poor attitude to schoolwork.  
Possibly capable student but no commitment.

NUMBER  
SKILLS

Following standard grade course foundation level - Green series.  
Erratic attendance means he misses quite a lot of work.  
Quite a capable pupil.

SCIENCE

I have only seen Donald on three occasions this term.  
He has, therefore, made no progress in science.  
On these occasions his behaviour has been reasonable.

ART

Donald is generally a well motivated creative worker in art, but there has been little or no progress this term due to his lack of commitment and many absences.

P.E./GAMES

HOME  
ECONOMICS:

Donald only comes one period a week - good practical skills and knowledgeable at theory.

TECHNICAL  
SUBJECTS:

Donald showed a lot of potential last year but has lost interest since summer. His attitude towards the subject is very poor.

BEHAVIOUR  
ATTITUDE

Erratic attendance, lack of commitment - contribute to a less than positive attitude to Balrossie.

RECOMMENDATIONS  
O REVIEW

Discuss options at Review.

*David Pettigrew*

DAVID PETTIGREW - CLASS TEACHER.

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Tel 041 - - - Ext

Our ref

Your ref

Date

Date of Birth 10/9/77

Donald Skinscot

the following people to the above named child's review on Friday 21/8/93

Balrossie at 3:00 pm

Tel. No.

Address

Tel. No.

Designation

AD

E. Kirkcaldy

Mr + Mrs Irvine, 84 Blackhall Cr. (Mum)

Helen Trousdale, Beech Ave

839-7375

Lynn Townsend, Psychologist

881-7821

Mr McEwan, Balrossie

Garry Keogh, Balrossie

Annette Banner, 100 Child Care

parents must be invited to the review. If this is not possible detail reasons in writing to the Area

## STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

### SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

#### PARENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS ASSESSMENT FORM

Note: No assessment is required where the father is unemployed or if supplementary benefits are being paid.

1. Name of child: *Douglas Stewart*
2. Date received into care: *March 1990.*
3. Admitted to: *Beech Avenue children's Home.*
- 4.\*Father/Guardian's name:
5. Occupation: *Unemployed.*
6. Mother's name: *L. Irvine*
7. Address: *80 Blackhall Court Paisley*
8. Details of gross income of working parent: £      per week *N/A.*
9. Payslips available? YES/NO\*  
If YES, give dates which confirm Gross Income:      *N/A.*  
If NO, do the earnings appear reasonable? YES/NO\*
10. Is this the first child received into care from this family? YES/NO\*  
If NO, give details:
11. Certification:  
The information given above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signed) ..... *E. Yuenipis* ..... Social worker  
Agreed (Signed) ..... Area officer

#### FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

1. Date received:
2. Assessment calculation:  
5% of £      ((8) above) =      p.w.  
2½% of £      ((8) above) =      p.w.\*  
Total \_\_\_\_\_
3. Assessed at £      per week      (N.B. maximum is £30.00 per week)
4. Effective from:
5. Social worker notified.

Completed by (Signed).....  
Checked by (Signed).....  
Date .....

\*Delete as necessary.

Agency Strathclyde Regional Council Social work Department  
 Address Paisley Area office Social Worker Ellen Finlayson  
Seedhill Road Paisley Telephone 041-842-5151  
 Medical Adviser Dr ATKINSON Telephone 041-889-2151

If any problems arise in completing this form please contact the Medical Adviser

## MEDICAL REPORT AND FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT OF CHILD 5 YEARS AND OVER REFERRED FOR ADOPTION OR RECEIVED INTO CARE

Note: please fill in questions 1 to 4 only.

Child's surname STEWART Forename(s) DONALD Sex M  
 Also known as ..... Date of birth 12.9.77 Ref No.....  
 Date of examination 17.2.92 Age at examination 14 years

**IMPORTANT** The following information should be available to the doctor making the examination. He/she is asked to tick all which are provided

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Any recent medical report                           | Family history of parents                       |
| Growth charts to date                               | List of placements/caregivers                   |
| Medical history (including record of immunisations) | List of nurseries/schools                       |
| Psychologist's report (if any)                      | Recent school report                            |
| Any other relevant specialist reports               | Social work report                              |
| Perinatal history of child                          | Profile of behavioural and emotional well-being |

**THE CHILD SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE CURRENT CAREGIVER**— please give name and indicate if absent.

1. Summary by medical adviser or examining doctor of anything in the collected information which is likely to be relevant to the child's present condition or future prospects (e.g. genetic conditions in family; obstetric or neonatal complications; disability; previous illness, accidents and operations; history of growth, development, speech and learning; traumatic events; frequent changes of caregiver etc.)

Born 12.9.77 at 19.42. Probably term (dates uncertain), birth wt 2.16kg. Emergency LSCS for breach presentation, foetal and maternal distress. Respirations established spontaneously. Physiological jaundice - treated by phototherapy (Max SB 230 Umol). Mother 5'5", single. Previously a shop assistant, now unemployed. She has no medical problems but is prone to abusing alcohol. Donalds father is a tall slim man with no known medical problems. No known genetic problems in family. Donald has 4 half siblings - who are alive and well. Donald is a healthy boy who suffers from mild asthma. At age of 2 months he was admitted into care for 4 months because of mothers lack of accommodation. At 9 years he was re-admitted to a foster home for 7 days due to physical illness in the mother. At 12 years his mother attacked him with a knife and he was admitted to a Children's Home for 5 days. At 13 he was readmitted to the Children's Home and has been there ever since.

2. Is the child attending hospital or receiving any medication or other treatment?

Suffers from mild asthma - uses Intal inhaler as necessary.  
 No hospital admissions.

**Strathclyde Regional Council  
Social Work Department**

Director: F E Edwards RO BA MUniv FBIM

**Regional Family Finding**

115 Wellington Street, Glasgow G2 2XT

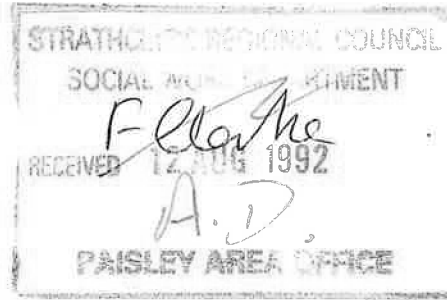
Tel. 041-227 Fax 041-227 6187

Our Ref: MH18M

Your Ref:

Date 11/8/92

Frank Clark  
Social Work Dept,  
Abbey House,  
Seedhill Rd,  
Paisley



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Dear Frank Clarke Senior S.W.  
RE : Foster Panel - 20/8/92 - Donald Stewart - DOB 12/9/77

I would like to draw your attention to a change in the procedure of our Fostering Panel, which affects the above child and the proposed linking.

Dr MacAnespie, our Medical Adviser, has requested that RIC 3 Medical Books for children in care are brought in front of the Fostering Panel for his inspection.

I would therefore ask you to bring the Medical Book to the Fostering Panel when you are attending for the proposed linking.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Paterson

Sandra Paterson  
Manager  
Regional Family Finding Centre

FOSTER PANEL DATE :

20/8/92

TIME :

10:15

**Strathclyde Regional Council**  
**Social Work Department**

Director: F E Edwards RD BA MUniv FBIM

**Renfrew Division**

Paisley Area Office, Abbey House, 8 Seedhill Road, Paisley PA1 1JS

Tel: 041-842 5151 Fax: 041-842 5144

Our Ref: PAT/EF/JM

Your Ref:

Date: 14 August 1992

If phoning or calling ask for:

Dr MacAnespie  
Consultant  
Department of Public Health Medicine  
Ruchill Hospital  
GLASGOW  
G20 9NB

Dear Dr MacAnespie

Re:- Donald Stewart 12.9.77 Beach Ave Childrens' Home

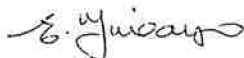
I am writing with reference to your letter dated 27 July 1992.

I have discussed with Donald the causal relationship that exists between smoking and his health, and made him aware of the effects of secondary smoking, on others. Donald states that he has his mother's permission to smoke and does not wish to consider methods of combating this addiction. However, continued reinforcement will be used to effect change in this area and hopefully increase his motivation to combat this problem.

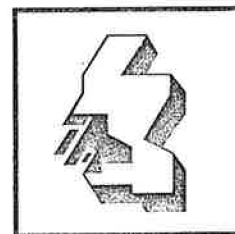
Donald attended the opticians on the 12 August 1992 and has been prescribed spectacles as a result.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely



E Finlayson  
Social Worker



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PAT/AW/AG  
01.02.93

Strathclyde Regional Council  
Social Work Department  
Eastwood/Renfrew District

Date of Review:

Outcome:

### REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

Name: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.09.77

School Attended: Reid Kerr College

Religion:

Address: 59 Glen Shee Ave  
Neilston, G78

Home Address: 8d Blackhall Ct  
Paisley

Section of Legislation: 44(1)(a)

Reason for review and  
by whom called:

Community Parent placement has broken down and Donald  
has returned, currently on a respite basis, to Beech  
Avenue Children's Home.

New grounds of referral  
(if appropriate):

Significant changes since  
previous report:

Breakdown in relationship between child and  
Community Parent, which at the time of writing,  
appears likely to be permanent.

Changes in Social Work  
Department or Worker: None

Contact with other agencies: Reid Kerr College  
Social Education Unit  
Education Department Psychological Services

Report compiled by: Angus Wood, Social Worker,  
Paisley Central Area Team.

Date report completed: 29.01.93

### SUMMARY OF CHILD'S CIRCUMSTANCES

Donald Stewart was received into care as a result of physical abuse by his mother and a subsequent breakdown in their relationship. He has a history of emotional rejections and has been involved with the Social Work Department since 1986, having been in care continuously, despite attempts to establish him at home with his mother since 1990.

It was felt that in the circumstances described, a Community Parent placement would most appropriately prepare Donald for the adult world by providing an experience of a stable, settled home environment.

### THE COMMUNITY PARENT PLACEMENT

Introductions to Mr & Mrs Lamond, the Community Parents, went well. At the time of the last Children's Hearing, Donald had spent a number of weekends and overnights at the Lamond's house. He had arranged a January start at Reid Kerr College. This was to be on a part-time basis, supported by attendance at the Social Education Unit. Donald had visited the Social Education Unit with the writer and Mrs Lamond and appeared committed to the above arrangement.

Mrs Lamond has made it clear that full-time attendance at an educational establishment was a condition for her caring for Donald.

On January 11th, a day of extreme weather conditions, Donald failed to attend for enrolment at the Social Education Unit. As a result there was a bitter dispute between Donald, Mrs Lamond and her son, which resulted in Mrs Lamond asking Donald to be removed from her house. This was on the basis that Donald had failed to fulfil Mrs Lamond's condition that Donald attend educational establishments without fail.

Despite efforts by the writer and members of the Regional Family Finding team to bring about a negotiated settlement, the incident resulted in Donald being received on a respite basis into Beech Avenue Children's Home.

### CURRENT SITUATION

Since the incident, Donald has remained at Beech Avenue. He refuses to contemplate a return to the Lamond's. Similarly, Mrs Lamond refuses to accept Donald back unless she has a guarantee that he will attend full-time education. At the time of writing it appears very unlikely that the placement can be re-established.

Donald is currently attending Reid Kerr College four afternoons per week, following courses in construction and auto engineering.

The writer arranged a meeting for Donald with Social Education subsequent to the incident on 11th January, and as a result of this he has maintained contact voluntarily. Staff at Social Education are prepared to keep up this low-key contact with a view to supporting and developing Donald's college work.

In the coming months, work experience by arrangement with Social Education is a likely further development.

ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

Donald's Community Parent placement appears to have broken down. There appears to be little chance of it being re-established. A Child Care Review will be convened as soon as possible to assess how best the issue of accommodation can be addressed. Referral to the Steps to Independence Project, or a hostel placement are likely options which have been discussed with Donald. A return to Donald's mother's care is not judged to be appropriate at this stage.

Given the circumstances outlined above, this Department requests that Donald's Home Supervision Order be varied to a Residential Supervision Order naming Beech Avenue Children's Home.

*AWood*

Angus Wood  
Social Worker  
29.01.93

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**  
**THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986**

To<sup>1</sup> Donald Stewart  
 c/o Beech Avenue Children's Home  
 Beech Avenue  
 PAISLEY

You have been referred to a children's hearing<sup>2</sup> on the basis of the attached grounds of referral and in continuation of the Hearing dated 15.12.93

You are required in terms of section 40(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to attend the hearing

on (date)            Tuesday 9th March 1993  
 at (time)            2.30 pm  
 at (place)          10 Glen Lane, Paisley

Please read the Notes set out below.

<sup>3</sup>  
 10 Glen Lane  
 Paisley

.....1st March..... 19 93

*Anne Marie Gaird*  
 .....  
 for Reporter

NOTES

A children's hearing is formed by members of the children's panel for Strathclyde Region. They have been selected from many walks of life especially for their interest and concern in understanding and helping children with problems. The panel members will discuss with you and your parents difficulties which have arisen and will try to reach a decision which will be in your best interests.

During the discussion the panel will want to hear your views. You may, if you wish, bring with you to the hearing someone to help you in discussing your difficulties and what might be done. The personal expenses of this representative (but not any fees) may be refunded.

Further information on the hearing is set out in the leaflet entitled 'To Tell You about the Children's Hearing', a copy of which accompanies this notification.

**You must attend the hearing unless you have been told by me that the hearing have decided that your attendance is not necessary. If you do not attend, steps may be taken, including possibly your detention, to make sure that you do appear before a hearing. If there is a very good reason, such as illness, why you will be unable to attend the hearing, you should contact the Reporter immediately at**

<sup>1</sup> Name and address of child

<sup>2</sup> State shortly the purpose of the hearing, for example, 'and the grounds of referral are described in the attached statement' or 'for the purpose of reviewing the supervision requirement made on (date)'

<sup>3</sup> Address of Reporter

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968  
THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986

<sup>1</sup> Donald Stewart (12.9.77) 8d Blackhall Court, Paisley

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

conditions<sup>2</sup>: That he has committed the offence as specified below, being grounds for referral in terms of Section 32(2)(g) of the above Act.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

In support of the above condition it is stated:

That he was on 29 September 1992 found within the curtilage of the unoccupied dwellinghouse at 247b Lochfield Road, Paisley in circumstances that would infer he was there with the intention of committing the crime of theft;

NATURE OF OFFENCE: Contrary to Section 57 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

<sup>3</sup>

10 Glen lane  
Paisley

.....1st March 1993

*Ann Marie Goldie*  
.....  
for Reporter

NOTES

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1 Name and address of child

2 Specify Conditions

3 Address of Reporter

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**  
**THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986**

To<sup>1</sup>  
Donald Stewart  
c/o Beech Avenue Children's Home  
1 Beech Avenue  
PAISLEY

You have been referred to a children's hearing<sup>2</sup> on the basis of the attached grounds of referral and for an Annual Review of the Supervision Requirement dated 20.8.91

You are required in terms of section 40(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to attend the hearing

on (date) Monday 27th July 1992  
at (time) 3.15 pm  
at (place) 10 Glen Lane, Paisley

Please read the Notes set out below.

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10 Glen Lane  
Paisley

.....15th July 1992

.....  
for Reporter

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During the discussion the panel will want to hear your views. You may, if you wish, bring with you to the hearing someone to help you in discussing your difficulties and what might be done. The personal expenses of this representative (but not any fees) may be refunded.

Further information on the hearing is set out in the leaflet entitled 'To Tell You about the Children's Hearing', a copy of which accompanies this notification.

**You must attend the hearing unless you have been told by me that the hearing have decided that your attendance is not necessary. If you do not attend, steps may be taken, including possibly your detention, to make sure that you do appear before a hearing. If there is a very good reason, such as illness, why you will be unable to attend the hearing, you should contact the Reporter immediately at**

1 Name and address of child

2 State shortly the purpose of the hearing, for example, 'and the grounds of referral are described in the attached statement' or 'for the purpose of reviewing the supervision requirement made on (date)'

3 Address of Reporter

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968  
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1 Donald Stewart (12.9.77) 8d Blackhall Court, Paisley

is being referred to a children's hearing for Strathclyde Region on the grounds of the following conditions<sup>2</sup>: That he has committed the offence as specified below, being grounds for referral in terms of Section 32(2)(g) of the above Act.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In support of the above conditon, it is stated:-

That he did between 23rd March 1991 and 1st April 1991, while acting with another, break into the dwellinghouse situated at 9 Auchentorlie Quadrant, Paisley, occupied by Andrew Crawford and did steal therefrom a video cassette recorder, a hi-fi system and a quantity of compact discs.

NATURE OF OFFENCE: Theft by Housebreaking

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10 Glen Lane  
Paisley

..... 15th July 19 92

.....  
for Reporter

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

To1 Donald Stewart
c/o Beech Avenue Children's Home
1 Beech Avenue
PAISLEY

On2 3.9.90 a children's hearing for Strathclyde Region

after reviewing the supervision requirement dated 18.12.89

relating to [you]\* [3xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx] \* decided4
to vary the Supervision REquirement to child to reside in a residential
establishment namely Beech Avenue Children's Home

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

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

5 10 Glen Lane
Paisley

5th September 1990

Danielle B. Glasgow
for Reporter

1 Name and address of parent/child
3 Name of child
5 Address of Reporter

2 Date
4 Specify the decision in question
\* Delete as appropriate

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968  
THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986

At<sup>1</sup> *The Hearing Rooms,  
Athen Lane,*

*Paisley. on 3rd September 1990*

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region by way of variation of [and in substitution for]<sup>\*</sup>  
the supervision requirement dated<sup>2</sup> *18.12.89*

to which<sup>3</sup> *Donald Stewart 12.9.77*

is subject, hereby require him/her<sup>4</sup> [to reside in<sup>5</sup> *Beech Avenue Children's Home*

[to be under the supervision of<sup>5</sup> *The Director of Social Work*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated<sup>2</sup> *18.12.89*  
is hereby revoked.

*J. [Signature]*

Chairman of the children's hearing

**CONDITIONS REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING  
SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT**

- †1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.
- †2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.
- 3.
- etc.

*J. [Signature]*

Chairman of the children's hearing

1 Place and date

2 Date of previous supervision requirement

3 Name of child

† Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

5 Delete as appropriate

4 Name of residential establishment

5 Name of local authority or other supervisor

DEPARTMENT OF REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

*Child's Name*..... Donald Stewart  
*Date*..... 3.9.90.....*Summary Code*..... H.....*Area*..... Renfrew.....

<i>(Chairman)</i>	<i>(Member)</i>	<i>(Member)</i>
Mr Muir	Mr Hogg	Mrs Campbell

**Decision:—** Supervision Requirement varied to child to reside in a residential establishment namely Beech Avenue Children's Home

**Statement of reasons for decision:—**

1. Donald has been in Beeches Avenue Home since March 1990 and it was obvious and clearly stated by his mother that she would not provide a home for him.
2. The Children's Hearing was limited and very heated leading to both mother and Donald storming out of the Hearing room separately.
3. Serious concerns were felt for Donald's future and Social Work Department intend holding a review on 13.9.90 when it is hoped firm proposals will be put forward ie. foster care.

(signed) T Allan Muir  
 .....  
**Chairman**

The child/father/mother/guardian\* and their representative(s)\* were advised of the foregoing decision and the reasons therefor; of the right of the child and of the parents to appeal to the sheriff against the decision; and of the right of the child and parents to receive a statement in writing of the said reasons.

(signed) Ruth Scullion.....  
**for Reporter**

# STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel

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

Area/Divisional Reporter's Office

....10 Glen Lane.....

....Paisley.....

Telephone 889 9171.....

Ref: CMacd/JG

The Headteacher Beech Avenue Children's Home

## SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT REVIEW


Dear Sir,

The undernoted child/children is/are presently subject to a Children's Hearing supervision requirement which is/are due to be reviewed.

In order to help evaluate the progress being made your <sup>comments</sup> ~~co-operation in completing and returning~~ the enclosed Report(s) (within seven days if possible) would be greatly appreciated. ~~The green copy~~ <sup>is for your retention</sup>

In due course you will be notified of the decision made at the Hearing.

Yours faithfully,

  
for Reporter

Name:

Donald Stewart (12.9.77)  
5 Marjory Drive  
Paisley

Enc.

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**  
**THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986**

To<sup>1</sup> Donald Stewart  
 c/o Beech Avenue Children's Home  
 Beech Avenue  
 PAISLEY

You have been referred to a children's hearing<sup>2</sup> to review the Supervision Requirement dated 18.12.89

You are required in terms of section 40(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to attend the hearing

on (date) Monday 3rd September 1990  
 at (time) 3.15 pm  
 at (place) 10 Glen LANE, Paisley

Please read the Notes set out below.

<sup>3</sup> 10 Glen Lane  
 Paisley

..... 24th August 19 90

*Douglas Harper*  
 .....  
 for Reporter

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<sup>1</sup> Name and address of child

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<sup>3</sup> Address of Reporter

Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel  
Regional Reporter: F. J. Kennedy LLB

Renfrew Division  
10 Glen Lane  
Paisley PA3 2HU

Divisonal Reporter  
Miss C. A. McBurnie



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Our ref DG/JG

Your ref

If phoning or  
calling ask for Mrs Glasser

Date 24th August 1990

The Officer-in-Charge  
Beech Avenue Children's Home  
1 Beech Avenue  
PAISLEY

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Donald Stewart (12.9.77) 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

The above named child is to appear at a Children's Hearing at the Children's Hearing Room, 10 Glen Lane, Paisley on Monday 3rd September 1990 at 3.15 pm. I would be obliged if you would arrange for him/her to be brought in to the Hearing accompanied by a member of your staff.

~~Notification addressed to the child is enclosed~~

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danielle B. Glasser".

Danielle Glasser  
Assistant Area Reporter

xxxxx  
Enc.

