

**GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - BANFF/BUCHAN DIVISION**

**SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

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REPORT BY  
Mike Hebenton

FOR  
Children's Hearing to be held on Wednesday 28th July, 1993 at 10.30a.m. in Towie House, Turriff

concerning  
Donna Coutts (DOB 28.3.78), 5 Edoch Cottages, Cuminstown

**BASIS OF REPORT**

This Report is based upon interviews with Donna, her mother and stepfather, contact with Mrs Linda Smith, Guidance Teacher at Turriff Academy, Jenny Kinnon, Head Teacher at the Centre Class, Fraserburgh, and on departmental records.

**FAMILY BACKGROUND**

[REDACTED]	-	[REDACTED]	-	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	-	[REDACTED]	-	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	-	[REDACTED]	-	[REDACTED]
Donna Coutts	-	Subject	-	Turriff Academy
[REDACTED]	-	[REDACTED]	-	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	-	[REDACTED]	-	[REDACTED]

The family live in a four apartment semi-detached district council house situated approximately two miles from Cuminstown. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## DONNA

Donna presents as a shy girl but in reality can be very hostile and assertive when the occasion arises. She would seem to have an intense dislike of any authority figure whom she sees as interfering in her life.

Donna shares a room at home with her sister [REDACTED] and this appears to be a source of conflict in that Donna will frequent engineer fights with her sister. She does not appear to get on with any other member of the family at this time either. Mrs Coutts says she was quiet as a child but since moving into secondary education has been generally angry and argumentative.

Donna does have some friends, though her mother does not always approve of her choice. She also spends sometime at a neighbouring farm where she helps out with the animals and is going to be showing a sheep at various shows over the summer.

## EDUCATION

Donna attends the Centre Class in Fraserburgh where she has been since the 7th June, 1993. Prior to this she attended Turriff Academy and there were quite a few problems there latterly. Donna began first year quite well, but by the end of it difficulties between her and fellow pupils started. This deteriorated further in second year into constant squabbling and fighting within her circle of friends. Attempts at addressing this i.e. talking to her, contact with parents, punishments, all failed to have an effect on Donna. By third year she was truanting and her behaviour in class had also worsened. She became aggressive, resented questioning, yet almost provoked angry reactions by teaching staff by smirking constantly and refusing to reply when asked about her behaviour. She rarely completed any work and made no effort to hide her truancies. The Social Work Department and an Educational Psychologist became involved but Donna refused to talk to either.

Donna was referred to the Divisional Assessment Team and during the period that her case was being considered she was excluded from Turriff Academy on the 12th April 1993 for three days after swearing at a teacher. On her return to the school on Friday of that week, Donna then took an overdose of 50 paracetamols and was admitted to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. The precise reason for this overdose is still unclear. As a result of this act Donna did not return to Turriff Academy as it was felt it was not an appropriate education resource for her and so a place was obtained at the Centre Class in Fraserburgh. Donna has a full time place at the class available to her until she leaves school. She has presented some difficulties while there but was fairly settled during the final week of term.

## SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT INVOLVEMENT

Mrs Coutts contacted the Department in November last year looking for assistance as she was having difficulty with Donna's behaviour at home and was aware of the problems in school. Donna was given the choice of seeing Christine Lambert, Social Worker or [REDACTED] Principal Educational Psychologist but refused to see either. As a result our efforts were directed at supporting the family.

In February this year, Donna did agree to see Christine Lambert, however, she did not keep the appointment made. In an attempt to get her to engage with someone she was then referred to our IT Worker, Jane Robison, and they did meet once. Jane was prepared to have further contact with Donna but before this began Donna was admitted to Scalloway Park in Fraserburgh on the 29th March, 1993 after going missing from home and refusing to return. Donna was discharged from Scalloway Park on 8th April, 1993 as those involved felt that the problems she was experiencing at home, which included arguing with her parents over times to come in and night and choice of friends, could be resolved while she was at home.

Shortly after her discharge from care Donna was involved in the incident which resulted in her being excluded from school and the subsequent overdose on her return. After this, while alternative education provisions were being considered, Jane Robison was able to re-engage with Donna. I was allocated to the case also as Christine Lambert moved to another position. Jane arranged for Donna to attend a programme at a local stables where she assisted in looking after the horses and received some riding instruction. This was quite successful and Donna appeared to enjoy her time there and was quite talkative to the various members of staff. This was a week day programme and ended when Donna returned to full time education.