# Memorandum



**Strathclyde**  
SCOTLAND



Tel: 041 227 6044  
Our Ref:RFFC/AN/AH  
Your Ref:  
Date:14 July 1992

From: Alex M Neil, Social Worker, Regional Family Finding Centre,  
115 Wellington Street, GLASGOW, G2 2XT

To: Officer In Charge, Beech Avenue Children's Home, Beech Avenue,  
PAISLEY

**SUBJECT:** LINKING MEETING : DONALD STEWART (12.9.77)

This is just a short note to let you know that the linking meeting has been rearranged to take place on Monday 27 July 1992 at 11.00 a.m. here in Wellington Street.

I must apologise for the inconvenience and hope that as key members of the meeting you will still be free to attend.

If you have any queries related to the above please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you for all your help in this matter.

*Alex M. Neil*

**Strathclyde Regional Council**  
**Social Work Department**

Director: F E Edwards RD BA MUniv FBIM

**Balrossie School**

Headmaster: D S D McCallum

Kilmacolm PA13 4ST

Tel: (050587) 2201/2/3 Fax: (050587) 3068

Our Ref: DSDMCC/JBW.


Date: 21st September, 1992. Your Ref:

If phoning or calling please ask for



**Strathclyde**  
**SCOTLAND**

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Dear Parents,

Balrossie School - October weeks holiday, 1992.  
Friday 9th October, 1992 to Tuesday 20th October, 1992.

I write to inform you of the arrangements for the School October weeks holiday this year.

Classes will close at 2.30 p.m. on Friday the 9th October, 1992 and boys will travel home as usual that afternoon.

Boys who are to have the full holiday should be back in school by 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday the 20th October, 1992. The school van will be at the Central Station at 10.00 a.m. that morning to collect the boys who are returning from the Glasgow area.

There will, of course, be some boys who will have only part of the holidays and personal arrangements will be made for them.

I hope that the October week's holiday is a pleasant time for you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID S.D. McCALLUM.  
HEADMASTER.

**Strathclyde Regional Council**  
**Social Work Department**

Director: **F E Edwards** RD BA MUniv FBIM

**Balrossie School**

Headmaster: **D S D McCallum**

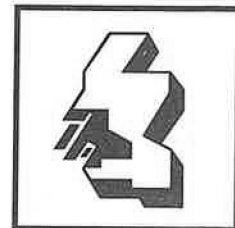
Kilmacolm PA13 4ST

Tel: (050587) 2201/2/3

Our Ref: *DSDMcC/JBW.* Your Ref:

Date: *28th August, 1992.*

If phoning or calling please ask for:



**Strathclyde**  
**SCOTLAND**



*Dear Parents,*

*September long week-end holiday.*

*3rd to 8th September, 1992.*

*I wish to draw your attention to the fact that there is to be a September long week-end holiday for the boys at Balrossie School.*

*Those boys who are to have the full holiday will travel home after classes close at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday 3rd September, 1992 and should be back in school no later than 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday the 8th September, 1992.*

*The school van will be at the Central Station at 10.00 a.m. on the Tuesday to return the boys who stay in the Glasgow area.*

*I hope that the long week-end holiday goes well.*

*All the best,*

*Yours sincerely,*

**DAVID S.D. McCALLUM.**  
**HEADMASTER.**

*Day boys have to return by 9.00am  
on Tuesday.*

**Strathclyde Regional Council**  
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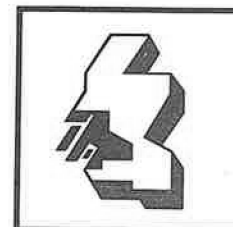
Tel: (050587) 2201/2/3

Our Ref: DSDMcC/JBW. Your Ref:

Date: 10th June, 1992.

If phoning or calling please ask for:

MRS. H. TRUSDALE  
BEECH AVE CHILDRENS HOME  
PAISLEY



**Strathclyde**  
**SCOTLAND**



Dear Parents / Social Workers,

Balrossie School - Open Day / Sports afternoon.

Tuesday 23rd June, 1992.

I write to invite you to come to our Open Day and Sports afternoon which, this year we propose to hold on Tuesday the 23rd June, 1992.

You are invited to come for a barbeque lunch which will be available from 12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

From 2.00 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. we will hold our school sports and there will also be side-shows in which you can take part.

You may wish also to take the opportunity to look round the School that day.

If the weather is very wet then, we will postpone the events until Thursday the 25th June, 1992. You may wish to contact the school by telephone if the weather is bad on the Tuesday and we will let you know what we had decided to do about the Open Day.

If you plan to travel on that day to Balrossie by public transport, then we will be pleased to send our mini bus to Port Glasgow or Johnstone train stations or to the village of Kilmacolm.

We look forward to seeing you and your family on Tuesday the 23rd June, 1992.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID S.D. McCALLUM.  
HEADMASTER.

**Strathclyde Regional Council**  
**Social Work Department**

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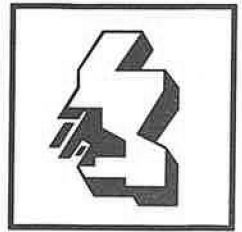
Tel: (050587) 2201/2/3

Our Ref: *DSDMcC/JBW.*

Your Ref:

Date: *27th April, 1992.*

If phoning or calling please ask for:



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Dear Parents,

Boys' Holidays - Balrossie School - Summer Term, 1992.

I have written out below for your information the details of the holidays that boys at Balrossie School can have during the summer term, 1992.

Long week-end holiday:

From Thursday 30th April to Tuesday 5th May, 1992.

This holiday includes a training day for teachers on Friday the 1st May, and a general May Day holiday on 4th May, 1992.

Boys who are to have this long week-end will travel home after 4.00 p.m. on Thursday the 30th April, 1992 and should return to the school no later than 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday 5th May, 1992.

The school van will be at the Glasgow Central Station at 10.00 a.m. on the Tuesday to collect the boys from the Glasgow area.

Long week-end holiday.

From Thursday 21st May, 1992 to Sunday 24th May, 1992.

Friday 22nd May, 1992 is an in-service day for care staff.

Boys will travel home after 4.00 p.m. on Thursday the 21st May, 1992 and should return to school at their usual time on the Sunday evening or the Monday morning.

May / June long week-end.

From Thursday 28th May, 1992 to Wednesday the 3rd June, 1992 by 11.00 a.m.

Boys, then, will travel home after 4.00 p.m. on Thursday the 28th May, 1992 and should be back in the school no later than 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday the 3rd June, 1992.

The school van will be at the Glasgow Central Station at 10.00 a.m. on the Wednesday to collect boys from the Glasgow area.

Summer holidays.

Classes at Balrossie School will close at 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday the 30th June, 1992. We will inform you later of how the boys' summer holidays will work out. However, if you plan to go on holiday during July or August and would like to take your son with you, please let us know about the arrangements as soon as possible.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

DAVID S.D. McCALLUM - HEADMASTER.

EDUCATION REPORT.

Name: DONALD STEWART

Class: 8

A - Good. B - Satisfactory. C - Poor.

Language Skills.	Progress	Effort	Conduct.	COMMENT.
Reading:	D	-	-	Donald reads fluently and understands the ideas, instructions contained in texts when he gives his fullest attention to the book in hand.
Writing:	D	-	-	Presents written work well and thinks carefully about what he writes.
Talking: / LISTENING	C	-	-	Taking time to settle into the group. Still a little reluctant to speak out.
Arithmetic / Mathematics	B	B	B+	New member of the group. Following S.M.P. Course Green Series. Potential.
History:	/			
Geography:	/			
Contemporary Social Studies:	B	B+	B+	Donald is generally well behaved and seems capable of producing good work.
Art/Design:	A	A	A	Keen, enthusiastic worker - well motivated with good creative and practical skills. His work always shows interest and involvement. Good quality work.
P.E. / Games.	PERSONAL SKILLS C TEAM SKILLS B STATISTICS C			Donald lacks coordination as a result he finds a lot of games difficult to handle. He can perform basic skills but lacks confidence to learn.
Home Economics:	A	B-	B.	Donald is a very capable pupil, unfortunately he does not always display a positive attitude to the work.
Science:	B	B	B.	Donald has improved since moving into the senior classes. Still a little moody.
Technical:	A	A	A-	A good worker with obvious enthusiasm. Donald could cope with Standard Grade work.

Other comments: Donald has settled in quite well to the senior classes. Displays good potential for Standard Grade work.

TO: OFFICER IN CHARGE  
BECCA AVE CHILDREN'S HOME  
PARKWAY

*David Patigrew*  
Thomas Hillison

Class Teacher  
Depute-  
Education.

HEADMASTER: David S.D. McCallum.

Balrossie School,

TELEPHONE NUMBER: Kilmacolm 2201.

Kilmacolm PA13 4 ST.

Date: .....21. 2. 92.....

Dear Parent / Guardian,

On the attached education report, I have introduced into the two subjects, English and P.E. / Games, a different assessment mark. The marks for these two subjects are linked to "Grade Related Criteria". This makes the assessment mark more precise and meaningful.

I have attached two sheets to the report which explain to you more precisely what the marks in English and P.E. / Games actually mean.

I hope in future to introduce this form of assessment to other subjects.

Yours sincerely,



THOMAS McKEOWN.  
DEPUTE HEAD - EDUCATION.

4th September 1992

About three weeks ago, I purchased an audio tape entitled "RAVE ALERT" by TELESTAR. This cost £8.99.

I left this in my room beside my television on Wednesday 26th Aug when I went out in the afternoon. I did not return until Friday 28th Aug as I was on the run. When I returned about 10.30am I went up to my room to play my tape as I was getting ready for bath, and it was gone.

I would like to be reimbursed for my tape.

DONALD STEWART

*-Donald Stewart*

resident

Beech Avenue Childrens' Home

Hunterhill

PAISLEY 889 7375

DONALD STEWART 12.9.77

On the morning of the 25th August 1992, Donald Stewart left the building instead of going in the taxi to school. At that point, he was reported as an abscondee. Donald appeared back at Beech Avenue around tea time, spending the remainder of the evening playing around on his bike in the avenue. Around 9.30pm, Donald disappeared, informing his friend, William, that he had met two girls and was staying in their company for the rest of the night. Again, we had no alternative but to contact the police and report Donald as an absconder. Helen Trousdale, the houseparent that I was on duty with, making a general check of the building, found a red and blue holdall that didn't belong to any of the residents in Beech Avenue. On examining the contents which contained mainly clothing, we found a 1987 diary. With this diary and the information we managed to get from William Morrison, it was apparent that the bag belonged to a pupil from the Good Shepherd Centre. I contacted the Good Shepherd and asked if they had a girl called Anne in their establishment. I was informed that Anne and another girl had been reported as absconders and they would notify their local police that they were in the Beech Avenue vicinity. Later on two police arrived for further information. They left around 3.30am informing that they would check their local area. In the morning when I was checking the bedrooms, I discovered that not only was Donald back, but there were also two girls in his room. Helen Trousdale and I asked the girls to leave the room and go downstairs. Unfortunately, both girls went downstairs and left the building to be followed shortly afterward by Donald. I should add that the three children in question were fully clothed when they were discovered in the morning.

Again, I contacted the Good Shepherd, this time with more information and a better description of the girls. The staff at the Good Shepherd identified the girls as theirs and they informed me that they would inform the appropriate social workers and departments.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'C. R. P.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

11/7/91

On Thursday 7/11/91 Donald Stewart returned from Balrossie School  
Around 4\_15pm. it was noticed by staff on duty that his face was  
marked, when asked by his keyworker pearl Hill what had caused this  
Donald replied that his ex keyworker Julian Barr was responsible  
for his injuries. When asked what had led up to this incident he  
stated that another pupil and himself were dummy fighting and  
Donald said Julian Barr thought they were in earnest and tried to split  
them up. On doing so this is when the injuries occurred. Mrs King  
then told me to contact his socialworker Sheena McDonald who  
was unavailable while Mrs King tried to find out in more detail  
exactly what had taken place at Balrossie School. Frank Clark Senior  
Social Worker was also unavailable and I was referred to the duty  
Officer. On explaining the situation to her she then said she  
would get back to us after she had consulted her superiors.  
Mrs King also tried to locate Mette Bonnar who was also  
unavailable. Jean McLean returned our call and said she would  
visit shortly with another social worker. Margaret Crow and  
Jean McLean took a statement from Donald regarding the incident.  
They then consulted the Senior Social Worker Anne McAdam about the  
need for Donald to be medically examined by his own doctor.  
This was done and the doctor noted in his RIC book  
some bruising to Donald forehead and linear bruise temporal to his eye  
also alump to his head. On return from the G.P. Jean McLean said  
if any more details were needed they would contact us tomorrow.

OKS  
DOL

Donald Stewart, 12/9/1977. Resident at Beech Avenue, Childrens Home.

Report from Donald Stewart to Mrs King on 7/11/91.

On being about the alleged incident at Balrossie School Donald replied he had been dummy fighting with Neil Munro another pupil from the school. This incident took place at the lunchtime break. A member of staff Julian Barr once Donalds Keyworker at Balrossie intervened when he thought both boys were in earnest. According to Donald Julian pulled him off the other boy and threw Donald to the floor. This took place in the hallway of the school. Donald said his face struck the floor causing his tooth to pierce his lip and make it bleed. He also said his head hit the floor and on feeling his head Mrs King could feel a lump on it. This was on the left side of his head. Donald went on to say he was then dragged into the sitting room where he managed to break free of Mr Barr,s hold on him. He then ran slamming the door at his back, at this point he said Alec Cooper, Frank Craig, Alan Murphy had all witnessed this incident. Donald said he then ran towards the front gate with the intention of returning to Beech Avenue. Julian caught him and according to Donald put him in what he described as a headlock which he said was both of Julians arms were under his arms with hands clasped thus forcing Donalds head to be pushed down. Mrs King then asked Donald how he had gotten the two marks beside his eye, Donald then said this happened at the same time as he was as his arms and head were being put in this headlock. He then took Donald to the school office and asked him to sit down, when Donald refused he said Julian made him.

*Donna LK S.*

30th Nov 1991

update on Donald

On Thur 21st Nov I 'phoned Sheena and informed her that Pearl was now in Gryffe and I was Donalds' key worker. On the 'phone she suggested that if I could supervise a visit to his befriender, Kenny Lang, this would be useful. On Fri 22nd, Sheena came to visit O.I.C., D Stewart and myself and we could report that a visit to Kenny arranged for the following day. Sheena was pleased, and stated that the adoption panel meeting was the only hold up in the befriender scheme to present.

Donald has also to have a medical due to the befriender and adoption panel procedure and Sheena has said that she will attend this with me and Donald as his history with doctors is not good.

Attempts were to be made to have Donald introduced to the hospital radio service, but sheena had got no further. I offered to follow this through, On Sat 23rd Nov I took Donald to visit Kenny and spent a jolly morning tramping through an uphill moor feeding pheasants. Donald really enjoyed himself. The whole set up and accommodation appear very suitable and I personally hope that the befriending process between Donald Stewart and Kenny Lang is finalised A.S.A.P. as it seems an ideal arrangement.

Sheena had said she would set up a meeting with Balrossie, but Gerry, the key worker from Balrossie had heard from Donald about the change here and 'phoned me to introduce himself and arrange a meeting. It has been decided for the coffee morning on 6th Dec. When I told Sheena, she thought it an excellent idea, and is accompanying me to the event.

Gerrys' wife (Balrossie key worker) is involved in hospital radio in Greenock and he is following through the radio connection for our budding D.J. and will acquaint Sheena and I with the results on Friday.

During Sheenas' visit on the 22nd Nov, she talked through the issue of the complaint Donald made against Julian Barr and Donald stated he accepted the findings of the investigation panel.

As regards the bare bum incident, Sheena is aware of Karens' report but not of your further investigations.

I had a word with Donald and suggested that if he thought he had a very unusual backside, then he should tell staff in first instance as we may be able to assure him that what he has is merely normal.

Donald is anxious about his clothing allowance and I informed him that you had assured me that as soon as the next cheque arrived, he would get his clothes first. He was content with this explanation tonight. I am a late shift on Dec 11th when I will report on the Balrossie Coffee morning and anything else pertaining to Donald.

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22.9.91

Donald Stewart

Keyworker. Pearl Hill

Section 441B

<u>Need.</u>	<u>Goal.</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>By Whom.</u>	<u>Time</u>
A Stable Family Home	Community Parents	This has went to Family Finding and is proceeding through the proper channel.	S.N. Keyworker, Family Finding	Ongoing.
Stable Schooling Possibility of Reid Kerr.	Mainstream Education or College.	Find out about courses. Close contact with Balrossie	Psychologist, Support Teacher	Ongoing
Social Skills	To ensure Donald can behave in public + BA. acceptably.	Monitoring his behaviour Chat maybe?	Keyworker. All Staff.	1 month
Befriender	To find out how long and if still worthwhile in view of C.P.	SW. + Keyworker to discuss SW. to try to find out time limit	SW. Keyworker + Staff.	A.S.A.P.
Co-structive Leisure Pursuits	Organised Activities to widen his circle of friends	Find out what is available Suggestions Welcome.	Keyworker + Staff.	A.S.A.P.

CARE PLAN

HILDS NAME Donald Stewart KEYWORKER Pearl Hill DATE 29/5/91

SECTION 441B ADMITTED \_\_\_\_\_

NEED	GOAL	ACTION	BY WHOM	TIME
Acceptance of Family Situation	To realize he will not be returning to mum in foreseeable future	Communication with Donald if and when he wants to discuss situation	Keyworker * All Staff	ongoing
To maintain & encourage progress at Balrossie with long term return to Merkworth	To re-integrate Donald into mainstream schooling	Set up 1 afternoon per week visit to Merkworth to reason between schools + B.A.	Keyworker * Balrossie * S.W.	Hopefully Easter 1992
Constructive Leisure Pursuits	Organised Activity of Donald's choice	Find out whats available Discussion with Donald	Keyworker * All Staff Suggestions welcome	1 month
Social Skills	For Donald to behave acceptably in B.A. and in public	Behavior Chart.	S.W. * All Staff	ongoing
Befriender	For Donald to be befriended by someone outwith B.A. male preferably	Follow up with S.W. keep pressing ahead with it	S.W. * Staff to keep it going	A.S.A.P.

Donald Stewart.

Since last review meeting which was postponed in part till after DRAM meeting. Donald is still not attending any school. He has to join an Intervention group on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January, at Social Education Unit. This group will be available to Donald on Tuesday + Thursday mornings from 10 - 12am for a period of 8 weeks. Donald was admitted to Royal Alexander Hospital on 15/1/91. referred there by his G.P. He was taken by ambulance and spent two hours in hospital as he had swollen testicles. The consultant decided he did not require treatment and he was allowed home. His mother visited Donald while he was there with Sheena McDonald S.W. Ms Stewart was unembrated on this occasion but Donald was pleased to see his mother nonetheless. He has been to visit since then although he is not very communicative on his return. His behaviour remains basically unchanged.

## Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12-09-77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 08-03-90

## Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

- ① Donald to reside at 59 Glen Shee Avenue, Neilston, c/o Community Parents, Mr & Mrs Lamond.
- ② Donald to attend Reid Kerr College part time, and to be supported by Social Education unit.
- ③ Donald to continue regular access at his mother's home.

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

44(1)(a) with Community Parents' address named by Children's Panel on 22/12/92.  
Returned to Beech Avenue on a respite basis on 11/1/93.

## Any action indicated:

Reporter's Department informed of Donald's return to Beech Avenue.  
Hearing scheduled for 2-30 on Monday 15th February.

## 2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Mother, Lorraine Irvine, 8 d Blackhall Court, Paisley PA2 7ES.

(c) Siblings not in care: Brother, Charles Stewart, address as above.

(e) Siblings in care:

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

Donald and his mother continue to have a poor relationship. Mrs Irvine's husband, Mr Steven Irvine, has indicated extreme annoyance at the disturbance caused by the police visiting his home when Donald has absconded lately. He has expressed some hostility to Donald on this account.

Mrs Irvine and her husband are currently unwilling to have Donald back on a long term basis.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

Approximately weekly contact, initially at Community Parents', and then at Beech Avenue, Social Education Unit and Reid Kerr College. Recent visit to Redhugh Hostel, Kilbirnie.

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

Home visit and attendance at Children's Hearing 22/12/92.

Home visit after breakdown of C.P. placement.

Home visit to discuss Child Care Review.

6. Areas of Concern:

- (a) Family Donald's relationship with his mother is still such that a permanent return home must be ruled out in the foreseeable future.
- (b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review) Donald's c.p. placement broke down, apparently irrevocably, on 11/1/93. He feels he has "outgrown" Beech Avenue, and Beech Avenue's population is significantly younger than Donald. A change of environment is needed to help Donald develop towards maturity and independence.

7. Other agencies involved:

Social Education Unit (on consultative basis).

Reid Kerr College.

Regional Family Finding Team.

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

Continuing access to Mrs Irvine as appropriate. Contact as appropriate between Donald and Charles.

Continued support in education or training.

Donald needs a setting which makes demands of him as a developing young adult, but which provides security and room to take some backward steps. A six-month placement in a semi-independent unit may be appropriate.

## Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

A planned move out of Bech Avenue and into a semi-independent setting. Donald has expressed interest in supported lodgings and in hostel accommodation.

A trial period in such a setting would be appropriate, in view of the fact that Donald is relatively untested outwith the children's home.

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

10. Any further comments:

Donald has recently demonstrated that he is committed to courses of action which he has positively opted into. Reid Kerr College is an example of this.

Any plan must take into account Donald's fear of change, and apprehensiveness with other teenagers, although at present he appears willing to take some risks.

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

Lesley Cameron (S.S.W)

Angus Wood (S.W.)

Signed: A. Wood

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 11/2/93



Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

Name of Child: DONALD Stewart  
 Date of Birth: 12/9/77  
 Name of Home: Beach Ave Children's Home  
 Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

Donald to remain resident in Beach Ave meantime  
 Education - Donald to continue to attend Balcrossie on a daily basis meantime.  
 Contact to be made with Lynn Townsend with a view to obtaining an educational assessment of Donald.  
 Plans to come in with Befriendeds to be pursued  
 Community Parents - plans to be pursued, with family finding team.  
 Access - To remain flexible as before and at discretion of Beach Ave Staff.  
 Transport to be arranged by the latter for this.

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

S44(1)(B).

Any action indicated:

NO

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Mr & Mrs Irvine 80 Blackhall Court Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care:

Charles Stewart

(c) Siblings in care:

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

Donald continues to visit the family home on a regular basis. Mr and Mrs Irvine appear to have a reasonably good relationship, and are very pleased that Donald is maintaining contact. Mrs Irvine feels that community parents should still be sought for Donald as she does not feel that she could cope with Donald on a full time basis.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

20/3/92, 3/4, 7/4; 22/4; 24/4.

Areas discussed:

- Community Parents: - Donald wishes to pursue this further. Alex Niel (Fam finding) has visited Donald and this option continues to be explored.
- Referring: - Donald is due to have an overnight with K-Lainie on 15/5. Future visits will be negotiated.
- School: - Donald's attendance at school has been problematic. A monitoring meeting was held on the 1/5/92 to discuss this area. Lynn Townsend has been contacted and an Assessment of Donald's needs requested.

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

18/3/92 7/4/92 22/4/92 6/5/92.

Areas discussed

Donald's visit: Mr & Mrs Irvine are pleased that Donald visit the family home but feel that C.P. should still be pursued. Mrs Irvine is aware that Donald is visiting his boyfriend on Friday 15/5. Mr & Mrs Irvine appear to have a reasonably stable relationship which is positive for both Donald and Charles.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family

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

7. Other agencies involved:

Psychological Services (Lynne Townsend)  
Family Finding (Alex Niel)

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

Donald has regular contact with his mother and Charles.

It is proposed that Donald remain at Beach Avenue until C-Parents have been found. In the meantime, he has contact with his boyfriend at weekends. Although the issue of this contact is still to be negotiated.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

Identify suitable Community Parents  
 Donald's educational needs should be assessed to determine, whether or not, mainstream schooling should be pursued. Donald feels that any change in school should wait until C.P. have been identified. Presenting two changes of school. Whilst, this is a very positive and sensible suggestion, should CP not be identified by the beginning of the next school term, then change of school may need to be pursued in order to meet Donald's educational needs.

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

10. Any further comments:

There has been no further concerns re solvent abuse.

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

Ann Docherty Senior Social Worker.  
 Ellen Finlayson Social Worker.

Signed: E. Finlayson  
 Designation: Social Worker  
 Date: 12/5/92

## Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART.

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate): 9/10/91

Access to be maintained on a flexible basis. Mum to be encouraged to visit Donald at Beech Avenue and maintain contact.

Sheena to set up a meeting with Lynn Townsend, Merksworth and Babsie to discuss possible re-introduction to Merksworth.

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

S441B.

Any action indicated:

## 2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Mrs H Irvine 8 D Blackhall Court Hunterlee

(b) Siblings not in care:

Charles Stewart

(c) Siblings in care:

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

Since the last Review Donald's mother and brother have moved to 8 D Blackhall Court. Donald's mother has remarried and is now Mrs Irvine. Donald attended the marriage ceremony and has had some contact with both his mother and younger brother. Contact remains sporadic and it tends to be Donald that makes most of the effort to visit his family.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

October to January, ongoing contact by Sheena Mc Donald.

13/2, 28/2 Ellen Furlong at Beach Ave.

- Initial introduction to Donald.
- Discussed Community Parenting, Befriending and forthcoming medical at the Panel Centre.
- 10/2; 19/2; 21/2; 26/2; 2/3/92 Telephone contact with Beach Ave & Ballysloe

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

October to January Sheena Mc Donald maintained contact with the family, although Mrs Irvine had a tendency to miss appointments.

14/2 & 24/2 : Mrs Irvine was not at home.

2/3 - Home visit. Discussed forthcoming Review

## 6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family

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

## Other agencies involved:

Psychological Services (Lynn Townsend)

Family Finding (Ann Rice & Larkworker)

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

Donald has been accepted onto the waiting list for Community Parents. Mr Kenneth Hainp has made an application to Befriend Donald and this will hopefully go before the Panel in the near future.

Donald's needs appear to be met at Beach Avenue and it is likely that he will remain there for the foreseeable future. Donald's contact with his mother and Charles continues to be sporadic.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

Short term.

Donald should remain at Beach Avenue and Balrossie

long term.

Community Parenting will be pursued on behalf of Donald. Also the Reframing.

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

10. Any further comments:

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

Ann Docherty SSW.

Ellen Finlayson S.W.

Signed: E. Finlayson

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 5/3/92

There was some discussion regarding Donald's re-introduction to Merksworth but it was reported that Lynn Townsend had not yet reported on the outcome of her enquiries. Irene Edwards advised that there are difficulties which the school is likely to face and these still need to be resolved.

The recent incident involving a taxi driver has now been resolved. Within the Unit in Balrossie, Donald is said to be easy to manage though noisy. He appears to be pleasant though sometimes his aggressive way of talking is seen as a defence rather than genuine aggression.

There was some discussion regarding the contact Donald has with his mum and younger brother. Lorraine said that she would welcome Donald visiting the home more often as long as he behaves. Sheena McDonald said that she felt that there was need for contact not to be on a rigidly formal basis. This was accepted by the Review.

FORM F

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION CONT'D

DONALD STEWART

and he appears to cope well outwith the classroom. Staff find him a very pleasant boy.

Lyn Townsend expressed the view that things were looking a lot more positive for Donald. As regards the future, she expressed the view that Donald would benefit a great deal from placement with the right family should such a placement be found. She also took the view that there was merit in Donald renewing contact with a mainstream secondary school to enable re-integration in another area should a community parent placement be found.

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVE.

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

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

Sec 44(w)(b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss L STEWART, 5 MARSON DRIVE, GALLOWHILL

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARLES STEWART, 5 MARSON DRIVE.

(c) Siblings in care:

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

MISS STEWART HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH DONALD SINCE THE LAST REVIEW, OTHER THAN INFORMAL CONTACT. DONALD VISITED HER ON 9/10/91 TO SHOW HER HIS SCHOOL REPORT AND SHE AGREED TO ATTEND TODAY'S REVIEW

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

27/8/91 - REVIEW  
 6/9/91 - MEETING FOR COMMUNITY PARENTS  
 24/9/91 - VISIT TO BEECH AVE.  
 25/9/91 ESCORT FROM BANROSSIE  
 26/9/91 ESCORT TO BANROSSIE  
 8/10/91 DONAND + SW TO MISS STEWART

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

20/9/91 - CHILDREN'S PAPER FOR CHARLES.  
 3/10/91 - HOME VISIT  
 8/10/91 - HOME VISIT

## 6. Areas of Concern:

- (a) Family MISS STEWART CONTINUES TO BE INCONSISTANT TOWARDS DONAND AND THIS MAY CONFUSE + UPSET HIM
- (b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)  
 DONAND IS PROGRESSING WELL SINCE STARTING AT BANROSSIE, AND BEGINING TO ACT IN A MATURE MANNER.

## 7. Other agencies involved:

BANROSSIE SCHOOL

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

DONAND HAS BEEN ACCEPTED ON THE COMMUNITY PARENTS SCHEME, AND A SUITABLE PLACEMENT IS NOW BEING SOUGHT FOR HIM.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

SHORT - TO REMAIN IN BEECH AVE.

LONG - TO MOVE TO COMMUNITY PARENTS

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

10 Any further comments:

DONAND HAS RECENTLY STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE CONTINUED CONTACT WITH HIS MOTHER, AND THIS SHOULD BE ALLOWED WHERE POSSIBLE

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

F. CLARKE - SSW

S McDONAND SW

Signed: Sharon McDowell

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 9/10/91

NAME DONALD STEWART. DATE 9th October, 1991.

D.O.B. 12. 9. 77.

D.O.A. 15.4.91. PREVIOUS SCHOOL: Merksworth High School.

AGE 14 years. CLASS: 4.

CLASS TEACHER: Mrs. G.T. Lamont.

EDUCATIONAL  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FROM PREVIOUS  
REVIEW OR  
ASSESSMENT

Donald to continue at Balrossie School.  
Balrossie School to approach Oonagh Aitken as to availability of educational resources.

LANGUAGE  
SKILLS

Donald has adequate reading skills and his language work is fairly satisfactory. However, his achievements vary with his moods with the result that the quality of his work is not consistent.

ENVIROMENTAL  
STUDIES  
(HISTORY/GEOG)

Donald enjoys all forms of drawing and his jotters are full of excellent illustrations.  
Written work is not up to quite the same standard but is satisfactory.

NUMBER  
SKILLS

Donald is working on level 3 of the maths programme and is making slow progress. He understands and can cope with the work on this level but his concentration and effort fluctuate.

SCIENCE

Donald's work is inconsistent. Varies very much with his moods. Even at his best it is barely satisfactory. Responds poorly to any form of criticism.

ART

Donald continues to show a keen interest in art. He is developing his practical skills and has produced consistent quality work since the start of term.

P.E./GAMES

No information this term.

HOME  
ECONOMICS:

Donald works quite well at practical work and has good practical skills, unfortunately, he is sometimes quite easily distracted. Normally completes written work but of varying standards.

TECHNICAL  
SUBJECTS:

Donald has lost some of his enthusiasm for working in technical. His behaviour is acceptable most of the time. He is capable of good work and is willing on most occasions to listen to advice and persevere with a problem.

BEHAVIOUR  
ATTITUDE

Donald can be very good in class but tends to be disruptive from time to time. Does not take kindly to criticism.

RECOMMENDATIONS  
TO REVIEW

To remain at Balrossie School for the present.  
Try to improve his classroom behaviour.

GTL/JBW.  
4.10.91.

Written by: G.T. Lamont - Class teacher.

*G.T. Lamont*

Pearl

Please Read then put in

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

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Date of Review Meeting: 14.8.91

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

To remain in Beech Ave

Follow up befriender situation

To remain at Balrossie with a view to returning to Merksworth School

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

Donald is developing normally for a boy of his age. He has attended G.P. for his asthma and athletes foot.

2. Emotional Development:

Donald is showing a more mature side to his nature. He is gradually coming to terms with his situation. He has asked about the possibility of community parents as he feels he would like to be in a family rather than remain in a childrens' home.

3. Behavioural Problems:

Donald still has occasional outbursts and tantrums but these have been fewer of late and he is now less likely to join in bad behaviour.

Form C continued (3 of 3)

9. Relationships:

- (a) Within home: He gets on well with other children although at times he can be a bully.
- (b) Outwith home: He has some casual friends locally

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

Donalds' need for a befriender as he needs someone outwith the confines of Beech Avenue. His future school prospects and his ability to maintain his school attendance.

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

To be discussed at review.

12. Remarks:

Donald is a sensitive boy who displays a real need for relationships outwith the childrens' home setting. He is very anxious to have a befriender.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

Pearl Hill key worker  
Donald Rankin O.I.C.

Signed: *Donald Rankin*

Designation: *O.I.C.*

Date: *9.8.91*

Form C continued (3 of 3)

9. Relationships:

- (a) Within home: He gets on well with other children although at times he can be a bully.
- (b) Outwith home: He has some casual friends locally

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

Donalds' need for a befriender as he needs someone outwith the confines of Beech Avenue. His future school prospects and his ability to maintain his school attendance.

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

To be discussed at review.

12. Remarks:

Donald is a sensitive boy who displays a real need for relationships outwith the childrens' home setting. He is very anxious to have a befriender.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

Pearl Hill key worker  
Donald Rankin O.I.C.

Signed: *[Signature]*  
 Designation: *[Signature]*  
 Date: *9.8.91*

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVE.

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

DONALD'S NAME TO BE PUT FORWARD FOR SOCIAL EDUCATION  
UNIT AT D.P.A.M.

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

SEC 44(1)(a)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss H. STEWART 5 MARGORY DRIVE - PAISLEY

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARLES STEWART

5 MARGORY DRIVE - PAISLEY

(c) Siblings in care:

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

MISS STEWART CONTINUES TO STATE THAT SHE  
WILL NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN PLANNING DONALD'S  
FUTURE.

SHE SAW DONALD WHEN HE WAS IN HOSPITAL  
LAST WEEK

## Form-D continued (2 of 3)

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

11/1/91. VISIT TO BEEN AVE - TOOK DONALD OUT FOR COFFEE

15/1/91. VISIT TO DONALD AT HOSPITAL

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

15/1/91 - HOME VISIT - TOOK MISS STEWART TO SEE DONALD AT R.A.M.

6. Areas of Concern:

- (a) Family MISS STEWART CONTINUES TO GIVE MIXED MESSAGES TO DONALD STATING TO HIM THAT SHE WILL SEE HIM, BUT MAKING NO EFFORT TO DO SO.
- (b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)  
DONALD'S GENERAL ATTITUDE + BEHAVIOUR SHOW NO SIGN OF IMPROVEMENT.

7. Other agencies involved:

INTERVENTION GROUP AT SOCIAL EDUCATION UNIT BEGINS ON THURSDAY.

LYNN TOWNSEND EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGIST

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

DONALD NEEDS AN EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HE ALSO NEEDS A STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT WHICH IS NOT AVAILABLE TO HIM AT BEEN AVE. AND NEEDS CONTACT, IF ONLY INFORMAL, WITH HIS FAMILY IN PAISLEY.

## Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

1) DONAND IS TO BEGIN AT THE INTERVENTION GROUP AT SOCIAL EDUCATION UNIT TWO MORNINGS PER WEEK

2) ALTHOUGH A SOCIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT WAS AGREED AT D.R.A.M. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT A DAY PLACEMENT AT BANROSSIE BE MORE APPROPRIATE, AND APPLICATION BE MADE ACCORDINGLY.

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

10. Any further comments:

IN ORDER THAT DONAND COME TO TERMS WITH HIS MOTHER'S RESECTION, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT HE BE REFERRED TO FIRM TOWER ADOLESCENT UNIT IN GLASGOW.

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

F. CHARKE SSW

S M'DONALD SW

Signed: Sheena M'Donell

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 22/1/91

Discussion

Sheena stated that Chris Warbrick was aware of the urgency of Donald's problems but the fact that there is a shortage of places for Donald poses the question of short-term placement. Lyn Townsend stated that Liz Edwards viewed Donald's case as a priority.

Frank Clarke questioned as to the reports on Donald's behaviour, he stated that he felt Donald's behaviour was bad and it was an issue for Donald to accept responsibility for. Frank Clarke stated he was aware of the let-down Donald had had and the present time was depressing for Donald. Pearl Hill felt that Donald could modify his behaviour. Donny Rankine said Donald feels adults have let him down and this leads to his bizarre behaviour.

Frank Clarke felt that DRAM had to make the decision first and then look for alternatives if DRAM say no. Intervention Group could be an option if Beech Avenue can no longer sustain Donald. Lyn Townsend put forward the idea that residential school place not be looked upon as negative. Day education was not seen as appropriate. Balrossie was mentioned as a residential placement. Sheena McDonald asked if alternative plans could be made at this Review. Frank Clarke felt that DRAM decision be made first. Frank Clarke felt that an alternative residential placement such as Balrossie was likely to create difficulties for Donald should alternative weekend/holiday arrangements be required. It was decided to adjourn until after the DRAM on Friday.

Lyn Townsend to make application on Donald's behalf to Intervention Group.

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 8.3.90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

- 1) Home based tuition to be sought for Donald. He will no longer attend mainstream education while we look for an alternative.
- 2) Refer to D.R.A.M
- 3) Next Review Monday 7th January

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

Section 44 (1) (b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: L Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care: Charles at home with mum.

(c) Siblings in care:

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

Miss Stewart continues to state that she cannot cope with Donald's behaviour at home and makes little effort to visit him at Beech Avenue. Donald has visited his mother on 4 occasions over the christmas period and this seems to have gone well.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

11/12/90 - Home Visit. Discussed future plans for Donald as discussed at Review.  
 20/12/90 - Home Visit with Donald. This went well and Donald stayed at home for a while to see Charles.

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

22/11/90 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue to talk about Social Education Unit.  
 29/11/90 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue.  
 20/12/90 - Visit with Donald to his mother.  
 6/12/90 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue.

## 6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Miss Stewart makes no effort to see Donald at Beech Avenue and Donald finds this difficult to cope with.

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

Donald's behaviour continues to cause concern at Beech Avenue. He continues to be involved in minor incidents, none of which seems very serious in themselves but may eventually pose a management problem.

## Other agencies involved:

Lynn Townsend, Educational Psychologist.

Donald goes to visit Yonderton one day per week while he is not at school.

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

Donald needs an appropriate educational placement as quickly as possible.

It has also been noted by Beech Avenue staff that Donald responds better to one to one contact.

## Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

D.R.A.M meets on Friday 11th January to consider a place at the Social Education Unit. If this is found not to be suitable an alternative will have to be sought quickly.

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

## 10. Any further comments:

Given Donald's continued difficult behaviour, the Review may wish to discuss whether this is the best placement for him.

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

F Clarke - Senior Social Worker  
S McDonald - Social Worker

Signed: Sheena McDonald  
Designation: Social Worker  
Date: 4th January 1991

## Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

- 1) TO PURSUE BALROSSIE PLACEMENT
- 2) BEECH AVE TO ORGANISE TIGHT PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES OVER EASTER HOLIDAYS
- 3) G. SCOTT TO APPROACH N GETHIN RE BALROSSIE PLACEMENT
- 4) S.W TO WORK WITH DONALD ABOUT COMING TO TERMS WITH HIS HOME LIFE.

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

Section 44 (1) (b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Ms L Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care: Charles Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

(c) Siblings in care: N/A

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

Mum has little formal contact with Donald. She states that it is up to Donald to visit her at home. She continues to state that she cannot cope with Donald at home.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

20.3.91 - Child Care Review  
21.3.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue  
27.3.91 - Admission Meeting at Balrossie  
26.4.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue  
9.5.91 - Parents night at Balrossie  
16.5.91 - Visit to Beech Avenue  
22.5.91 - Assessment Meeting at Balrossie  
1.7.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue  
2.8.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue  
13.8.91 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue

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

9.5.91 - Home Visit  
16.5.91 - Home Visit  
22.5.91 - Home Visit  
10.6.91 - Home Visit  
1.8.91 - Home Visit

## 6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Ms Stewart's contact with Donald is inconsistent and when there is contact, Donald reacts badly to this.

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

Child - Donald has progressed well in Beech Avenue, and reports from school are good.

## 7. Other agencies involved:

Balrossie School

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

The possibility of Community Parents or long term fostering has been discussed with Donald. He is agreeable to a positive move out of Beech Avenue, and is willing to work towards this.

EDUCATION REPORT.

Name: DONALD STEWART  
 Class: 4

A - Good. B - Satisfactory. C - Poor.

Language Skills.	Progress	Effort	Conduct	COMMENT.
Reading:	A	A	A	Donald is an adequate reader with good comprehension of written material. He copes very well with written work and requires very little help. He can express himself fluently.
Writing:	A	A	A	
Speaking:	A	A	A	
Arithmetic / Mathematics	A	A	A	Working well on level 3A of the S.M.P. programme. Shows interest.
History:	A	A	A	Has been in class only a short time but is working well.
Geography:	A	A	A	Only a short time in class but is so far satisfactory
Contemporary Social Studies:		/	/	
Art/Design:	A	A	A	Showing a keen interest in all activities given. Donald's work is expressive and imaginative. He is gaining confidence in his abilities & flow of work is good this term.
P.E. / Games.	-	-	-	Has worked well so far, but has been in the class too short a time to make any worthwhile comment.
Home Economics:	A	A	A	In the short time he has been here, Donald has shown a good standard of work and his attitude and behaviour have been good.
Science:	-	A	A	Enthusiastic, working well
Technical:	A	A	A	He has shown himself to be a very keen and trustworthy worker. Should be a standard grade candidate in his present attitude continues.
Other comments:	Donald has done very well so far. He shows an interest and aptitude for maths and has caused no problems in class.			

Teacher: BECCA ABE CHILDREN'S HOME Class Teacher  
 Deputy: THOMAS WILSON Deputy Education

Balrossie School, Kilmaccolm  
Headmaster: David SD McCallum

Telephone: Kilmaccolm 2201

Education Report for Initial Assessment

Name: DONALD STEWART.

Date: 22nd May, 1991.

D.O.B.: 12. 9. 77.

Previous School: Merksworth Secondary  
School, Paisley.

D.O.A.: 15. 4. 91.

Class: Four.

Class/Form Teacher:

Year: Third Year.

Mrs. G.T. Lamont.

Reading Age:

Test:

Date:

10.02 years.

Schonell.

16. 4. 91.

Language Skills:

Adequate reading skills.

Good comprehension skills.

Work well done and neatly presented.

Special Areas of Need:

No special needs obvious  
at present.

Number Skills

Working on level 3 of the S.M.P.  
programme and coping well.

No special areas of need.

Science:

Donald has settled in well. He is pleasant and enthusiastic about science. Rather soon yet to assess his potential.

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Environmental Studies:

C.S.S.

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Art and Design:

Although Donald is still "settling in" he is showing a healthy interest in the work given so far. He is well motivated with good practical skills, listens carefully and has ability to express himself visually.

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P.E. and Games:

The little I have seen of Donald suggests that he has no glaring weaknesses and should progress well at this subject.

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Technical:

Donald has made a good start and seems to be both keen and capable although it is too early yet to make an assessment of his potential.

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Home Economics:

In the short time he has been in School, he has shown a good positive attitude to work; and appears to be very able pupil both in practical and theory.

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General attitude:

Attitude so far is very good.  
Donald works well and requires little help.

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Recommendations to Assessment Meeting:

Donald to remain at Balrossie for the present to help him achieve some stability in his education.

SIGNED: .....

*G.T. Lamont*  
G.T. LAMONT (MRS).

CLASS TEACHER.

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/19/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVE

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

Application to be made as Day Pupil to Badrossie

Donald to begin Intervention Group

Donald to remain at Beech Ave.