While going to the stables, Donna's behaviour at home, though not ideal, was manageable. However, once she started at the Centre Class it declined once more. On the 18th June, Mrs Coutts contacted me to say that she was at the end of her tether with Donna who was being extremely abusive and violent towards her sister, [REDACTED]. Mrs Coutts asked if Donna could be taken into care as Donna was beyond her control and she could not cope with her behaviour any longer. We discussed this option and agreed that it was not sensible to take such a step while feelings were running so high. I went over this with Donna and although she would say little she did indicate that she wanted to remain at home and wanted things sorted out, but could give no indication as to what the problems were. Donna had then gone out later that evening and did not return. Mrs Coutts advised the police and on finding Donna they returned her home on Sunday. Donna indicated that she was going to run away again as soon as the police left and so the Out of Hours Service was contacted and Donna was admitted to Andrew Thomson House in Elgin.

Donna remained in Andrew Thomson House for five days. Again there did not seem to be difficulties which would warrant her remaining in care. She did indicate that she found the family's lack of money a problem and also her mother's various partners in the past but I advised her that her feelings about this could be worked on while she remained at home. She also stated that she thought she should be able to please herself at all times and didn't see why anyone was allowed to interfere on this. I offered her various individuals to speak to but Donna declined.

Since her return home, the situation has not been ideal but is settled and Donna refuses to see anyone from this Department.

### **GROUND OF REFERRAL**

Donna admits possession of the knife which she claims belonged to a female friend though there was a suspicion that it was actually the property of a young male with whom Donna was friendly and who [REDACTED]. Donna will provide no other information about her reasons for having the knife.

### **ASSESSMENT AND CONCLUSION**

Donna has proved a very difficult girl to engage with and I think she actually quite enjoys this. It is clear from her behaviour that she needs someone to talk to but has declined all individuals offered for this purpose. So far we have suggested either a male or female social worker, educational psychologist, psychiatrist, teacher, IT worker or any other person that Donna would care to identify but this has met with a negative response. Donna states that she does not wish any help and does not think that her behaviour is anyone else's business, yet her actions, which have now led her into care on two occasions, would seem to be a plea for some form of assistance. The problem being that Donna chooses not to put this into words and so prevents anyone from being of some use to her.

*Mrs Coutts is clear that she would like something done. She finds Donna beyond her control unless Donna chooses not to be and her behaviour is causing great strain within the home. The Social Work Department held a Planning Meeting on the 8th July, 1993 to discuss the situation and Mrs Coutts was present at this. Donna decided not to attend. All agreed that it was difficult to find a way forward as Donna's refusal to talk to anyone limited the options available. The only avenue open appeared to be to try and take some of the pressure off the home situation and there were two suggestions for doing this. Firstly, that rather than direct resources at Donna, they be directed at the family, i.e. instead of offering Donna some activities outwith the home, the other children are offered something instead, thus still reducing the tensions within the house. Mrs Coutts is currently considering if this idea can be employed. Secondly, Donna seems to manage at home for a period but gradually builds up to a point where she needs out and does this by disappearing for the weekend which results in police involvement and her being received into care temporarily. Rather than have this happen it would seem more sensible to have set periods of respite where Donna knows that she can have some time out and so can have some space away from the family. This would provide a regular planned break and hopefully also ease tensions as although they would still build up there would be a built in release valve for them.*

*At the time of writing the respite place is being investigated but I am unaware if the resource will be available or not. My recommendation is going to be dependent on the outcome of this. If such a possibility does exist then I would see some merit in Donna being placed on a Supervision Order to allow this option to be exercised, as I do not see it as something she should have a choice in. However, if no such resource exists then I see no merit in any Supervision Order as I do not think it will be enforceable with Donna refusing to talk to any Social Worker. I apologise for not being able to provide a clearer recommendation and will be able to supply full details on respite at the Hearing.*

**MIKE HEBENTON**  
Social Worker

MH/CD  
15 July 1993

# GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT - BANFF AND BUCHAN DIVISION

Archie Robb  
Director of Social Work

Telephone No. Turriff (0888) 62427  
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Our Ref. MH/SD

Your Ref.

SUB-OFFICE  
TOWIE HOUSE  
MANSE ROAD  
TURRIFF AB53 7AY

7th July 1993

Miss Donna Coutts,  
5 Idoch Cottages,  
Cuminestown,  
TURRIFF.

Dear Donna,

As you are fairly reluctant to speak to me I thought I would write and let you know what the Social Work Department is doing about you just now.