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

Sec 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss L Stewart  
5 Margery Drive Paisley(b) Siblings not in care: Charles Stewart  
5 Margery Drive Paisley

(c) Siblings in care:

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

Miss Stewart continues to take little interest in Donald at Beech Ave, although she has phoned on several occasions.

Donald meets with Mumi every Monday for a short while.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

7/2/91 - Donald + Social Worker visited Balrossie  
 12/2/91 Visit to Beech Ave  
 19/2/91 Visit to Beech Ave - discussed Donald's Behaviour  
 11/3/91 Visit to Beech Ave

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

Miss Stewart to office on 25/1/91  
 26/2/91 - Home visit to discuss Balrossie  
 12/2/91 Home visit.

## 6. Areas of Concern:

- (a) Family Miss Stewart continues to show little interest in Donald's progress and this is having a bad effect on Donald
- (b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)  
 Donald's behaviour at Beech Ave is deteriorating. He usually becomes involved in trouble going on in the homes

## 7. Other agencies involved:

Lynn Townsend - Ed. Psychologist  
 Intervention Group

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

Donald desperately needs a stable school placement, and if this is successful, may settle his placement at Beech Ave

## Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

It is vital that Donald has some full-time educational placement soon. If Balrossie can offer a structured placement, this may have a good effect on his behaviour at Beech Ave

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

## 10. Any further comments:

Donald now seems unhappy in care and this is being displayed through his unacceptable behaviour

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

F Clarke - SSW  
S M McDonald SW

Signed: Sheena McDonald  
Designation: Social Worker  
Date: 20/3/91

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Date of Review Meeting: 20.3.91

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

- 1) To continue in intervention group and seek a placement in Balrossie as a "day boy".

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

Donalds' physical development remains the same since last review.

2. Emotional Development:

Donald is emotionally mixed up owing to various members of his family letting him down.

3. Behavioural Problems:

Around adults, Donald doesn't seem to know his limits and always goes that bit further than he should. His behaviour recently has deteriorated and we have attached an incident sheet. We feel a lot of this behaviour is due to him not having a placement at school. This means he is floating around with nothing productive to do during school hours and he tends to get into mischief.

## Form C continued (2 of 3)

## 4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Donald sees his mother every Monday. Occasionally he sees his natural father and paternal grandmother.

## 5. Contact with siblings:

Sees Charles with Mum.

## 6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

He completed his time at the intervention group and received a certificate to this effect.

## 7. School attended:

None

School report attached/not available

Educational observations:

## 8. Leisure pursuits:

- (a) Within home: has a flair for electrical appliances. This interest requires supervised
- (b) Outwith home by qualified person.

Swimming, discoing.

Form C continued (3 of 3)

9. Relationships:

- (a) Within home: No real friends within home but Donald allows himself to be used by other residents.
- (b) Outwith home: He is friendly with various local boys.

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

- 1) We feel that Donald is a boy who is easily scapegoated and if there's trouble about he is the one who seems to come out worst.
- 2) Lately, Donald has absconded on three occasions and this would be worrying if it continues as he seems to find it easy to find a place to stay with people unknown to us.

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

To remain in Beech Avenue and attend Balrossie as a day boy.

12. Remarks:

Donald has a great deal of affection with his mother and we would like Donald to have more contact with her. Although Ms Stewart has said that having Donald at home wouldn't work we hope that in the future he will allow Donald home visits. When not under the influence of others, Donald comes across as a kind and thoughtful boy who will help with tasks around the house.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

Mr D Rankin O.I.C.

Signed: *Vera L King*  
 Designation: *DOIC*  
 Date: *19-3-91*

**Social Worker's Review Form** Initial Review/Subsequent Review

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 8.3.90

**Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):**

- 1) Home based tuition to be sought for Donald. He will no longer attend mainstream education while we look for an alternative.
- 2) Refer to D.R.A.M
- 3) Next Review Monday 7th January

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

Section 44 (1) (b)

Any action indicated:

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

(a) Parents: L Stewart, 5 Marjory Drive, Paisley

(b) Siblings not in care: Charles at home with mum.

(c) Siblings in care:

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

Miss Stewart continues to state that she cannot cope with Donald's behaviour at home and makes little effort to visit him at Beech Avenue. Donald has visited his mother on 4 occasions over the christmas period and this seems to have gone well.

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## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

11/12/90 - Home Visit. Discussed future plans for Donald as discussed at Review.  
20/12/90 - Home Visit with Donald. This went well and Donald stayed at home for a while to see Charles.

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

22/11/90 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue to talk about Social Education Unit.  
29/11/90 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue.  
20/12/90 - Visit with Donald to his mother.  
6/12/90 - Visit to Donald at Beech Avenue.

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**6. Areas of Concern:**

(a) **Family** Miss Stewart makes no effort to see Donald at Beech Avenue and Donald finds this difficult to cope with.

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

Donald's behaviour continues to cause concern at Beech Avenue. He continues to be involved in minor incidents, none of which seems very serious in themselves but may eventually pose a management problem.

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**7. Other agencies involved:**

Lynn Townsend, Educational Psychologist.

Donald goes to visit Yonderton one day per week while he is not at school.

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

Donald needs an appropriate educational placement as quickly as possible.

It has also been noted by Beech Avenue staff that Donald responds better to one to one contact.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

D.R.A.M meets on Friday 11th January to consider a place at the Social Education Unit. If this is found not to be suitable an alternative will have to be sought quickly.

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

10. Any further comments:

Given Donald's continued difficult behaviour, the Review may wish to discuss whether this is the best placement for him.

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

F Clarke - Senior Social Worker  
S McDonald - Social Worker

Signed: Sheena McDonald  
Designation: Social Worker  
Date: 4th January 1991



SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

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Contact with his parents is very negative, he sees the situation as being very complicated and is finding it really difficult to cope with the pressures.

Mrs Bates said he had been making progress at school until October then truancy increased. Donald's behaviour when at school, is disruptive, he is very cheeky and has been caught smoking in the playground and in the school building.

Ms Townsend said that Donald was clearly not coping, the key is that mum won't change. On the one hand, bond is strong with his mum but there is no trust in the relationship.

Derek Bibby stated that it is unlikely that Donald is going home and he needs to accept this. If he was going to attend school he could stay at Beech Avenue and build on positives, perhaps Social Education Unit would be best.

Ms McDonald said that Donald wants to make things work but does not know how, he feels secure enough in Beech Avenue and it is vital that he stays in the area, so he can have contact with his parents.

Chairperson asked Donald how he would feel about going to the Social Education Unit.

Donald said that he was not going to the Social Education Unit but would go and have a look at it.

Ms McDonald to phone Liz Edwards at the Social Education Unit to discuss Donald's case and find out how long it would be before there is a vacancy.

Lyn Townsend asked what would happen to Donald's school work in the meantime, he cannot be allowed to do his own thing, perhaps work can be set for him to do at home.

## Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVENUE

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

- 1) TO PURSUE ACCESS FOR DONALD TO HIS FATHER.
- 2) TO GIVE DONALD HELP + SUPPORT AT SCHOOL

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

SEC 44(1)(B)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: MISS L. STEWART, 5 MARSDEN DRIVE, GANNOCKHILL  
MR M BURGESS - FERGUSIE PARK

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARLES - LIVES WITH MOTHER

(c) Siblings in care:

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

MISS STEWART HAS STATED THAT SHE IS NOT WILLING OR ABLE TO HAVE DONALD HOME. SHE WILL NOT AGREE TO A REGULAR ACCESS PLAN.

MR BURGESS HAS NOW STOPPED VISITING DONALD AT BEECH AVE. AND HAS NOT MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS ACCESS.

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## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

5/10/90 VISITS MADE TO DONAND AT BEEN AVE. ON THESE  
 18/10/90 DATES ; ISSUES DISCUSSED WERE DONAND'S BEHAVIOUR AT  
 26/10/90 BEEN AVE ; DONAND'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ; DONAND'S  
 31/10/90 FEELINGS AROUND HIS RESECTION BY BOTH HIS MOTHER  
 28/9/90 AND FATHER.  
 9/11/90

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

19/9/90 } TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH MRS BURGESS (SEWER) TO TRY  
 20/9/90 } AND CONTACT DONAND'S FATHER  
 27/9/90 }  
 28/9/90 - ARRANGED VISIT TO MR BURGESS - NO REPLY  
 24/10/90 - VISIT TO MISS STEWART } ENCOURAGED MISS STEWART TO VISIT  
 30/10/90 VISIT TO MISS STEWART } DONAND BUT SHE INSISTS THAT THIS  
 IS DONAND'S RESPONSIBILITY

## 6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family MISS STEWART SEEMS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THAT DONAND'S  
 BEHAVIOUR COMES FROM HER TREATMENT OF HIM.

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

DONAND'S PERSISTANT TRUANCY IS NOW CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

## 7. Other agencies involved:

MORSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL,  
 LYNN TOWNSEND - ED. PSYCHOLOGIST

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

1) DONAND SEEMS UNABLE TO COPE WITH THE PRESSURES  
 OF MAINSTREAM EDUCATION AS WELL AS THE OTHER PRESSURES  
 IN HIS LIFE. AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PLACEMENT SHOULD  
 BE SOUGHT

2) DONAND NEEDS TO HAVE CONTACT WITH HIS FAMILY,  
 EVEN IF THIS IS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.

## Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

- 1) A PLACEMENT AT THE SOCIAL EDUCATION UNIT WOULD SEEM MOST APPROPRIATE FOR DONALD
- 2) DONALD WOULD BENEFIT FROM A VERY STABLE, FAMILY PLACEMENT, BUT WOULD NEED THE FREEDOM TO GO TO GARNOWHILL TO LOOK FOR HIS MOTHER

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

10 Any further comments:

MOST OF DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR IS ATTENTION SEEKING AND STEMS FROM HIS MOTHER'S INABILITY TO MEET HIS EMOTIONAL NEEDS.  
DONALD IS CAPABLE OF BEING A PLEASANT, FRIENDLY YOUNG MAN WHO CAN OFFER A GREAT DEAL TO ANYONE CARING FOR HIM

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

MR W BADIE (AREA MANAGER)  
MR F CLARKE (SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER)  
MISS S McDONALD (SOCIAL WORKER)

Signed: Sheena McDONALD  
Designation: SOCIAL WORKER  
Date: 18/10/90

## School Report

CONFIDENTIAL

E (2)

Name of Child: Donald Stewart  
 Date of Birth: 12. 9.77  
 School attended: Merksworth H.S.  
 Date of Commencement at School: 20 AUGUST, 1990  
 Class: 1K1

## Education Performance:

DONALD HAD BEEN MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN MOST OF HIS SUBJECTS UP UNTIL THE OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY. UNCOOPERATIVE IN P.E. REGULARLY FAILED TO BRING P.E. KIT IN AN ATTEMPT TO BE EXCUSED FROM TAKING PART. AS HIS TRUANCY BEGAN TO INCREASE IN EARLY OCTOBER, SO DID HIS EFFORT & APPLICATION IN SCHOOL DECREASE.

## Relationships with Peers:

SATISFACTORY - BUT RARELY MET

## Relationships with Staff:

ON THE WHOLE SATISFACTORY BUT CHEEKY WHEN REPRIMANDED.

## Areas of Difficulty, Concern or Special Treatment:

DONALD HAS NOT ATTENDED SCHOOL SINCE 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 1990 (after school October week).

## School Report continued (Confidential)

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

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

DONALD CAME ON SUPPORT ON 20<sup>TH</sup> September 1990.

After a promising start, lasting 2 weeks, Donald's attendance and time - keeping went into a decline.

He seemed unconcerned about his truancy.

His behaviour in class became unsettled and, at times, disruptive.

He seemed to have lost interest.

Could not cope with the Secondary School routine.

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

Miss Margaret Baker - P.T. Guidance on behalf of  
Mrs Irene Edwards. - Support Teacher.

Signed: M.Baker

Designation: P.T.G.

Date: 19/11/90

## Residential Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12-9-77

Date of Review Meeting:  
15-11-90

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

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

Donald is developing normally for a boy of his age and appears to be in good health.

2. Emotional Development:

Donald is finding it increasingly difficult to cope with the rejection of his mother and in recent weeks his natural father has not visited him which has seemed to Donald a further rejection from family.

3. Behavioural Problems:

His behaviour over the past few months has deteriorated greatly which seems to coincide with family rejection.

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## Form C continued (2 of 3)

## 1. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Donalds access visits to mother have been non existant due to mothers' reluctance to make herself available to Donald.

For some months Donalds' natural father (Harry Furgess) had weekly access within Beech Avenue while awaiting a police check. Since the police check came through, we have not seen or heard from Mr Furgess.

Donalds paternal grandmother has shown an ongoing interest in Donald and he visits her every Saturday.

## Contact with siblings:

He has not seen his brother Charles for some time.

## Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

Margaret Bates guidance teacher, Merksworth.

Irene Edwards support teacher Merksworth.

Lyn Townsend child psychologist

## School attended:

Merksworth Secondary.

School report attached/not available

## Educational observations:

## Leisure pursuits:

Within home: swimming, keyboard, t.v.

Outwith home: enjoys tinkering with music centres.

9. Relationships:

- (a) Within home: Donald relates fairly well with other residents.
- (b) Outwith home: no known friends.

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

Donalds' inability to attend school.  
 The majority of Donalds' problems appear to be family based and it is imperative that contact is maintained at some level with some members of his natural family.

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

To be discussed at review.

It would seem that counselling in some form would be in Donalds' best interests.

12. Remarks:

Over the months that Donald has been in Beech Avenue it has become more apparant through his explicit language that his knowledge far exceeds his years. It is generally felt by the staff group, and the department as a whole that if we do not respond to this young mans problems in a positive way he could end up in the list "E" system by default.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

Signed: *[Signature]*  
 Designation: *[Signature]*  
 Date: 12.11.95

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Date of Review Meeting:

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

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

Donald is developing normally for a boy of his age and appears to be a healthy boy.

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2. Emotional Development:

Donald, since last review, is finding it increasingly difficult to cope emotionally with the rejection his mother has displayed towards him. He maintains a poor self image and feels himself to be to blame at times for his situation.

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3. Behavioural Problems:

Within Beech Avenue his behaviour at times can be disruptive and unacceptable. He is less ready to accept sanctions, whereas before he was quite able to accept that the part he played in misbehaviour led to sanctions being imposed.

## Form C continued (2 of 3)

## 4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Donalds' access visits to mother have been non-existent due to mother's reluctance to make herself available to Donald. He has been visited by Mr Burgess his natural father on several occasions and Donald obviously enjoys this contact. Mrs Stewart has stated quite adamantly that she wishes nothing more to do with Donald and has made no efforts to contact him that are known to us.

## 5. Contact with siblings:

Has not seen brother Charles as Charles resides with mother.

## 6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

Margaret Bates : Guidance Teacher Merksworth School

Irene Edwards : Support Teacher Merksworth School

## 7. School attended: Merksworth High School

School report attached/not available

Educational observations:

## 8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home: keyboard, computer, T.V.

(b) Outwith home:

Swimming

Form C continued (3 of 3)

9. Relationships:

- (a) Within home: ..elates fairly well with other residents.
- (b) Outwith home:

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

Donalds ability to maintain school attendance. As he has recently changed schools we hope to work in conjunction with Merksworth School Guidance Dept to see how we can improve and maintain his school attendance. His feelings of rejection.

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

To remain in Beech Avenue.

12. Remarks:

Donald is a likeable boy who at present is confused by recent events. It is hoped through patience and understanding Donald will become more able to accept his situation and perhaps strengthen his links with his natural father.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

D. Rankin OIC  
P. Hill (Keyworker)

Signed: *R.H. Gould*  
 Designation: *Senior Houseparent*  
 Date: *13-9-90*

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVENUE.

Date of admission: 27/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

- 1) ACCESS TO BE MAINTAINED AT 2 OVERNIGHTS THROUGH THE WEEK AND 2 FULL DAYS AT THE WEEKEND.
- 2) REQUEST PAPER TO VARY 44(1)(a) TO 44(1)(b)
- 3) SHEENA TO EXPLORE WEST YORDINGTON AND PLAYScheme PLACING FOR DONALD
- 4) SHEENA TO DISCUSS CHILD MANAGEMENT TEACHING WITH MS STEWART
- 5) ~~MARSDEN~~ TO BE INVITED TO NEXT REVIEW

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

Sec 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

/

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: 5 MARSDEN DRIVE, GALLOWAY

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARLES LIVES AT HOME WITH HIS MOTHER

(c) Siblings in care:

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

Miss Stewart has made little attempt to keep to access arrangements ie she did not stay at her own home for a few weeks during the summer, and was not at home on several access days. She has now made it clear that she does not wish this access to continue, nor has she made efforts to see Donald at Beech Ave.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

30/6/90 - 7/7/90 - DONALD ON HOLIDAY WITH BEECH AVE.  
 11/7/90 - VISIT TO BEECH AVE  
 25/7/90 - VISIT TO BEECH AVE - DISCUSSED ACCESS WITH DAD  
 6/8/90 VISIT TO BEECH AVE  
 20/8/90 SW AND DONALD TO AMUSEMENT ARCADE!  
 24/8/90 VISIT TO BEECH AVE - DISCUSSED DONALD'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
 3/9/90 CHILDREN'S PAPER  
 5/9/90 VISIT TO BEECH AVE.

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

11/7/90 - CONTACTED MISS STEWART AT HER BOYFRIENDS HOUSE TO DISCUSS ACCESS  
 26/7/90 MISS STEWART KEPT OFFICE APPOINTMENT  
 7/8/90 MISS STEWART TO OFFICE  
 26/8/90 MISS STEWART TO OFFICE - STATED THAT SHE COULD NOT COPE WITH DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR AND SIGNED AGREEMENT TO MR BURGESS HAVING ACCESS

## 6. Areas of Concern:

- (a) Family MISS STEWART DOES NOT WISH TO WORK AT GETTING DONALD HOME AND CONTINUES TO BLAME HIM FOR HIS BEHAVIOUR.
- (b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)  
 DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR SEEMS TO BE A DIRECT RESPONSE TO MUM'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS HIM.

## 7. Other agencies involved:

MARKSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL

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

DONALD NEEDS A ~~SEE~~ SETTLED AND SECURE PLACEMENT WITH A LOT OF INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION AND LOVE.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

PLANS FOR DONAND TO GO HOME HAVE BEEN SEEN NOT TO HAVE WORKED.

ACCESS TO FATHER HAS GONE WELL AND THIS CONTACT SHOULD INCREASE.

ALTERNATIVE PERMANENT PLACEMENT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE REVIEW.

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

10. Any further comments:

DONAND HAS JUST BEEN LINKED WITH THE SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROJECT AND HE SEEMS TO BE RESPONDING WELL TO THIS.

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

F. CHARNE - SSW  
S. McDONAND - SW

Signed: Sheena McDowell  
Designation: Social Worker  
Date: 13/9/90

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

Sec 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: 5 MARSDON DRIVE, GARRHURMILL

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARLES LIVES AT HOME WITH HIS MOTHER

(c) Siblings in care:

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

Miss Stewart has made little attempt to keep to access arrangements i.e. she did not stay at her own home for a few weeks during the summer, and was not at home on several access days. She has now made it clear that she does not wish this access to continue, nor has she made efforts to see Donald at Beech Ave.

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MARKSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL

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Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

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ACCESS TO FATHER HAS GONE DOWN AND THIS CONTACT SHOULD INCREASE.

ALTERNATIVE PERMANENT PLACEMENT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE REVIEW.

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

10. Any further comments:

DONAND HAS JUST BEEN LINKED WITH THE SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROJECT AND HE SEEMS TO BE RESPONDING WELL TO THIS.

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

F-CHARNE - ESW  
S MCDONAND - SW

Signed: Sheena McDonnell  
Designation: Social Worker  
Date: 13/9/90



**Residential Worker's Review Form** Initial Review/Subsequent Review

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Date of Review Meeting:

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

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

Donald is developing normally for a boy of his age and appears to be a healthy boy.

2. Emotional Development:

Donald, since last review, is finding it increasingly difficult to cope emotionally with the rejection his mother has displayed towards him. He maintains a poor self image and feels himself to be to blame at times for his situation.

3. Behavioural Problems:

Within Beech Avenue his behaviour at times can be disruptive and unacceptable. He is less ready to accept sanctions, whereas before he was quite able to accept that the part he played in misbehaviour led to sanctions being imposed.

## Form C continued (2 of 3)

## 4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Donalds' access visits to mother have been non existant due to mothers' reluctance to make herself available to Donald. He has been visited by Mr Burgess his natural father on several occasions and Donald obviously enjoys this contact. Mrs Stewart has stated quite adamantly that she wishes nothing more to do with Donald and has made no efforts to vontakt him that are known to us.

## 5. Contact with siblings:

Has not seen brother Charles as Charles resides with mother.

## 6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

Margaret Bates : Guidance Teacher Merksworth School

Irene Edwards : Support Teacher Merksworth school

## 7. School attended: Merksworth High School

School report attached/not available

Educational observations:

## 8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home: Keyboard, computer, T.V.

(b) Outwith home:  
Swimming

Continued ►

Form C continued (3 of 3)

9. Relationships:

- (a) Within home: Relates fairly well with other residents.
- (b) Outwith home:

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

Donalds ability to maintain school attendance. As he has recently changed schools we hope to work in conjunction with Merksworth School Guidance Dept to see how we can improve and maintain his school attendance. His feelings of rejection.

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

To remain in Beech Avenue.

12. Remarks:

Donald is a likeable boy who at present is confused by recent events. It is hoped through patience and understanding Donald will become more able to accept his situation and perhaps strengthen his links with his natural father.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

D. Rankin OIC.  
P. Hill (Keyworker)

Signed: *Ruth Gould*  
 Designation: *Senior Houseparent*  
 Date: *13-9-90*

## Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM

D

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

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

Section 15/44(1)a.