There is a meeting tomorrow morning in the Banff office which you are very welcome to come to. Your Mum will be there. At this meeting we will be discussing ways to help you sort out the difficulties that exist at home. I know you do not wish any assistance but it would seem obvious you need someone to talk to. The Social Work Department can put you in touch with any of the following people -:

1. Myself
2. Senior Social Worker
3. [REDACTED], Educational Psychologist
4. [REDACTED] Psychiatrist
5. Mrs. Kinnon, Head Teacher
6. Any other individual you care to identify

I suspect you will reject this idea purely on the basis that someone has suggested it to you but I suggest you remember that this only affects you in the end.

You are probably aware that the Children's Panel will also be discussing your case on the 28th of July 1993. They will meet to talk about the incident when you were charged with possessing a knife and also the weekend when you refused to return home. Whatever you think about this you do not have a choice about attending a Children's Panel.

I hope you will read this letter and consider its contents.

Yours sincerely,

MIKE HEBENTON  
Social Worker

Donna

*Donna resists efforts at communication and visits are normally one sided. She will comment little on her absconding and her offending.*

*More recently Donna has been seen by [REDACTED] Educational Psychologist, and again Donna did not cooperate.*

*An earlier referral to [REDACTED] at Young People Unit in Aberdeen has been followed up through the Reporters Office and Donna's referral has been passed to [REDACTED] in Elgin who has an appointment for Donna on 26th November. It is hoped that Donna will find it easier to cooperate with [REDACTED] as it is the authors opinion that this may be the most appropriate form of help for Donna at this time.*

*At the Hearing 10.11.93 Donna indicated that she wished to stay at the Forres Group Home despite her behaviour demonstrating only limited commitments to the placement.*

*Educationally, Donna has attended school and had a very positive report from her guidance teacher at the hearing.*

*I have expressed my own concerns to Donna about her present lack of communication and about her apparent total disregard of herself and her safety.*

  
*MEGAN CAMBRIDGE*  
*Social Worker*

*MC/AF/DONNA.C9*  
*19 November 1993*






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- (b) I understand that I am liable to contribute toward the costs of maintenance of the child.
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- (d) I have been given a copy of the leaflet "Your Child in our Care".

Signatures of persons applying  (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Child Mother (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 20/6/93 Witness (Social Worker's) Signature [Signature]

NOTE - The leaflet "Your Child in our Care" is printed on facing page. This leaflet must be given to the parents or guardian, as stated in (d) above.

Countersigned \_\_\_\_\_ Designation \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICULARS OF FAMILY**

**Brothers and Sisters**

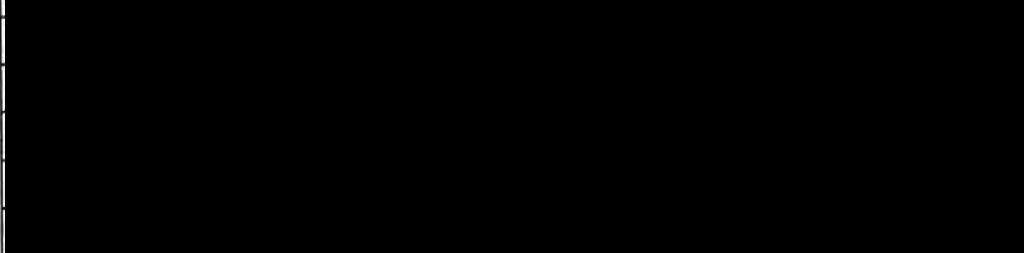

Name	Date of Birth	Address	Telephone No.	Other Details *

\* e.g. whether in care

**Paternal Grandparents**

Name	Address	Telephone No.	Other Details
<del>None</del>			

**Maternal Grandparents**

Name	Address	Telephone No.	Other Details
			
			

**Other Interested Relatives**

Name	Address	Telephone No.	Other Details

**PARTICULARS OF CHILD**

Last School Attended

(Name and Address, class details if appropriate)

Name and Address of Doctor

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Details of any Court or Children's Hearing Order on the Child (Past and Present)

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*Panel due*  
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Record any Documents or Belongings given to Social Worker relating to Child (e.g. Medical Card, Birth Certificate)

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**PARTICULARS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS**

Date of Parents Marriage *None* ..... Place .....

Father's Full Name .....

Date of Birth ..... Address .....

Religion .....

Telephone No. ....

Occupation and Employer *Unemployed* .....

Mother's Full Name ..... Maiden Name .....

Date of Birth ..... Address .....

Religion .....

Telephone No. ....

Occupation and Employer *Unemployed* .....