Any action indicated:

Due to length of time Donald has been in Beech Avenue, should this now be varied to 44(1)b.

## 2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss L. Stewart, 5, Marjory Drive, Paisley.

(b) Siblings not in care: Charles Stewart, 5, Marjory Drive, Paisley.

(c) Siblings in care: -

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

Soon after the last Review, both Donald and his mother both stated that home visits were not working and would not continue.

Donald was encouraged, however, to continue twice weekly overnights and these seem to working well.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

Weekly at Beech Avenue.

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

Weekly at home.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Miss Stewart is still worried about approaching Court case (27th July).

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

Donald continued to state that he does not wish to return home.

Other agencies involved:

C.S.P.

Hunterhill Tutorial Centre.

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

Donald needs a placement that will give him support in returning home and that will set strict limits.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

Long term - to return home.

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

10. Any further comments:

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

Frank Clarke	-	Senior Social Worker
Sheena McDonald	-	Social Worker.

Signed: Sheena McDonald

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

Date: .....



SUMMARY REPORT DONALD STEWART

9/3/1990 UNTIL 17/4/1990

D.O.B. 12/9/1977  
D.O.A. 9/3/1990  
S.W. Sheena McDonald

Emotional and Behavioural Development

Donald Stewart was admitted to Beech Avenue on 9th March 1990 from Carswood Children's Home. From this period until the 3rd April, things appeared settled for Donald. He had his I.T. group, he made friends with Gary and Andrew residents from Beech Avenue. Andrew had a computer, they attend kick-boxing together, swimming, disco and other activities. Donald also had a friend from Bishopton who visited Beech Avenue on a couple of occasions and Donald returned these visits to Bishopton.

Within this period though, Donald wasn't popular with the others in the group and this worried Donald, this did not do a lot for his self esteem. Unfortunately Donald is a boy who wants to be liked by everyone. They made it obvious that they did not like him and picked on him.

On one occasion we received a phone call from the librarian of our local library, saying, Donalds was afraid and crying. Apparently the others in the group were picking on him and giving him a hard time.

Our concern at this time was that Donald appeared to be easily led and knowing the others, it would only be a matter of time before they would use him as a scapegoat and as Donald wanted to be liked and be friends he would be a willing participant. He had been warned by staff members on several occasions to keep clear of the children who could get him into trouble, unfortunately peer group pressure prevails more than any advice given by staff.

On the 7th April, Donald succumbed to this and he, with others from Beech Avenue planned a drinking spree and according to Donald he consumed 1 bottle of cider and  $\frac{1}{2}$  a bottle of Thunderbirds, which in turn led Donald being admitted to hospital. Receiving treatment for a head injury. Since this incident he appears to be very good friends with those who instigated the plans.

ACCESS VISITS

Access visits for Donald and his mum have not really been very successful as there seems to be a fair amount of friction between them. Donald says he loves his mum and Mrs Stewart has always shown a fondness for her son, however according to Donald because of the clash in temperaments the overnight access ends up in a shouting match. He has asked if his day visits to mum could be extended as less seems to go wrong. During the Day/overnights seem to be presenting a problem for Donald.

### ACCESS VISITS (contd)

Mrs Stewart has voiced her opinion from time to time indicating that Donald gets too many privileges in Beech Avenue, she also said she disapproved of Donald smoking. I assured her that children under age did not smoke in Beech Avenue, however, without our supervision we have no way to monitor this.

Donald's privileges at this point in time are very few because of his behaviour re alcohol abuse.

1. He is housebound within the grounds of Beech Avenue and is only allowed out accompanied by staff until he can be trusted again.
2. His pocket money is supervised.

### EDUCATION

Since Donald's time with us we have been asked on 2 occasions to collect Donald from school because of bad behaviour. Since then we haven't had any bad reports. There is one very positive report, when the bus failed to pick Donald up when he was on home leave he went to school on his own accord. There is talk of Donald returning to main stream education. We have not heard any word of this from the school.

Donald is a very likeable boy, very sensitive to the needs of others. I feel that given praise and encouragement, promoting his self esteem, and, talking through more his relationship with his mother, will enable Donald to cope better within Beech Avenue.

Since writing the summary over, there have been further issues.

1) Donald attended his doctor and was found to be suffering from asthma. Prescribed medication for this complaint was given. Donald has managed his medication effectively which keeps his asthma under control.

2) recently his grandmother, Mrs Burgess, approached us by telephone asking if she could have contact with Donald. Donald had visited her unknown to us and Mrs Burgess apologised for this. He has also met his father, Harry Burgess, on two occasions. The first was when he visited his gran.

On the second occasion, he was out with a member of staff. When a taxi was called, Donalds' father was the taxi driver. Harry Burgess came in to speak to the senior on duty and requested access. He was told to contact Donalds' social worker regarding this.

3) Donald, with others, was involved in insulting the daughter of one of our neighbours. The neighbour intended submitting a formal complaint against him, however this did not happen.

Donald was housebound for one week. Hopefully he has learned from this experience where, once again, Donald was the scapegoat for others.

PROGRESS NOTES

DONALD STEWART

27.6.90

There was an incident of glue sniffing last night (26.6.90) when Donald, in the company of Jackie Gillespie and Garry McVey returned home smelling strongly of solvents, and obviously not in full control of his person.

He was reprimanded severely By Mrs King, and once again it would appear that Donald has followed on to bad behaviour instigated by another resident. Donald was supposed to be attending an arts and crafts night at Carsewood , but disappeared just prior to transport arriving. His entry won a prize. This could have been an excellent note on which to end this report, unfortunately, it appears almost contrived that Donald was invited to join a solvent abuse party the night before his review.

Concern is still predominant in the staff group for Donald as he is so easily led by others and a fool for himself.

*Review*  
*up re new access. Mother 3m*  
*Donald. Himself. A.S.A.P.*  
*overnights just now increased to*  
*nights now 4 nights*

*SUN*  
*SUN*  
*day visits all day*  
*D.B. feels that Donald should remain in BA for 3-4*  
*months*

*next date Review THUR. 13th 3.00*

## SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORT

<b>Name:</b>	Donald Stewart	Kelvin House Rivercart Walk Paisley PA1 1YS  0141 842 5151
<b>D.O.B:</b>	12/9/1977	
<b>Address:</b>	109 Glenfield Road, Glenburn, Paisley	
<b>Court:</b>	Dumbarton Sheriff	
<b>Date Of Court:</b>	9/1/2001	
<b>Report compiled by: Thomas Cloherty (SW)</b>		

**Offence: Wasting Police Time**

### FAMILY DETAILS

Name	Age:	Relationship	Income & Source
Sarah Park	21	Cohabitee	
Donald Stewart	23	Subject	Petrol Attendant/£200 pw net DSS
Megan Stewart	2	Daughter	
Patrick Stewart	2/12	Son	

**GENERAL FINANCIAL SITUATION:** Subject in employment with income enhanced by Working Families Tax Credit

**OFFENDER - FINANCIAL SITUATION:**

**INCOME PER WEEK:**

**SOURCE:**

EXPENSES:	PER WEEK:	ARREARS:
<b>ACCOMMODATION:</b>	£100	
<b>DEBT:</b>		
<b>FINES:</b>		
<b>OTHERS (STATE):</b>		

**DISPOSABLE AVAILABLE INCOME (PER WEEK):**

**GENERAL COMMENTS: (GIVE ANY CAPITAL RESOURCES E.G. REDUNDANCY LUMP SUMS)**

Subject contributes £100 per week to family budget

TC/AL/CrimJust/Ser/01-01-Stewart 05.01.01

# ***SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORT***

## **Basis of Report**

One interview with Mr Stewart at this office.

Discussion with staff at Renfrewshire Council Community Service Department.

Reference to extensive Departmental records dating between 1990-1992.

## **Housing/Family Background**

Mr Stewart states that he lives with his partner Ms Park and their two children at the tenement flat she rented from the local authority. The couple have lived there for the past six months following their return from Newcastle upon Tyne - where Ms Park has friends - where they lived for the past year. Prior to that point Mr Stewart had lived in the Dumbarton area where he had established a relationship with a young woman which produced a daughter now aged four years. This partner and their daughter now live with her mother in the Newton Mearns area. Mr Stewart states that he has no contact with this child or her mother.

Mr Stewart was received into the care of this Department aged 11 years following his mother having assaulted him with a knife. Mrs Stewart had a serious alcohol addiction and was unable to assume the care of Mr Stewart and his young brother (then aged seven years) for the rest of their childhood.

The brothers spent most of their childhood at a local children's home, although records suggested this was an inappropriate placement given the disturbed and aggressive behaviours Mr Stewart then exhibited. He committed a series of offences which led to referrals to the Reporter's Department, but it would seem these ceased around the age of 15-16 years.

Mr Stewart was eventually rehabilitated - after a brief period in a supported family environment, and a brief spell in Manchester with a friend's family - in Paisley with intensive support from this Department which allowed the two brothers, then aged 16 and 12, to live together in the community.

Although he had little, if any, contact with his father during childhood, this seems to have been addressed over recent months and he now indicates some closeness with his father.

## **Education/Employment**

Mr Stewart had already been withdrawn from mainstream education prior to reception into care and attended an alternative resource in Paisley offering intensive remedial provision. Upon reception into care Mr Stewart attended Balrossie School, Kilmacolm, where he completed his education. He left upon attaining the age of sixteen years, but advised that he had obtained SCOTVEC modules prior to leaving.

He further obtained NVQ awards while living in Newcastle, although remained unemployed for some months upon his return prior to securing this current post as a night shift garage attendant. Mr Stewart clearly welcomes the opportunity this post allows him to support his family and he evidently appreciates the chance to be a more supportive influence to his children than his mother was to him.

# *SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORT*

## Health/Alcohol/Drugs

Mr Stewart states he has been always of good physical health, although disclosed that he contracted depression in April 2000, attributed by him to a prolonged period of unemployment and associated concerns regarding his ability to provide care for his family.

He states that he does not use alcohol on a regular basis although it is clear from his comments that he has a further outstanding matter due at Paisley Sheriff Court on 8/1/2001 regarding alcohol related RTA offences - the commission of these offences resulting in the apprehension of Mr Stewart for this offence after a warrant was issued in December 1999.

Mr Stewart states that he only drinks alcohol on days off work, and feels that he has too much to lose by indulging in anti-social behaviour exacerbated by alcohol abuse.

He denied any serious misuse of drugs but conceded he has used cannabis on a recreational basis in the past.

I have no serious reason to doubt these claims of Mr Stewart. It is evident that he does not have ongoing difficulties with either alcohol or drugs which considerably increase the risk of further offending.

## Offending Behaviour

Mr Stewart states that the current offence arose from his misguided efforts to enlist police assistance in recovering the proceeds of a DSS Giro which he claimed had been lost. He states that he acknowledged at a very early stage to investigating officers of his story being bogus. The Court will obviously be in full possession of the facts and be able to view Mr Stewart's comments in that light.

Mr Stewart has one previous episode which involves RTA offences and he states giving a false name to reporting police officers. He served the custodial alternative for the financial penalties imposed.

There is one outstanding episode of alcohol-related RTA offences for which he appeared at Paisley Sheriff Court yesterday, Monday 8/1/2001.

In light of Mr Stewart's evidently extremely disrupted childhood/adolescence it is in some ways noteworthy that he has managed to avoid acquiring a criminal record and it is felt that he has sufficiently positive factors in his life to enable him to focus on these aspects of his life. It is therefore felt the risk of further offending is moderate.

## Community Service

I have discussed the current situation with Mr Mike Connolly (Community Service Organiser, Renfrewshire). A place can be made available for Mr Stewart to undertake such an order should the court see this as appropriate. He has consented to abide by any such instructions the Court may make.

## ***SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORT***

In light of the currently stable lifestyle he enjoys and the evident lack of a significant record of previous offending, it is felt the Court could safely deal with this case by means other than Community Service.

### Assessment/Recommendations

Mr Stewart is a young man who, unlike an unfortunately significant number of young people who have spent a number of years in residential care during adolescence, has managed to rehabilitate himself in the community relatively well. Although disclosing a past concern regarding his mental health he is with a young woman in a relatively stable relationship, which has lasted over three years and produced two children. Mr Stewart has also managed to secure full-time employment and maintained a reasonably well paid post for the past six months. He appears very committed to his family and gave strong impressions of being keen to live an acceptable lifestyle in order to support his family - in the awareness that failure to do so could jeopardise his currently settled situation.

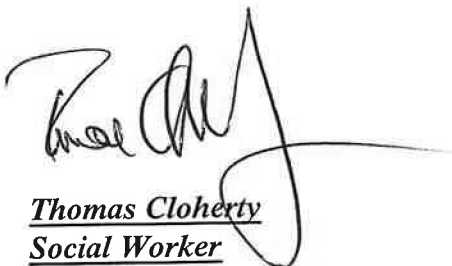
In considering a suitable disposal in this case I have discussed all options available to the Court with Mr Stewart and Mr Connolly.

In light of the evident stability in his lifestyle and his comparatively offence free lifestyle of two adult convictions in seven years, it is felt that Mr Stewart does not present an ongoing risk of offending to the extent that the imposition of a probation order would be required.

Similarly, it is felt that the Court should pursue alternatives to Community Service although Mr Connolly advises that a place can be made available.

Given the unusual nature of the offence, the lack of any real pattern of prolonged offending and Mr Stewart's difficult background, it is respectfully suggested the Court may wish to consider the use of admonition in this case, with the option of such a disposal being used after deferment perhaps being appropriate.

In view of the perceived lack of need for further involvement with this Department at this time, and should the Court not feel admonition appropriate, Mr Stewart indicates he is able to meet the demands of a financial penalty.



Thomas Cloherty

Social Worker

PAT/CJUST/01-01-STEWART/TC/AL

5/1/2001

DUMBARTON SHERIFF COURT  
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR REPORT

Address report to be returned: Social Work Department,  
Dumbarton Sheriff Court,  
McLean Place, Church Street, Dumbarton,  
G82 1PY  
Tel: 01389 763437

\*\* Request for an SER \*\*

1. S.E.R. No: 337012 Attached

2. Complaint/Indictment Nos:  
99602684

3. Office sent to: (LCA) PAISLEY EAST AREA  
KELVIN HOUSE  
RIVERCART WALK  
PAISLEY  
PA 1YS

4. Court Name: DUMBARTON (SUMMARY)

6. Name of Accused: DONALD STEWART

8. Address: 109 GLENFIELD ROAD  
GLENBURN  
PAISLEY

10. Date Report Requested  
12/12/2000

11. Date Report Required  
08/01/2001

12. Date of Court  
09/01/2001

13. Coded crimes (Any additional details overleaf):  
Other Crimes

14. Status: Pled guilty

15. Other reports requested:  
Community Service

16. Form of continuation: Bailed

17. Number of previous disposals: 1 Attached

18. Was client interviewed by Court Social Worker? No

19. Was client issued with a guidance leaflet? No

Signed  
Date

N. Firth  
19/12/2000

Social Worker

DUMBARTON SHERIFF CLERK'S OFFICE, CHURCH STREET DUMBARTON Tel:  
01389 763266

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

12-DEC-00

DEAR SIR/MADAM

DONALD STEWART

I am writing to request a (Supplementary) Social Enquiry /  
Community Service Report for the above named accused. The  
details of the case and continuation are as follows :

Case Details

Case No. : 9900019899

Accused Name : DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth : 12-SEP-77

Address : 109 GLENFIELD ROAD GLENBURN PAISLEY

The accused was released on Bail and the case has been continued  
until 09-JAN-01

Reports requested: Social Enquiry and Community Service

I would be obliged if you could supply the Court with the  
Report(s) at least 24 hrs before the next hearing.

Yours Faithfully



Sheriff Clerk Depute

Enc.  
Copy Complaint  
Previous Convictions

99/19899

<u>Names of Accused</u>	<u>Date of Disposal</u>	<u>Sentence (if any)</u>

99602684/TB/17 June 1999 LA01090399

Under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1995

IN THE SHERIFF COURT OF NORTH STRATHCLYDE AT DUMBARTON

The COMPLAINANT of the PROCURATOR FISCAL against

DONALD STEWART  
3/7 GARMONA AVENUE  
HALDANE  
ALEXANDRIA

PWU

2/1 6 BEALLIE DRIVE  
FOXBAR  
PAISLEY  
Date of Birth : 12.09.77

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109 Beaufield Road  
Glenburn  
Paisley

The charge against you is that

(001) on 4 March 1999 at Alexandria Police Office, Hill Street, Alexandria you did falsely represent to Anne Nicholson, a Force Support Officer, employed by Strathclyde Police, then on duty, that on 4 March 1999 in the lane running adjacent to Bramblehedge Path, Jamestown, Alexandria you had a knife presented at you by a male and were robbed of a wallet containing £49 of money, a gas payment card, an electricity payment card, a Bank card and personal papers and you did cause said officer and other police officers of Strathclyde Police namely Detective Sergeant Kevin Sweeney and Detective Constable Graham Cordner, maintained at the public expense for the public benefit to devote their time and service in the investigation of said representation made by you and which you knew to be false and you did deprive the public of the services of said police officers and did render the lieges liable to suspicion and to accusation of robbery;

27/7/99

ABS/

OCM

24/8/99

2pm  
for instrument

2/12/99

Abol Bona

WIA

10/1/00

PP/Thomson

D/A 9/1/01

SEP/CSA BSC

24/8/99

Abol WIA

8/11/99

PP/seller Gr

New address

D/Adj 2/12/99

SEP CSA ORD

Procurator Fiscal Depute

NOTICE OF PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS APPLYING TO  
DONALD STEWART

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

DATE	COURT - PLACE & TYPE	CRIME/OFFENCE	DISPOSAL	CASE REF. NO.
04/09/96	PAISLEY SHERIFF CLERK	01 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995 SECTION 150(8)	CHG(S) 1 FINE £100	SKB702402/96
		02 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1988 SECTION 143(1) & (2)	CHG(S) 2 FINE £150 CHG(S) 3 FINE £75	
		03 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1988 SECTION 87(1)	CHG(S) 4 FINE £50	
		04 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1988 SECTION 47(1)		

# Renfrewshire Council

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
Kelvin House, River Cart Walk  
Paisley PA1 1YS

Phone: 0141 842 5151  
FAX: 0141 842 4136  
email:

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Date: 22/12/2000

Our Ref: TC/SER

If calling or telephoning please ask for: Tom Cloherty

Donald Stewart  
109 Glenfield Road  
Paisley

Dear Mr Stewart

You will be aware that you are due to appear at Dumbarton Sheriff Court on 9/1/2001 and that a report will be required for that day.

I would therefore be grateful if you would report to this office on Friday 29th December at 10:45 am. Please advise me if this is not convenient.

Yours faithfully

Thomas Cloherty  
Social Worker

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RECORD S68084/90Q STEWART/DONALD

DOB 12/09/77

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ALIAS STEWART/DONALD/CUNNINGHAM  
MCCANN/JAMES  
CAMPBELL/THOMAS  
PARK/DAVID

ADDRESS (00-00) 109, GLENFIELD ROAD,  
GLENBURN, PAISLEY



PENDING CASE DETAILS

DATE	CASE REF.NO.	CRIME/OFFENCE	PF REF	PF CRIME/OFFENCE
04/03/99	SLA010903/99FP	01 FALSE REPRESENTATION 02 PROCURATOR FISCALS REFERENCE NO 1 99602684 DUMN SS		

BAIL FROM 12/12/00  
DECISION BODY DUMBARTON SHERIFF COURT

DATE	CASE REF.NO.	CRIME/OFFENCE	PF REF	PF CRIME/OFFENCE
10/12/00	PSPKA033112/00F	01 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1988 SECTION 5 (1) (A) 02 VEHICLE EXCISE & REGISTRATION ACT 1994 SECTION 33(1) 03 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1988 SECTION 87(1) 04 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1988 SECTION 143(1) & (2) 05 ATTEMPT TO PERVERT THE COURSE OF JUSTICE		

ANTECEDENT INFO. DETAILS

DATE	COURT - PLACE & TYPE	CRIME/OFFENCE	DISPOSAL	CASE REF.NO.
09/03/93	PAISLEY CHILDRENS HEARING	01 CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 SECTION 57	CHG(S) 1 SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT S.44(1)(B) (RESIDENTIAL)	SKA096709/92

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DUMBARTON SHERIFF COURT  
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

DISPOSAL FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF REPORT

Disposal Notified by:-

Social Work Department,  
Dumbarton Sheriff Court,  
McLean Place, Church Street, Dumbarton,  
G82 1PY  
Tel: 01389 763437

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SKY  
608420

1. S.E.R. No: 335867      2. Reference No: 333356  
3. Complaint/Indictment Nos:  
9962684

4. Court Name: DUMBARTON (SUMMARY)

5. Date report first received in Social Work Unit:    /    /    am.

6. Office sent to :(LCA) PAISLEY EAST AREA  
KELVIN HOUSE  
RIVERCART WALK  
PAISLEY  
PA 1YS

7. Social Worker:

8. Date of court: 02/12/1999      9. Date of court outcome: 12/12/2000

10. Name of accused: DONALD STEWART

11. D.O.B: 12/09/1977

12. Address: FLAT 2/1, 6 BEAULY DRIVE  
FOXBAR  
PAISLEY

13. Result of Court appearance:

Deferred sentence  
till 09/01/2001  
Reason 1-Other  
Reason 2-Not Applicable  
Reason 3-Not Applicable

Signed  
Date

N. Firth  
19/12/2000

Social Worker

Details of disposal

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Appeared after warrant - 12/12/00 - S/D until 9/1/01 for SER/CSA

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968  
THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986

To<sup>1</sup> Donald Stewart  
c/o Beech Avenue Children's Home  
1 Beech Avenue  
PAISLEY

On<sup>2</sup> 27.7.92 a children's hearing for Strathclyde Region

after reviewing the supervision requirement dated 20.8.91

relating to [you]<sup>3</sup> [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX] \* decided<sup>4</sup>  
to continue your supervision requirement

You or your parent/~~child~~<sup>5</sup> may appeal to the sheriff against the decision within a period of three weeks from the date of the decision.

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

<sup>5</sup>  
10 Glen Lane  
Paisley

28th July ..... 19 92

  
.....  
for Reporter

1 Name and address of parent/child  
3 Name of child  
5 Address of Reporter

2 Date  
4 Specify the decision in question  
\* Delete as appropriate



**Strathclyde**

DEPARTMENT OF REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

Child's Name.....Donald Stewart.....

Date.....27.7.92..... Summary Code.....E..... Area.....Renfrew.....

(Chairman)

(Member)

(Member)

Mrs Bayne

Miss Brown

Mr Cluness

**Decision:—** Supervision Requirement continued, child to reside in a residential establishment namely Beech Avenue Children's Home, grounds considered in disposal.

Statement of reasons for decision:—

Donald has settled at Balrossie where his education is satisfactory and is happy to remain in Beech Avenue Children's Home in the meantime while plans for his future are being considered.

(signed) E O Bayne

Chairman

The child/father/mother/guardian\* and their representative(s)\* were advised of the foregoing decision and the reasons therefor; of the right of the child and of the parents to appeal to the sheriff against the decision; and of the right of the child and parents to receive a statement in writing of the said reasons.

(signed) Julie Paterson

for Reporter

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968  
THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986

At<sup>1</sup>

10 GLEN LANE  
PAISLEY on 27/7/92

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region, considering that the supervision requirement attached and docqueted with reference hereto is due to expire on<sup>2</sup> 20/8/92 .

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

Donald Stewart 12/9/77

*E. D. Bayne*  
.....  
Chairman of the children's hearing

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

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12-9-77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue Children's Home.

Date of admission: 08-03-90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

- Donald to Remain at Beech Avenue
- Explain hostel accommodation, particularly Redhoush.
- Continue at Reid Kerr Colloge
- Parental access as before.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care: 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

- (a) Parents: Mother, Mrs Irvine, 8D Blackhall Court, Paisley
- (b) Siblings not in care: Charles Stewart, address as above.
- (c) Siblings in care:

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

Donald has had very little contact with his mother and stepfather since the last Review.

Mrs Irvine has been kept informed of developments in Donald's life. She has indicated an unwillingness to attend hearings and other meetings in recent months. She broadly approves of Donald's contact with Mr Campbell and his family.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

Approximately weekly contact at Beck Avenue or in the course of visits or outings to other places.

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

Contacted as necessary to inform Mrs Irvine of developments and to gauge her response to these.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Mrs Irvine's continuing unwillingness to be proactive in contacting Donald

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

Donald feels he has few if any roots in Paisley. He is dissatisfied with life in Beck Avenue. Continued residence here is failing to help him develop as a young adult.

7. Other agencies involved:

- S.T.I.P.S.

- Salford Social Services Department.

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

Donald needs to make relationships beyond the residential care system in order for him to develop fully as a young adult. Placement in a family home would provide him with the security and challenges necessary to overcome the effects of his years in care.

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

- Continuing contact with Mr Campbell and his family in Manchester to assess the appropriateness of placement.
- Exploration of Manchester as a long-term option.
- Consideration of alternatives.

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

10. Any further comments:

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

Leslie Cameron (S. SW)  
 Angus Wood (S-W)

Signed: AWood  
 Designation: S-W  
 Date: 2/7/95



RENFREW DISTRICT CHILD CARE

CARE PLAN

NAME: Donald Stewart DATE OF BIRTH 12-9-77

ADMISSION DATE: 11-1-93

REASONS FOR R.I.C.: Community Parent Placement broke down  
Donald admitted here, as he had lived here for 3 years  
previously, until a more appropriate placement could be found.

CURRENT LEGISLATION: 441B

KEYWORKER: RUTH GOOLD FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

SOCIAL WORKER: ROBERT Tel No. 842 5151

SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. 842 5151

SCHOOL/EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

DOCTOR: DR Hamilton Tel No: 889 5505

DENTIST: ABBEY DENTIST Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER RELEVANT CONTACTS e.g. Family, Friends, Other Agencies

NAMES	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS	TEL No.
<u>Lorraine Irvine</u>	<u>mother</u>	<u>8d Blackhall Court</u>	
<u>Stephen Irvine</u>	<u>Stepfather</u>	<u>"</u>	
<u>Charles Stewart</u>	<u>Brother</u>	<u>"</u>	
<u>Harkins</u>	<u>Stepfather</u>	<u>49 Brediland Rd Linwood</u>	
<u>Tommy Campbell</u>	<u>Friend</u>	<u>19 Hillcrest Ave Glenburn</u>	
<u>John + Mary Campbell</u>		<u>49 Chepatow Rd Swinton Marchester</u>	



KEYWORKER TASKS OVER NEXT 21 DAYS (INDICATE TIME-SCALE)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

ANY DIFFICULTIES IN ACHIEVING TASKS/TARGETS AS ABOVE

NOTE

PAGE 1. OF CARE PLAN SHOULD BE AMENDED AS REQUIRED (E.G. CHANGE OF LEGISLATION)

PAGE 2. OF CARE PLAN SHOULD BE UPDATED FOLLOWING EACH REVIEW

PAGE 3. OF CARE PLAN SHOULD BE UPDATED EVERY 21 DAYS

(4) Summary and Conclusions

Donald is quickly approaching 16. He has a very disruptive school record, and his mother offers him no support.

Beech Avenue is offering little in the way of independence training. Donald has expressed an interest in moving to Manchester and has discussed work/education placement there.

His relationship with the Campbells appears to be the most positive thing in his life, and he is making friends in Manchester.

(5) Proposals for Child's Future.

Paisley still holds little for Donald and he continues to be wary of going out by himself.

Donald feels more secure in his relationship with the Campbells, as this is not a new relationship and he had known them previously he feels part of their family.

Donald's only complaint is that he would like things to move more quickly.

Signed: 

Dated:

## CONTACT SHEET

DATE OF CONTACT	TYPE OF CONTACT (Visits, Correspondence, Significant Phone Calls, Third Parties)
13/2/92	A.W.O.L till 1.30pm 14/2/93.
16/2/92	Visit to Redheugh.
17/2/92	Charged with attempting to steal a Tutors car at College. No longer attending College.
22/2/92	Doald A.W.O.L. returned 23/2/92 11am.
23/2/93	"Joe" looking for £20 for C.B. from Donald. Donald A.W.O.L.
26/2/93	Returned from Manchester.
3/3/93	Angus Woods Social Worker visited.
6/3/93	Visited mum - mum told him she didn't want him in her house.
9/3/93	Attended Children's Hearing.
12/3/93	Mr Harkins - overnight.
14/3/93	Charles visited.
17/3/93	Angus visited.
19/3/93	A.W.O.L. till 20/3/93.
21/3/93	Charles visited.
27/3/93	A.W.O.L Overnight.

MARCH '93'

Donald has been feeling more and more fed-up living in Beech Avenue, this month. He has been trying hard to co-operate with staff, but finds the younger children very irritating.

He has commenced to visit with his mother's former boyfriend Mr Harkins. He is reluctant to have any contact between the Social Work Department and Mr Harkins. Against advice he has also stayed at Mr Harkins overnight at week-ends on two occasions. For this reason Police and S/work standby were alerted.

Staff at Beech Avenue are working with the Social Worker and Donald in an effort to make this access official.

Donald's brother Charles has been spending some time here at Beech Avenue at week-ends.

Donald is trying hard to improve his independence skills, and is cooking his own meals, doing his own washing and keeping his room tidy with some success. Staff are continually encouraging him to continue this line of positive progress.

The prospective move to Manchester is still the most hopeful opportunity for Donald, however if this fails to materialise for any reason, Donald has spoken unrealistically about getting a flat of his own in the Autumn.

The Social Work Department have not as yet found a suitable alternative place for Donald in this area. For this reason the pressures here are having more and more of an adverse effect on him.

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
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To<sup>1</sup> Donald Stewart  
 c/o Beech Avenue Children's Home  
 1 Beech Avenue  
 PAISLEY

You have been referred to a children's hearing<sup>2</sup> in continuation of the Hearing  
 dated 9.3.93

You are required in terms of section 40(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to  
 attend the hearing  
 on (date) Tuesday 6th April 1993  
 at (time) 3.15 pm  
 at (place) 10 Glen Lane, Paisley

Please read the Notes set out below.

<sup>3</sup> 10 Glen Lane  
 Paisley  
 TEL: 889 9171

.....29th..March. 19 93

*Anne Marie G. G. G.*  
 for Reporter

NOTES

A children's hearing is formed by members of the children's panel for Strathclyde Region. They have been selected from many walks of life especially for their interest and concern in understanding and helping children with problems. The panel members will discuss with you and your parents difficulties which have arisen and will try to reach a decision which will be in your best interests.

During the discussion the panel will want to hear your views. You may, if you wish, bring with you to the hearing someone to help you in discussing your difficulties and what might be done. The personal expenses of this representative (but not any fees) may be refunded.

Further information on the hearing is set out in the leaflet entitled 'To Tell You about the Children's Hearing', a copy of which accompanies this notification.

**You must attend the hearing unless you have been told by me that the hearing have decided that your attendance is not necessary. If you do not attend, steps may be taken, including possibly your detention, to make sure that you do appear before a hearing. If there is a very good reason, such as illness, why you will be unable to attend the hearing, you should contact the Reporter immediately at**

<sup>1</sup> Name and address of child

<sup>2</sup> State shortly the purpose of the hearing, for example, 'and the grounds of referral are described in the attached statement' or 'for the purpose of reviewing the supervision requirement made on (date)'

<sup>3</sup> Address of Reporter

ADMISSION DETAILS

Childs Name Donald Stewart

Date of Birth 12.9.77

Keyworker

Helen Trousdale

Reasons for Admission into Care:

Donald Stewart was first admitted to Beech Avenue with his brother Charles on 27.2.89. Both children were released to their mother on 1.11.89.

Donald was readmitted to Beech Avenue on 9.3.90. The plan at that time was for Donald to eventually go back and reside in the family home with his mother and brother. Over the months that followed, the Social Work dept made stringent efforts to implement this plan. During these months, Donald spent much of his time trying to come to terms with the fact that his mothers' interest in him was fading and she was disinterested in Donald.

It would be fair to say that for the first year Donald refused to believe that the relationship with him and his mother had broken down. Slowly, over the past few months, Donald has mooted the idea of community parents and we are awaiting this placement.

Donald also has an excellent rapport with Kenny Lang, an ex member of staff, currently employed as a gamekeeper. Kenny is awaiting the adoption panels' approval for his role as befriender to Donald.

Significant Personal Characteristics:

height 5'4"

hair:blonde

eyes:blue

complexion:pale

build:slim

Aspects of child's educational well-being requiring action:

Donald has no prospect of further education, training or work experience till after school leaving date May '93'

Opportunities to be looked into, after this time.

careers:-

Action Taken	By Whom	Time in Operation					Improvement	
		Weeks					Y	N
CAREERS Mr McDonald.								

Comments:

Keyworker \_\_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Date

17 July 92

Aspects of child's educational well-being requiring action:

Donald is currently a day boy in Balrossie.  
 His behaviour and well being within the school is monitored by Gerry Keoch who keeps weekly contact with his Beech Avenue Keyworker.  
 It is hoped by Balrossie that Donald will eventually return to Merksworth Secondary, but his social worker and senior doubt that Donald could cope with mainstream education at this point.

Action Taken	By Whom	Time in Operation Weeks					Improvement	
		Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
monitor progress Balrossie <i>Regular contact is maintained via Gerry Keoch &amp; Cathy Regan Balrossie, Keyworker at all Beech Ave care but this is at best on a weekly basis although during summer break this was reduced</i>	gk		8	15	22	29		
	ht		✓	✓	✓	✓		
	F	5	12	19	26			June
	F	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	F	3	10	17	24	31		July
	r	7	14	21	28			Aug
	F	11	18	25				Sept

Comments:

Donald appears to be doing well at Balrossie but, just as he seems settled, he will, as he did on 24th March, claim illness, and have a week from school.  
 Balrossie was informed, and Gerry visited on 28th March, asked Donald how he was keeping and Donald returned to school on Mon 30th March.  
 Contact kept regularly with Balrossie via Gerry and Helen.

Keyworker Helen Trousdale

Child Donald Stewart

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

Date May 92

Aspects of child's emotional well-being requiring action:

Donald suffered firstly from his mothers' rejection, then from the Burgess family. (Harry Burgess is natural father) Donald will sometimes "test" staff testing the level of bad behaviour staff will endure before rejection.

Access with mother and stepfather is taking place almost daily. This is improving the emotional aspect of Donalds' life and every encouragement should be given.

Action Taken	By Whom	Time in Operation				Improvement	
		Weeks				Y	N
firm kindly understanding	staff						
access	staff				ongoing	✓	

*Aug 92 access reduced approx twice weekly*

Comments:

The current access with his mother and stepfather have improved Donalds' life.

Community parents are being sought. *one Link meetings taking place - July/Aug*  
 Befriender is being approved. *- 15 May 92 - Kenny Long approved a first weekend leave agreed success.*

*Aug/Sep Donald counselled on reduced parental access - he feels nothing is happening for him and has to be reassured that there is current progress in community parents*

Keyworker helen trousdale Child donald stewart

PHYSICAL NEEDS

Date May 92

Aspects of child's physical well-being requiring action:

Donald requires reminded that he requires a bath or shower. He may put this off for a day or two, all staff have to monitor that he cleans his body when necessary to ensure his hygiene standard is adequate.

Action Taken	By Whom	Time in Operation					Improvement	
		Weeks					Y	N
bathing	staff Keyworker							
		1	2	3	4	5		
		✓	1	1	1	11		
		6	7	8	9	10		
		11	111	11	1111	111		

July 92

Comments:

Gerry will also remark to Donald about his appearance at Balrossie to encourage him to be clean and smart.

July 92 Donald returned from his Wemyss Bay Hols most interested in girls and having regular baths is part of his life style.

Keyworker Helen Trousdale

Child Donald Stewart

PHYSICAL NEEDS

**Aspects of child's physical well-being requiring action:**  
 Donald is working toward independence. (Referred to STIPS)  
 Needs opportunities to improve skills e.g. cooking, laundry  
 and general cleanliness.

Action Taken	By Whom	Time in Operation					Improvement	
		Weeks					Y	N
To do own cooking, tidy room and attend to his own laundry.  Can attend STIPS group.								

Comments:

Keyworker \_\_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_\_

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

Aspects of child's emotional well-being requiring action:

Access with mum and stepfather, Steven Irvine to be kept on an informal basis.

Donald has begun to contact stepfather Mr Harkins. Is reluctant to allow contact between stepfather and Social Worker.

Prefers to be A.W.O.L. when staying at Mr Harkins residence. In addition Donald refuses to give out Mr Harkins address.

MANCHESTER --- CONTACT WITH TOMMY BY PHONE.

Action Taken	By Whom	Time in Operation					Improvement	
		Weeks					Y	N

Comments:

Keyworker \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_

**Aspects of child's social well-being requiring action:**

Donal's requirment for this area are to have friends and activities suitable for his age.

He has spoilt many oppourtunities for this, and the Social Work Dpt are looking into the possibility of Donald movin to Manchester to stay with friends.

Action Taken	By Whom	Time in Operation					Improvement	
		Weeks					Y	N
Social Work to Police check Campbells	S/W & Salford Social Services							

Comments:

Keyworker \_\_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL NEEDS

Date May 92

Aspects of child's social well-being requiring action:

Donald has had problems in the past where he has been excluded from various activities through bad behaviour. He is slowly learning what is socially acceptable, and good manners have become part of his life. Unfortunately, there are lapses which are disappointing because he is basically a mature and thoughtful boy.

*sept*  
Ellen Finlayson has left Abbey House, & Donald attends new S.W.

Action Taken	By Whom	Time in Operation					Improvement	
		Weeks					Y	N
encouragement	staff							
<i>Aug/Sept Donald counselled weekly by Key worker regarding his social skills. Occasionally acts badly but will always apologise later - he now <u>recognises</u> when his behaviour is unsuitable and makes amends for any lapses.</i>	<i>FF</i>							
<i>Donald counselled re to change in S. Worker.</i>	<i>FF</i>							

Comments:

We hope that the introduction of a befriender and community parents to Donalds' life will further his social skills, and improve the quality of his life.

He regards Stephen Irvine with respect, and Mr Irvine appears to be guiding Donald towards good sociable behaviour. His family life has certainly restarted since his mothers' marriage.

Hopefully, this will continue.

Keyworker Helen Trousdale

Child Stewart

**Strathclyde Regional Council**  
**Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel**

**Regional Reporter: Frederick J Kennedy** OBE LLB

**Renfrew Division**

**Divisional Reporter: Miss C A McBurnie**

10 Glen Lane, Paisley PA3 2HU

Tel: 041-889 9171

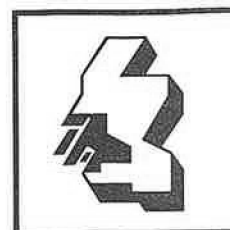
Our Ref: **AMG/JG**

Your Ref:

Date: **8th June 1993**

If phoning or calling please ask for: **Mrs Goldie**

**Donald Stewart**  
c/o Beech Avenue Children's Home  
Beech Avenue  
PAISLEY



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Dear Donald

As you are aware I recently received a referral from the police regarding an alleged incident of opening lockfast premises. I understand that you broke into a car at Reid Kerr College on 17th February 1993. This is a serious matter and is not acceptable behaviour. You really must refrain from any similar action in the future.

I understand from your social worker, Mr Wood, that he will be requesting a review in the near future once plans have been fully discussed. For this reason I have decided to take no further action on this referral but please do not repeat this type of behaviour as a more serious view could be taken of the situation.

Yours sincerely

*Anne Marie Goldie*

Mrs A M Goldie  
Assistant Area Reporter

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

To1 Donald Stewart
c/o Beech Avenue
1 Beech Avenue
PAISLEY

On2 6.4.93 a children's hearing for Strathclyde Region

after reviewing the supervision requirement dated 22.12.92

relating to [you]\* [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX] \*decided4
to vary your supervision requirement to you having to reside in Beech
Avenue Children's Home

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

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

5

10 Glen Lane
Paisley

14th April..... 19 93

[Handwritten signature]
for Reporter

1 Name and address of parent/child
3 Name of child
5 Address of Reporter

2 Date
4 Specify the decision in question
\* Delete as appropriate

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

At 1 10 Green Lane Paisley on 6/4/83

A children's hearing for Strathclyde Region by way of variation of [and in substitution for]\*

the supervision requirement dated 22/12/82

to which 3 Donald Stewart

is subject, hereby require him/her\* [to reside in 4 Beech Avenue Childrens Home Beech Ave Paisley

[to be under the supervision of 5 Strathclyde Region Social Work Dept

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 22/12/82,

is hereby revoked.

Signature of Carl Bourne, 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.

etc.

Chairman of the children's hearing

1 Place and date 4 Name of residential establishment
2 Date of previous supervision requirement 5 Name of local authority or other supervisor
3 Name of child
\* Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.
Delete as appropriate



**Strathclyde**

DEPARTMENT OF REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

Child's Name..... Donald Stewart .....

Date..... 6.4.93 ..... Summary Code..... 0 ..... Area..... Renfrew .....

(Chairman)

(Member)

(Member)

Mrs Connell

Mrs Blackadder

Mr Cluness

Decision:— Supervision Requirement varied, child to reside in a residential establishment namely Beech Avenue Children's Home

Statement of reasons for decision:—

Plans for Donald to be placed with Mr Campbell are continuing but required checks are not yet completed. Mr Campbell has indicated fromally his interest in caring for Donald and Donald continues to want this.

Beech Avenue placement is not the most suitable place for Donald for any long term placement but it is hoped this will not be long term and meantime Donald is quite at home there.

Social Work Department do have contingency plans involving S.T.I.P. should the move to Mr Campbell fall through for any reason.

..... (signed) Carol Connell .....

Chairman

The child/father/mother/guardian\* and their representative(s)\* were advised of the foregoing decision and the reasons therefor; of the right of the child and of the parents to appeal to the sheriff against the decision; and of the right of the child and parents to receive a statement in writing of the said reasons.

..... (signed) Julie Paterson .....

for Reporter

L/S  
13-12-92  
Gail Mr R.

Donald at community parents.

Gail

14/12/92  
F.C. & D.R.

E/S Mon.  
D. Rankin took Donald into town to buy clothes.

F.C.

14/12/92  
F.C.,  
V.K.  
& I.G.

L/S Mon.  
Donald out with pals; will be returned later in the evening.  
\* returned approx. 11.30pm. (ate a snack then bed).

F.C.

15.12.92  
F.C., V.K.  
& I.G.

E/S Tues.  
Donald was wakened at 9am as requested; sorting out bedroom.

F.C.

Donald left for reviews with Mr Rankin was given £4.  
Isobel.

15-12-92  
Gail Mr R.  
E/S

At Community Parents

16-12-92

Arrived by taxi £2.20 given looking very smart in his new clothes. Given £4 for fares to Glenburn and Renfrew. Tommy was along with him.  
Being very abnoxious due to amount of money.  
\* Angus Woods phoned. Mr Rankin to contact his Edwards S, E, unit tomorrow to make arrangements for Donald to see round.

16/12/92 H/S

Donald phoned 11p.m to say he wasn't coming in. Not know what pal - Police & Stronby notified.

17/12/92 E/S

Donald returned 11am. Given fares £3.00. Left house without telling staff he had.

OIB.

17.12.92.

Donald was taken to Renfrew by Mr R (visit girlfriend)

resume of incident reported by Liz Trimble according to her around 9am this morning she had left the front door open to start washing the outside steps. Donald came down and started shouting abuse at her for leaving the front door open, Liz tried to be reasonable and explained why this had to be Donald then kicked the door shut, then refused to let her past. This incident took place in front two panthers AFTER Donald had his breakfast he asked Liz for his clothes When she told him where his clothes were he would not accept this then tried to lift the lid of the washing machine while in use and gave her further abuse Donald then approached me in the staff bedroom, claiming he wanted to put in a complaint about Liz, Liz on hearing this came through to explain he had shut the door on late her, catching her on the arm. When I tried to make him to see reason he became aggressive and made menacing gestures towards her. He managed to stop himself from hitting her but pulled the wardrobe door off its hinges. I contacted Donalds' social worker. He arranged to visit him at 2pm today. When Donald was told to remain indoors he stormed out, hitting the front door off the wall, damaging lock and plaster work.

Report sent to Director  
27.10.97

'STEPS TO INDEPENDENCE' PROJECT

REFERRAL FORM

SECTION '1' Name: Donald Stewart Age: 15 Date of Birth: 12-9-77

Last Home Address:  
8D Blackhall Court  
Paisley

Current Whereabouts/  
Point of Contact: Beech Ave.  
Children's Home

Social Worker:  
~~Angus Wood~~  
Rosemary Lockhart

Office Address and Abbey House Paisley  
Telephone Number: 041-862-5151

Key Worker: Ruth Goodl.

SECTION '2' Statutory Orders: 44 (i)(a)

Reasons for past Social Work involvement:

Lack of parental care, assault by mother at age 12,  
breakdown in parent/child relationship.

SECTION '3' Personal History: (Including relevant dates)

DATES

<u>11/77 - 4/78</u>	<u>Foster care - mother homeless</u>
<u>4/78</u>	<u>" - " illness</u>
<u>11/79 - 11/79</u>	<u>Children's Home - physical attack by mother.</u>
<u>3/90 - 12/92</u>	<u>Children's Home - breakdown relationship with mother.</u>
<u>12/92 - 1/93</u>	<u>Community Parents - placement broke down</u>
<u>1/93 - present</u>	<u>Children's Home</u>

Continue overleaf if necessary:

See over - - -

Donald's father ceased to have contact with him from an early age. Donald's brother, Charles (10), is the result of a relationship with another man.

The crucial factor in Donald's life history appears to have been the failure of his relationship with his mother. Mrs Irvine appears not to expect Donald to be capable of change, and she frequently states that she dislikes him.

Donald was disappointed and frustrated at the long time it took to arrange a community parent placement. When one was arranged, Donald's self-esteem was very low and it broke down over the issue of Donald's refusal to attend college plus Soc.Ed. My understanding is that the community parents were unable to go along with Donald's initial lack of confidence on his proposed first day at Soc.Ed.

Donald fitted in very well in the home of the community parents, and if the abuse issue had been handled better it appears likely that the placement would have lasted.

Family: (Members, current situation and nature of contact)

- Mother: Mrs Lorraine Irvine
  - Stepfather: Mr Stephen Irvine
  - Brother: Charles Stewart
- Occasional daytime visits. Overnight stays took place till recently but were unsuccessful and now discontinued.

History of education and employment:

DATES Gallanhill P.S. until 1988. (Behaviour problems).  
1988-90 Hunterhill Tutorial  
1990-91 Merksworth High  
1991-92 Balvassie (Day Pupil)  
Consid. to attend in about Aug. 92. (Brief attendance R.K. College 1993)

Health:

- a) General Health: Good
- b) Medical History and any medication: Occasionally suffers from asthma. Has an inhaler.

SECTION '4' Has Supported Accommodation been discussed with Applicant? Yes

Has she/he expressed a preference for any particular type of Supported Accommodation?

Has expressed interest in supported lodgings or hostel.

SECTION '5' Comment on the Applicant's general functioning/attitude in following areas:

a) Peer Group Relationships:

Tends to be fearful of males his own age. Often states that people are "out to get him".

b) Family Relationships: Donald's relationship with his mother is very important to him, but he is constantly disappointed and rejected by her.

c) Receiving help/support:

Responds warmly to individual attention, particularly from males. Tends to "test out" females. Appreciates straightforward structures and boundaries.

d) Work, Training or Education: Enjoyed Reid Kerr College - particularly Auto Engineering - Prefers manual work to college training.

e) Money management: Little experience.

f) Criminal Offences: Few recently. Not in a pattern of offending behaviour, but last month - atypically - was charged with breaking into a car at Reed Kerr College.

g) Drugs, Alcohol, Solvent abuse: Sometimes drinks alcohol and becomes very ill. No drug habit. Smokes cigarettes.

SECTION '6' Brief 'pen picture' of Applicant (including physical description and major personality traits)

Donald is slim, with brown eyes and light brown hair. He has a lot of insight into his past and family circumstances. Is a "young" 15 year-old, with perhaps unrealistic expectations about how self-reliant he can be. Shows signs of having spent too long in a children's home - little experience of having to relate to peers outside

SECTION '7' Any other relevant information: of an institutional setting.

Recently has shown a real commitment to seeking work or training. Arranges his own Careers interviews, etc. Needs to put some work into presenting well at interviews, meetings etc.

SIGNATURE

*JL Wood*

DESIGNATION

*Social Worker*

DATE

*4/3/93*

RETURN FORM TO:

PROJECT LEADER - 'STEPS TO INDEPENDENCE' PROJECT  
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
10 ST JAMES ST., PAISLEY  
TEL. NO. 889-3655

Donald Stewart

1/9/94

Trc to Robert Leckert (S.W.). Donald is presently living in the Linwood area with his father. He is beginning to think about obtaining his own tenancy in the future. Robert is of the opinion that Donald would require the support of a S.N.P.'s support worker should he move to his own tenancy also supervision of Section 24/ measures to which he would be entitled. ... Pending J. M. G. G. G.

was 95.

Donald was not re-referred. ~~the~~ at the point of moving to his own tenancy in the Glenburn Area.   
 case closes J.M.G.

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Tel 041 : - : Ext  
Our ref  
Your ref  
Date  
Date of Birth 12-9-77

Name: Donald Stewart

Write the following people to the above-named child's review on: Thus, 5/3/92

Balrassie at 2-30 Tel. No.

Address	Tel. No.	Designation
AD		
EF		
Donald		
Mrs Lorraine Stewart	8 D Blackhall Court	
" Helen Housdale	Beech Ave	
" Mr M Ewan	Balrassie 579 2201	
" Gerry Keogh	"	
" Lynn Lowson		
Mrs Annette Bonnar	AD0	

and parents must be invited to the review. If this is not possible detail reasons in writing to the Area  
completed review forms by:

## Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART,

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate): 9/10/91

- Access to be maintained on a flexible basis. Mum to be encouraged to visit Donald at Beech Avenue and maintain contact.
- Sheena to set up a meeting with Lynn Townsend, Merksworth and Balrossie to discuss possible re-introduction to Merksworth.

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

S441B.

Any action indicated:

## 2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Mrs H Irvine 8 D Blackhall Court Hunterhill

(b) Siblings not in care:

Charles Stewart

(c) Siblings in care:

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

Since the last review Donald's mother and brother have moved to 8 D Blackhall Court. Donald's mother has remarried and is now Mrs Irvine. Donald attended the marriage ceremony and has had some contact with both his mother and younger brother. Contact remains sporadic and it tends to be Donald that makes most of the effort to visit his family.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

October to January ongoing contact by Sheena Mc Donald,

13/2, 28/2 Ellen Furlong at Beach Ave.

- Initial introduction to Donald.
- Discussed Community Parenting, Befriending and forthcoming medical at the Ranch Centre.
- 10/2; 19/2; 21/2; 26/2; 2/3/92 Telephone contact with Beach Ave & Balbovie

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

October to January Sheena Mc Donald maintained contact with the family, although Mrs Irvine had a tendency to miss appointments.

14/2 & 24/2 : Mrs Irvine was not at home.

2/3 - Home visit. Discussed forthcoming Review

## 6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family

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

## 7. Other agencies involved:

Psychological Services (Lynn Townsend)

Family Finding (Alex Nicol & workers).

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

Donald has been accepted onto the waiting list for Community Parents, Mr Kenneth having made an application to Befriend Donald and this will hopefully go before the Panel in the near future.

Donald's needs appear to be met at Beach Avenue and it is likely that he will remain there for the foreseeable future. Donald's contact with his mother and aunts continues to be sporadic.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

Short term.

Donald should remain at Beach Avenue and Baldozie

long term.

Community Parenting will be pursued on behalf of Donald. Also the  
Refrenating.

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

10. Any further comments:

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

Ann Docherty SSW.

Ellen Finlayson S.W.

Signed: E. Finlayson

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 5/3/92

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Tel 041 - - - Ext

Our ref

Your ref

Date

Date of Birth.....

To

Subject Re: Donald Stewart

Please invite the following people to the above-named child's review on: Wed 9/10/91  
Balrissie at 1-30 Tel. No.....

Name	Address	Tel. No.	Designation
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- FC
- SM'D
- ✓ <sup>offer</sup> Mrs L Stewart 5 Marjory Dr
- ✓ Lynn Townsend
- ✓ Mr M Ewan Balrissie + key worker <sup>Keogh</sup> Gerry Keogh ✓
- ✓ District ~~Officer~~ Lesley Watson \* or A Bonner
- ✓ <sup>Beach Ave?</sup> D PARKINE + P: Mike
- ✓ Mrs Edwards Behaviour Support Teacher Meliswell

Child and parents must be invited to the review. If this is not possible detail reasons in writing to the Area  
plus completed review forms by:.....

**Minutes of Review Meeting**

Date of Review: 9.10.91

Name of Home: Beech Avenue Children's Home

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 8.3.90

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

**Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:**

1. Need to progress community parent application as speedily as possible.
2. Uncertainty regarding future schooling and Donald's ability to maintain both attendance and progress.

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

1. Mum's inconsistency towards Donald and the danger of this confusing and upsetting him.
2. Need to note Donald's progress since attending Balrossie. It is important that he is recognised as acting in a more mature manner.

**Summary of Discussion:**

Sheena McDonald advised the review that application had been made and accepted for community parents. A worker from Community Parents Unit has been assigned to link with Donald but he is unlikely to be offered a placement in the immediate future. Annette Bonnar confirmed this view saying that a placement could take some time. Frank Clarke advised that the Unit had been favourably disposed to Donald and were hopeful that the delay in finding Community Parents would not be too great.

Sheena advised the review that Donald's mum has found it difficult to attend review's in the past but has made a big effort to come to this one. She has been impressed with Donald's progress recently. Cheryl Hill said that within Beech Avenue, Donald is still viewed positively but he is capable of producing difficulties. Cheryl felt that befriending might offer Donald support in the interim. She stated that Donald tends to get into dispute with local lads and was involved in a fight at the weekend. Donald still has a tendency to allow his mouth to get him into trouble.

Ina Lamont reported that within the classroom, Donald's biggest problem was his behaviour. His English is good though the quality of his work depends very much on his mood. He is very good at art but has lost some enthusiasm for technical.

cont on separate sheet

There was some discussion regarding Donald's re-introduction to Merksworth but it was reported that Lynn Townsend had not yet reported on the outcome of her enquiries. Irene Edwards advised that there are difficulties which the school is likely to face and these still need to be resolved.

The recent incident involving a taxi driver has now been resolved. Within the Unit in Balrossie, Donald is said to be easy to manage though noisy. He appears to be pleasant though sometimes his aggressive way of talking is seen as a defence rather than genuine aggression.

There was some discussion regarding the contact Donald has with his mum and younger brother. Lorraine said that she would welcome Donald visiting the home more often as long as he behaves. Sheena McDonald said that she felt that there was need for contact not to be on a rigidly formal basis. This was accepted by the Review.

**Strathclyde Regional Council**  
**Social Work Department**

Director: F E Edwards RD BA MUniv FBIM

**Renfrew Division**

Paisley Area Office, Abbey House, 8 Seedhill Road, Paisley PA1 1JS

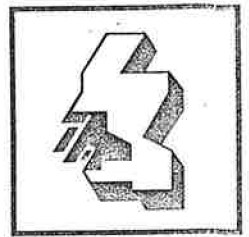
Tel: 041-842 5151 Fax: 041-842 5144

Our Ref: PAT/MW

Your Ref:

Date: 28 January 1992

If phoning or calling ask for: Ms McDonald



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Ms L Stewart  
8D Blackhall Court  
Paisley

Dear Ms Stewart

The child care review scheduled for Thursday, 30 January 1992, at 4.00 pm on Donald has unfortunately had to be cancelled.

I will inform you of the rescheduled date as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

*M. Wright*

M Wright  
Review Coordinator

*Carol*

*What are your cancelled letters?*

*May*



sent 5.6.91

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 Tel 041 - - - Ext

Our ref

Your ref

Date

Date of Birth ~~25/5/91~~

subject Re: DAVID STEWART

Please invite the following people to the above-named child's review on: Wed 20 March  
at Beech Ave at 10:30 Tel. No. ....

Name	Address	Tel. No.	Designation
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1. FC

2. SMC

3. D. RANKINE O.I.C. } Beech Ave

4. Pearce (M.H.)? Keyworker } 884 7375

5. Miss L Stewart 5 Marjory Drive G.M.H. Mottle

6. Lynn Toured Ed. Psychologist. Carbrooke St 887 7821

7. June McKeigie Soc. Ed. Unit Queen St, Parky

8. Mr McEwen (?) Balrossie school ?? check with Lynn

9. District (Don't know who - Chris Verbech?) Toured

10. ....

The child and parents must be invited to the review. If this is not possible detail reasons in writing to the Area Officer plus completed review forms by: .....

**Minutes of Review Meeting**

Date of Review: 20th March, 1991

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 8.3.90

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

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**Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:**

Donald's non-attendance at school, and his conduct within the home.

Donald still has not come to terms with his mother's rejection of himself.

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

As seen in 6 (a) and (b) of Social Worker's Review Form (attached)

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**Summary of Discussion:** Donald's non-attendance at school continues to amplify the problems. He is getting bored and resorts to mischief at varying levels of seriousness. At the heart of the problems experienced with Donald appears to be his being rejected by his mother. Staff have observed visible signs of distress when his Mum has been mentioned on occasion. Staff suspect that Donald meets his Mum from time to time.

Consideration was given to referring Donald for counselling to enable him to cope with his mother's rejection and it was felt that this might best be achieved if he obtains a place at Balrossie, through the school's links with Fern Tower.

Sheena McDonald felt that Donald had impressed when he had visited Balrossie and although he had not been offered a place immediately, he might well be offered a place soon as the school had been back in touch to say they wished to see Donald again. It was recognised that getting Donald to attend Balrossie, in the event of him being offered a place, might be problematic.

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Date of Review Meeting: 20.3.91

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

- 1) To continue in intervention group and seek a placement in Balrossie as a "day boy".

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

Donalds' physical developement remains the same since last review.

2. Emotional Development:

Donald is emotionally mixed up owing to various members of his family letting him down.

3. Behavioural Problems:

Around adults, Donald doesn't seem to know his limits and always goes that bit further than he should. His behaviour recently has deteriorated and we have attached an incident sheet. We feel a lot of this behaviour is due to him not having a placement at school. This means he is floating around with nothing productive to do during school hours and he tends to get into mischief.

## Form C continued (2 of 3)

## 4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Donald sees his mother every Monday. Occasionally he sees his natural father and paternal grandmother.

## 5. Contact with siblings:

Sees Charles with Mum.

## 6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

He completed his time at the intervention group and received a certificate to this effect.

## 7. School attended:

None

School report attached/not available

Educational observations:

## 8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home: Has a flair for electrical appliances. This interest requires supervised

(b) Outwith home by qualified person.

Swimming, discoing.

Form C continued (3 of 3)

9. Relationships:

- (a) Within home: No real friends within home but Donald allows himself to be used by other residents.
- (b) Outwith home: He is friendly with various local boys.

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

- 1) We feel that Donald is a boy who is easily scapegoated and if there's trouble about he is the one who seems to come out worst.
- 2) Lately, Donald has absconded on three occasions and this would be worrying if it continues as he seems to find it easy to find a place to stay with people unknown to us.

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

To remain in Beech Avenue and attend Balrossie as a day boy.

12. Remarks:

Donald has a great deal of affection with his mother and we would like Donald to have more contact with her. Although Ms Stewart has said that having Donald at home wouldn't work we hope that in the future she will allow Donald home visits. When not under the influence of others, Donald comes across as a kind and thoughtful boy who will help with tasks around the house.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

Mr D Rankin O.I.C.

Signed: *Dena L King*  
 Designation: *DOIC*  
 Date: *19.3.91*

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVE.

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

DONALD'S NAME TO BE PUT FORWARD FOR SOCIAL EDUCATION UNIT AT D.P.A.M.

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

SEC 44(1)(a)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Miss L. STEWART 5 MARSDEN DRIVE - PAISLEY

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARLES STEWART

5 MARSDEN DRIVE - PAISLEY

(c) Siblings in care:

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

MISS STEWART CONTINUES TO STATE THAT SHE WILL NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN PLANNING DONALD'S FUTURE.

SHE SAW DONALD WHEN HE WAS IN HOSPITAL LAST WEEK.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

- 11/1/91. VISIT TO BEEN AVE - TOOK DONAND OUT FOR COFFEE
- 15/1/91. VISIT TO DONAND AT HOSPITAL

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

- 15/1/91 - HOME VISIT - TOOK MISS STEWART TO SEE DONAND AT R.A.M.

## 6. Areas of Concern:

- (a) Family MISS STEWART CONTINUES TO GIVE MIXED MESSAGES TO DONAND STATING TO HIM THAT SHE WILL SEE HIM, BUT MAKING NO EFFORT TO DO SO.
- (b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review)  
DONAND'S GENERAL ATTITUDE + BEHAVIOUR SHOW NO SIGN OF IMPROVEMENT.

## 7. Other agencies involved:

INTERVENTION GROUP AT SOCIAL EDUCATION UNIT BEGINS ON THURSDAY.

LYNN TOWNSEND EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGIST

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

DONAND NEEDS AN EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HE ALSO NEEDS A STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT WHICH IS NOT AVAILABLE TO HIM AT BEEN AVE. AND NEEDS CONTACT, IF ONLY INFORMAL, WITH HIS FAMILY IN PAISLEY.

## Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

1) DONAND IS TO BEGIN AT THE INTERVENTION GROUP AT SOCIAL EDUCATION UNIT TWO MORNINGS PER WEEK

2) ALTHOUGH A SOCIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT WAS AGREED AT D.R.A.M. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT A DAY PLACEMENT AT BANROSSIE BE MORE APPROPRIATE, AND APPLICATION BE MADE ACCORDINGLY.

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

10. Any further comments:

IN ORDER THAT DONAND COME TO TERMS WITH HIS MOTHER'S REJECTION, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT HE BE REFERRED TO FERN TOWER ADDRESSENT UNIT IN GLASGOW.

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

F. CHARKE SSW

S M'DONAND SW

Signed: Sheena M'Donell

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 22/1/91

Donald Stewart.

Since last review meeting which was postponed in part till after DRAM meeting. Donald is still not attending any school. He has to join an Intervention group on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January, at Social Education Unit. This group will be available to Donald on Tuesday + Thursday mornings from 10 - 12am for a period of 8 weeks. Donald was admitted to Royal Alexander Hospital on 15/1/91. referred there by his G.P. He was taken by ambulance and spent two hours in hospital as he had swollen testicles. The consultant decided he did not require treatment and he was allowed home. His mother visited Donald while he was there with Sheena McDonald S.W. Ms Stewart was unembrated on this occasion but Donald was pleased to see his mother nonetheless. He has been to visit since then although he is not very communicative on his return. His behaviour remains basically unchanged.

**Minutes of Review Meeting**

Date of Review: 15.11.90

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 8.3.90

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

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**Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:**

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

- a. Family - Miss Stewart seems unable to accept that Donald's behaviour comes from her treatment of him.
- b. Donald's persistant truancy is now cause for concern.

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**Summary of Discussion:**

Chairperson asked Mrs Hill, Donald's Houseparent, how he was getting on at Beech Avenue. Ms Hill stated Donald's behaviour has deteriorated, he's not attending school and his language is appalling. Ms Hill feels that it is the family situation which is behind it. He is seeing his father informally, but not at the home, he has also seen his mum on a couple of occasions on the street. He is receiving mixed messages from his mum and this is confusing him. He also sees his grandmother every Saturday.

Ms King said that Donald cannot cope with the rejection from his mother but the main concern is school. He goes out in the morning and spends his dinner money on amusement machines. Ms McDonald said that Mrs Stewart said there is no possibility of Donald going home, she is not willing to make contact or able to accept her responsibilities re : Donald. Contact with his father is purely informal, he sees him at his Gran's every fortnight.

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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

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Contact with his parents is very negative, he sees the situation as being very complicated and is finding it really difficult to cope with the pressures.

Mrs Bates said he had been making progress at school until October then truancy increased. Donald's behaviour when at school, is disruptive, he is very cheeky and has been caught smoking in the playground and in the school building.

Ms Townsend said that Donald was clearly not coping, the key is that mum won't change. On the one hand, bond is strong with his mum but there is no trust in the relationship.

Derek Bibby stated that it is unlikely that Donald is going home and he needs to accept this. If he was going to attend school he could stay at Beech Avenue and build on positives, perhaps Social Education Unit would be best.

Ms McDonald said that Donald wants to make things work but does not know how, he feels secure enough in Beech Avenue and it is vital that he stays in the area, so he can have contact with his parents.

Chairperson asked Donald how he would feel about going to the Social Education Unit.

Donald said that he was not going to the Social Education Unit but would go and have a look at it.

Ms McDonald to phone Liz Edwards at the Social Education Unit to discuss Donald's case and find out how long it would be before there is a vacancy.

Lyn Townsend asked what would happen to Donald's school work in the meantime, he cannot be allowed to do his own thing, perhaps work can be set for him to do at home.

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVENUE

Date of admission: 8/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

- 1) TO PURSUE ACCESS FOR DONALD TO HIS FATHER.
- 2) TO GIVE DONALD HELP + SUPPORT AT SCHOOL

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

SEC 44(1)(B)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: MISS L. STEWART, 5 MARSDEN DRIVE, GANNEWILLK  
MR M BURGESS - FERGUSIE PARK

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARLES - LIVES WITH MOTHER

(c) Siblings in care:

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

MISS STEWART HAS STATED THAT SHE IS NOT WILLING OR ABLE TO HAVE DONALD HOME. SHE WILL NOT AGREE TO A REGULAR ACCESS PLAN.

MR BURGESS HAS NOW STOPPED VISITING DONALD AT BEECH AVE. AND HAS NOT MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS ACCESS.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

5/10/90 VISITS MADE TO DONALD AT BEECH AVE. ON THESE  
 18/10/90 DATES; ISSUES DISCUSSED WERE DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR AT  
 26/10/90 BEECH AVE; DONALD'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE; DONALD'S  
 31/10/90 FEELINGS AROUND HIS RESECTION BY BOTH HIS MOTHER  
 28/9/90 AND FATHER.  
 9/11/90

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

19/9/90 } TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH MRS BURGESS (SENIOR) TO TRY  
 20/9/90 } AND CONTACT DONALD'S FATHER  
 21/9/90 }  
 28/9/90 - ARRANGED VISIT TO MR BURGESS - NO REPLY  
 24/10/90 - VISIT TO MISS STEWART } ENCOURAGED MISS STEWART TO VISIT  
 30/10/90 VISIT TO MISS STEWART } DONALD BUT SHE INSISTS THAT THIS  
 IS DONALD'S RESPONSIBILITY

## 6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family MISS STEWART SEEMS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THAT DONALD'S  
 BEHAVIOUR COMES FROM HER TREATMENT OF HIM.

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

DONALD'S PERSISTANT TROUBLE IS NOW CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

## 7. Other agencies involved:

MORSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL,

LYNN TOWNSEND - ED. PSYCHOLOGIST

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

1) DONALD SEEMS UNABLE TO COPE WITH THE PRESSURES  
 OF MAINSTREAM EDUCATION AS WELL AS THE OTHER PRESSURES  
 IN HIS LIFE. AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PLACEMENT SHOULD  
 BE SOUGHT

2) DONALD NEEDS TO HAVE CONTACT WITH HIS FAMILY,  
 EVEN IF THIS IS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.

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## Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

- 1) A PLACEMENT AT THE SOCIAL EDUCATION UNIT WOULD SEEM MOST APPROPRIATE FOR DONALD
- 2) DONALD WOULD BENEFIT FROM A VERY STABLE, FAMILY PLACEMENT, BUT WOULD NEED THE FREEDOM TO GO TO GALLOWHILL TO LOOK FOR HIS MOTHER

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

10. Any further comments:

MOST OF DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR IS ATTENTION SEEKING AND STEMS FROM HIS MOTHER'S INABILITY TO MEET HIS EMOTIONAL NEEDS.  
DONALD IS CAPABLE OF BEING A PLEASANT, FRIENDLY YOUNG LAD WHO CAN OFFER A GREAT DEAL TO ANYONE CARING FOR HIM

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

MR W EADIE (AREA MANAGER)  
MR F CLARKE (SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER)  
MISS S McDONALD (SOCIAL WORKER)

Signed: Sheena McDonald

Designation: SOCIAL WORKER

Date: 18/10/90

REVIEW PROCEDURE

Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM **F**

Date of Review: 13th September 1990  
Name of Home: Beech Avenue.  
Name of Child: Donald Stewart  
Date of Admission: 27th March 1990  
Date of Birth: 12th September 1977

**Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:**

Since last review, Donald is finding it increasingly difficult to cope emotionally with the rejection his mother has displayed towards him. He has a poor self image and tends to blame himself for his situation.

Within the children's home, his behaviour can, at times be disruptive and unacceptable. He is less ready now-a-days to accept sanctions.

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

Donald's mum does not appear to wish to work towards getting Donald back home.

Donald's behaviour seems to be a direct response to his mum's negative attitude towards him.

**Summary of Discussion:**

School: Donald has recently started attending Merksworth High School. In the first few weeks he truanted frequently but has been attending more recently since.

The school has made available a Support Teacher to Donald which it is felt he requires having just come from Hunterhill Tutorial Centre. Donald seems to be responding well to this provision.

Parental contact: The Review members were disappointed to hear of the failure of his mother maintain contact with Donald. As a result, access visits have been non existent. Mrs Stewart has made it clear that she does not wish to have further contact with Donald. Because of this breakdown, Donald has not had any contact with his younger brother, Charles. He is clearly hurt by this development.

Donald would like to have more involvement with his dad, including overnight stays. It was recognised that Police checks would require to be carried out before this could be permitted. It was felt that Sheena should make contact with Mr Burgess to discuss with him his feelings and commitment to Donald.

Progress: Despite the disappointing situation with regard to the rejection shown by his mum and the behaviour problems Donald has been manifesting, he remains a likeable boy within the children's home. There have been no major incidents since the last review.

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From



A nuclear-free zone authority  
An equal opportunities authority  
Tel 041 - - - Ext

To

Our ref

Your ref

Date

Subject Re: David Stewart

Date of Birth: 12-9-77

*see WE have 5-11-90*

~~Thurs 1-11-90~~

Please invite the following people to the above-named child's review on:

# 2-30 pm at Beech Ave Tel. No. ....

MON 19-11 9am

Name Address Tel. No. Designation

- 1. *tell* FC x ~~Thurs 15-11-90 2-30~~
- 2. *tell* S.M.C.D. x ✓
- 3. *phone* Derek Bibby x + mgs. A/M phone ✓
- 4. *phone* Beech Ave x 889-7375 phone ✓
- 5. *letter* Mother 5 Marying Drive letter
- 6. ~~Mr. ... 889 6876~~
- 7. ~~J. ...~~
- 8. *phone letter* Markswarth Mgt Bates 887 5141 + fax ✓
- 9. ....
- 10. ....

The child and parents must be invited to the review. If this is not possible detail reasons in writing to the Area Officer plus completed review forms by: .....

*amused*

Memorandum



From

A nuclear-free zone authority  
An equal opportunities authority  
Tel 041 Ext

To

Our ref  
Your ref  
Date

Subject Re: David Stewart

Date of Birth 12-9-77

see WE  
~~base formal~~  
5-11-90  
~~thus 1-11-90~~

Please invite the following people to the above-named child's review on: 2-30 pm at Beech Ave Tel. No. ....

Name	W/E	Address	Tel. No.	Designation
1. FC	x			
2. S McD	x			
3. Derek Kidby	x			K/M phone ✓
4. Beech Ave	x		889-7375	phone ✓
5. Mather		5 Marys Drive		letter
6. <del>Handford</del>			<del>889 6876</del>	<del>beaker</del>
7. <del>J. Roberts</del>				
8. Markworth		Wgt Bates	887 5141	+ fax ✓
9. ....				
10. ....				

The child and parents must be invited to the review. If this is not possible detail reasons in writing to the Area Officer plus completed review forms by: amazed

Name of Home: Beech Avenue

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Date of Birth: 12.9.77

Date of Review Meeting:

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

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

Donald is developing normally for a boy of his age and appears to be a healthy boy.

2. Emotional Development:

X Donald, since last review, is finding it increasingly difficult to cope emotionally with the rejection his mother has displayed towards him. He maintains a poor self image and feels himself to be to blame at times for his situation.

3. Behavioural Problems:

X Within Beech Avenue his behaviour at times can be disruptive and unacceptable. He is less ready to accept sanctions, whereas before he was quite able to accept that the part he played in misbehaviour led to sanctions being imposed.

## Form C continued (2 of 3)

## 4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

Donalds' access visits to mother have been non existant due to mothers' reluctance to make herself available to Donald. He has been visited by Mr Burgess his natural father on several occassions and Donald obviously enjoys this contact. Mrs Stewart has stated quite adamantly that she wishes nothing more to do with Donald and has made no efforts to vontakt him that are known to us.

## 5. Contact with siblings:

~~X~~ Has not seen brother Charles as Charles resides with mother.

## 6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

Margaret Bates : Guidance Teacher Merksworth School

Irene Edwards : Support Teacher Merksworth School

## 7. School attended: Merksworth High School

School report attached/not available

Educational observations:

## 8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home: Keyboard, computer, T.V.

(b) Outwith home:  
Swimming

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Form C continued (3 of 3)

9. Relationships:

- (a) Within home: relates fairly well with other residents.
- (b) Outwith home:

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

Donalds ability to maintain school attendance. As he has recently changed schools we hope to work in conjunction with Merksworth School Guidance Dept to see how we can improve and maintain his school attendance. His feelings of rejection.

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

To remain in Beech Avenue.

12. Remarks:

Donald is a likeable boy who at present is confused by recent events. It is hoped through patience and understanding Donald will become more able to accept his situation and perhaps strengthen his links with his natural father.

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

D. Rankin O.I.C.  
P. Mill (Keyworker)

Signed: *Ruth Cold*  
 Designation: *Senior Houseparent*  
 Date: *13-9-90*

## Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM **D**

Name of Child: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth: 12/9/77

Name of Home: BEECH AVENUE.

Date of admission: 27/3/90

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

- 1) ACCESS TO BE MAINTAINED AT 2 OVERNIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AND 2 FULL DAYS AT THE WEEKEND
- 2) REQUEST POWER TO VARY 44(1)(a) TO 44(1)(b)
- 3) SHEENA TO EXPLORE WEST YORDERTON AND PLAYScheme PLACING FOR DONALD
- 4) SHEENA TO DISCUSS CHILD MANAGEMENT TEACHING WITH MS STEWART
- ~~5) MARKSWORTH TO BE INVITED TO NEXT REVIEW~~

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

Sec 44(1)(b)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: 5 MARSDEN DRIVE, GARRHOLM

(b) Siblings not in care: CHARLES LIVES AT HOME WITH HIS MOTHER

(c) Siblings in care:

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

Miss Stewart has made little attempt to keep to access arrangements i.e. she did not stay at her own home for a few weeks during the summer, and was not at home on several access days.

She has now made it clear that she does not wish this access to continue, nor has she made efforts to see Donald at Beech Ave.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

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

30/6/90 - 7/7/90 - DONALD ON HOLIDAY WITH BEEN AVE.  
 11/7/90 - VISIT TO BEEN AVE  
 25/7/90 - VISIT TO BEEN AVE - DISCUSSED ACCESS WITH DAD  
 6/8/90 VISIT TO BEEN AVE  
 20/8/90 SW AND DONALD TO AMUSMENT ARCADE!  
 29/8/90 VISIT TO BEEN AVE - DISCUSSED DONALD'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
 3/9/90 CHILDREN'S PAPER  
 5/9/90 VISIT TO BEEN AVE.

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

11/7/90 - CONTACTED MISS STEWART AT HER BOYFRIENDS HOUSE TO DISCUSS ACCESS  
 26/7/90 MISS STEWART KEPT OFFICE APPOINTMENT  
 9/8/90 MISS STEWART TO OFFICE  
 26/8/90 MISS STEWART TO OFFICE - STATED THAT SHE COULD NOT COPE WITH DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR AND SIGNED AGREEMENT TO MR BURGESS HAVING ACCESS

## 6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family MISS STEWART DOES NOT WISH TO WORK AT GETTING DONALD HOME AND CONTINUES TO BLAME HIM FOR HIS BEHAVIOUR.

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

DONALD'S BEHAVIOUR SEEMS TO BE A DIRECT RESPONSE TO MUM'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS HIM.

## 7. Other agencies involved:

MELKSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL

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

DONALD NEEDS A ~~BE~~ SETTLED AND SECURE PLACEMENT WITH A LOT OF INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION AND LOVE.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

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

PLANS FOR DONAND TO GO HOME HAVE BEEN SEEN NOT TO HAVE WORKED.

ACCESS TO FATHER HAS GONE UP AND THIS CONTACT SHOULD INCREASE.

ALTERNATIVE PERMANENT PLACEMENT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE REVIEW.

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

10. Any further comments:

DONAND' HAS JUST BEEN LINKED WITH THE SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROJECT AND HE SEEMS TO BE RESPONDING WELL TO THIS.

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

F-CHARNE - SSW  
S McDONAND - SW

Signed: Sheena McDonald  
Designation: Social Worker  
Date: 13/9/90

To Mrs. J. ...

Tel. 833 835 Ex. ...  
 Your ref. ...  
 Date ...

Subject: DONALD STEWART  
 Date of birth: 12.9.77  
bbwbs

*Cancelled - re arranged*

Please invite the following people to the above-named child's N.A.I. Conference:

Thu 27-4-90 at 10.30 am

at \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name Address Tel. No. Designation

- ✓ 1. WE x Area Manager
- 2. CB x Senior Social Worker
- ✓ 3. SMCD x Social Worker
- 4. ~~MM~~ x A.D.O. - Child Care
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Police Department
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ Nursing officer
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Health Visitor
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Doctor D.F.

*copy* OIC Beech Ave Mr Rankine x School Representative  
*letter* Ms Hemmick @ Tutorial Centre, Mrs The busker NO - send by post  
*letter* Ms Gallowhill ① Primary School, Mrs. Richter (Phone) NO  
letter R. Stewart Mother

Agency Staff

**Memorandum**



**From**

A nuclear-free zone authority  
 An equal opportunities authority  
 Tel 041-889 8865 Ext

**To** Mrs. J. Crabtree

Our ref  
 Your ref  
 Date

**Subject** Re: DONALD STEWART

Date of Birth 12/1/77

~~Y in 27 4 90 at 12 noon~~

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~~rearrange cancelled~~  
~~rearrange 8-5-90~~  
~~FBA - see Christine Jones~~  
~~Dates~~

Please invite the following people to the above-named child's review on: 10 am on 17 4 90 at Abbey House Tel. No. 889 7375

Name	Address	Tel. No.	Designation
1. W. DADIE	x x		
2. C. BELL	x x		
3. S. McDONALD	x x		
4. DISTRICT - F. MILLER	x x		
5. BERN AVE - <del>WDA</del> <sup>PROBABLY</sup> MILLER	889 7375		
6. Miss. h. STEWART	5 MARSEY DRIVE		MOTHER
7. MRS. McCUSKER	MUNTERMILK TUTORIAN COME.	889-6876	HEAD TEACHER
8. (JOHN DORRITY) - SEE CHRISTINE			
9.			
10.			

Letters ✓  
 Phoned ✓  
 Letters ✓  
 Letters ✓  
 Letters ✓

The child and parents must be invited to the review. If this is not possible detail reasons in writing to the Area Officer plus completed review forms by:.....

**Memorandum**



A nuclear-free zone authority  
 An equal opportunities authority  
 Tel 041-889 8865 Ext



Our ref

Your ref

Date

Date of Birth.....

**From**

**To** Mrs. J. Crabtree

**Subject**

Re: .....

*David Stewart*

Please invite the following people to the above-named child's review on: .....

*Thurs 13.9.90*

*3-00*

at

*Beach Ave*

Tel. No.....

Name

Address

Tel. No.

Designation

- ✓ 1. *FC*
- ✓ 2. *S.McD* *5147*
- phone* 3. ✓ *Donak Bibby* *5140*
- phone* 4. ✓ *Beach Ave* *889 7375*
- letter* 5. ✓ *Miss L. Stewart* *5 Marjory Drive*
- phone* 6. ✓ *Hunterhill* *889 6876* *Mrs McBurney*
- 7. *J. Doherty (A.L.)*
- None* 8. ✓ *Mgt Bates* *Merkaforth* *887* *5141*
- 9. ....
- 10. ....

The child and parents must be invited to the review. If this is not possible detail reasons in writing to the Area

Officer plus completed review forms by: .....

## Minutes of Review Meeting

Date of Review: 28.06.90.

Name of Home: Beech Avenue Children's Home

Name of Child: Donald Stewart

Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission:

Date of Birth:

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

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

**Summary of Discussion:**

Frank Clarke opened the Review by identifying some specific issues to be addressed:

1. Change of school.
2. Possible change of statute.
3. Access.

**SHEENA McDONALDS REPORT**

At the last Review the question of Donald returning home was to be addressed. Support towards this was being offered via West Yonderton Support Group however due to staff shortages Donald's place has been terminated. Donald has to be persuaded to go to the group. Donald is being encouraged to go home through overnight access and support from social worker. However Sheena McDonald feels the trust is not there between Donald and his Mum for Donald to return home. Arrangements for school change-over have been made and Sheena concluded things are not going too badly.

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MISS STEWART

Access has been fine apart from a few hiccups this week, would like another extra day (Sunday). Relationship with Donald still volatile mostly argue over small issues. Sheena states this would be worked on with support from Beech Avenue and other supports.

D RANKINE, BEECH AVENUE

Donald is a very likeable boy, he is disappointing when he indulges in silly behaviour eg. shaving off his eyebrows. An incident arose last night ie. smell of glue around the house. Mr Rankine stated Donald was a follower and always was the one who got caught when trouble was brewing. M Rankine stated he felt Donald wanted to behave but outside influences were stronger. He however learned from his mistakes and Donald stated 'he took his punishment'. School behaviour can be erratic.

DISCUSSION

F Clarke questioned whether Donald's reasons for not returning home (due to his claim that his Mum was 'steaming' and shouting at him) were completely valid, Sheena stated Mum had a low fuse and could appreciate how Donald could be a problem. Mum did not accept that she was 'steaming'. Discussion then followed re an occasion when Donald returned early from access and the conflicting stories around this. It was clarified that Miss Stewart had been drinking but not to the extent that she was unable to care for Charles or Donald. F Clarke stated more effort was needed from both Donald and his mother in working towards a basis for a stable relationship. These issues would have to be reached outwith this Review. Derek Bibby felt concern that Donald was unhappy with his Mum's drinking and felt Miss Stewart should be aware of this. He also stated he would like Donald to attend West Yonderton as soon as it was feasible and also explore possibility of other supports ie. Playscheme.

Discussion then turned to Donald going home, it was felt Miss Stewart was not willing for this to happen until after her Court case in July. Donald not keen to go home at the moment. Frank Clarke felt they would have to make a start without delay at building up a trust in each other and a workable relationship ie. Miss Stewart not to have too much to drink when in charge of children and Donald not to use his Mum's drinking as a weapon against her.

Access should be continuing and increased and a contractual approach to access adopted. Talk should take place about reasonable conditions for Donald to put on his Mum's conduct and vice versa. They should be responsible and help each other.

STATUTE

The Review was reminded that Donald was in care under Section 15 though also subject of a 44(1)(a) Supervision Order. The Reporter has been advised of Donald's RIC but no Review sought to vary this order. It was felt that a Review should be requested and that, unless by the time the Panel took place, it looked likely that Donald's return home was imminent, a residential supervision be requested.

From

Minutes are  
in being  
typed

# Regional Council



A nuclear-free zone authority  
An equal opportunities authority  
Tel 041-899 8365 Ext

Our ref

Your ref

Date

Date of Birth..... 12.9.77

Subject Re: Donald Stewart  
Constance  
(suspect abuse)

~~28.6.90~~  
~~Thurs 28.6.90~~  
Cancel  
~~Thurs 25.6.90~~

Please invite the following people to the above-named child's review on:

~~Hampton~~ at Beech Ave Tel. No. ....  
3.30 pm

Name Address Tel No. Designation

- 1. ✓ F. Blanke ✓
  - 2. ✓ S.M.D. ✓
  - 3. ~~F. Hillier~~ Derek Bidby H/M carer 5140 3.30<sup>2</sup> OK
  - 4. ~~Beech Ave~~ ✓ carer cancelled 889 7375 OK
  - 5. Miss L. Stewart, 5 Maryway Drive letter
  - 6. Hunterhill, H/M carer 889-6876 cancelled <sup>NO</sup>
  - 7. ✓ J. Sabatini ✓ left note etc cancell & still new date
- (889-6876 - Mrs M. Cusker.)

The child and parents must be invited to the review. If this is not possible detail reasons in writing to the Area Officer plus completed review forms.

see FC ~~get list~~

next 30/3/2x

From

To

Subject Re:.....

Donald Stewart

A nuclear-free zone authority

An equal opportunities authority

Tel 041-889 8865 Ext

Our ref

Your ref

Date

Date of Birth..... 12-9-77

Please invite the following people to the above-named child's review on: Wed 8-5-90  
9.15 at Beech Ave Tel. No.....

Child Name

Name

Address

Tel. No.

Designation

- ✓ 1. WE FC
- ✓ 2. SMcD FC
- ✓ 3. F. Milbr
- ✓ 4. Beech Ave
- Steve ✓ 5. Miss L Stewart
- 6. Hemtorhill NO.
- ✓ 7. J. Dalerty
- 8. ....
- 9. ....
- 10. ....

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D.A.S.U. Meeting of 1st April, 1986

Donald Stewart aged 8 years  
Charles Stewart aged 3 years

Present: Ms. S. Duncan - Chairperson  
Mary Fegan  
Grace Scott  
Anne Howie  
Myra Speirs - social worker  
Esther Sclare - sen. social worker

Social worker reported that these two little boys with their mother are presently living in the Homeless Unit in Love Street. Negotiations are currently being undertaken between the Area Officer and Housing Management to re-house the family. The family had a house in London but came to Paisley in September stating that they had had harassment from neighbours. London Council have no record of this and Mrs. Stewart was informed that unless she went back to London and through the appropriate channels, she was making herself intentionally homeless. In between times she has lived with her mother in Espedair Street, but moved to Love Street in January. She now has 28 days to vacate Love Street.

There are other problems with the family - although the immediate one is housing. In December the older boy was left unattended and mother got very drunk. Mrs. Stewart appeared in Court and sentence was deferred until May. Panel expressed great reservations regarding Mrs. Stewart's ability to care for the children.

Mother is being admitted today to Hawkhead Hospital for 3 - 4 days and as there is no-one to care for the children, social worker requested fostercare for this period. The children were placed with Mrs. McGarthland in Greenock.

Conclusion: Group endorsed action taken.

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1st April, 1986