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
ADMISSION FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

Division: B/B  
 Social Worker: Nicole Hobson  
 Case No.:

CONFIDENTIAL

This form should be held on the case-file and is not for circulation. A copy of Form C 1 should be provided for the Officer-in-Charge of the establishment in which the child is placed. (If applicable)

Full Name of Child Anna Conite  
 Date of Birth 28.03.78 Male/Female (delete)  
 Place of Birth Newbolds Hoop, Leeds Religion (Practising/Nominal)  
 Date and Place of Baptism  
 Date of Admission 20/6/93  
 Usual Home Address S. Idoleh Cott Address of First Placement ATH  
Cemeneston Elgin  
Tunng  
 Address from which Admitted (if different)

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO ADMISSION

Beyond parental control?

Purpose and Aims of Admission (Social Workers Assessment)

(a) For the Child

To try to identify some of the difficulties she alludes to in more specific terms perhaps to see that RIC was the answer

Type of Placement Preferred Childrens Unit

(b) For the Family

To look at strategies for coping with Donna's behaviour. Parents concerned that admission is what she wants but have reached the end of their repertoire of sanctions

Expected Duration of Care

S 15 Social Work Act

STATUTE USED  
(Please tick as appropriate)

Compulsory Supervision Requirement

Other - please give details (see Section 2.1 of the Procedures Manual)

Please give details of any present illness or disability and special treatment or diet being given.  
(Please arrange for any medication, diet sheets or appliances e.g. glasses, hearing aids, calipers etc. to accompany child)

Please give details of any pending medical or dental appointments  
(Please arrange for appointment card to accompany child)

**DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY OF CHILD**

Age when Sat steadily ..... (months)      Walked unaided ..... (months)  
Said 1st words .....      Spoke in phrases .....  
Dry by day .....      Dry by night .....  
Achieved bowel control .....

Have you any concerns regarding your child's

	No	Yes	Comment
Hearing			
Vision			
Behaviour			
Day or bed wetting			
Soiling			
Speech			Attending Speech Therapy YES/NO

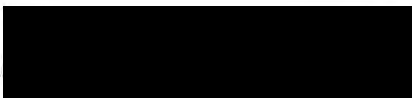
Other - specify .....

Had febrile convulsions - last one 8 years ago.  
\* Took paracetamol o/d Spring 1993. (50 tabs)

**CONSENT FOR MEDICAL, SURGICAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT**

I hereby give my consent to such medical, surgical or dental examination and/or treatment including immunisation, and operation under general anaesthetic as may be recommended by a qualified medical or dental practitioner for

and to necessary medical information being given to the carer.

Signature ..  Guardian/Person Legally in Charge of the Child)

Address ..... 5, Idach Cott Date ..... 20.6.93  
Clearnestown  
Tunney.

**FAMILY HISTORY**

Mother's Name Alexandra Coultts Date of Birth 12-05-54  
Address 5, Edoch Cottis Height ..... ft ..... in ( ..... cm)

Please specify any health problems None

Father's Name Duncan Coultts Date of Birth 08.09.57  
Address 5, Edoch Cottis Height ..... ft ..... in ( ..... cm)

Please specify any health problems None

Other family and household members (please indicate male, female and place in family)

Name	Date of Birth	Address (if different)	State any Health Problems

Is there any history of serious illness in the family - please specify  
No

(if child likely to be in care for more than 4 weeks, consider completion of NP form)

**BIRTH HISTORY OF CHILD**

Were there any medical problems during the pregnancy?  
e.g. infection, bleeding, high blood pressure, medicines or drugs taken etc.

Place of Birth ..... Delivery - Normal/Forceps/Caesarean Birth Weight .....

If premature, by how many weeks

Were there any problems just after birth e.g. feeding or breathing difficulties, jaundice

*[Handwritten notes and signatures]*

Was the child in the special nursery

YES/NO

If yes please give reason .....

Length of stay in special nursery .....

**MEDICAL HISTORY OF CHILD**

**Immunisation Record** - Please give age or dates if possible

				Boosters	
	1	2	3	1	2
Diphtheria					✓
Tetanus					✓
Whooping Cough					✓
Polio					✓

MMR	
BCG	✓
Rubella	✓
Measles	✓

State any serious reactions ..... None .....

Date next immunisation due .....

**Infectious Illnesses** - Give age if possible

Chicken Pox	✓	Mumps	✓
Whooping Cough		TB or Contact	
German Measles		Measles	✓

Others (specify)

State any recent contact with infections

**Other illnesses, other conditions, injuries, operations etc.** (e.g. Fits)

Nature of Illness	Age or Date	Hospital/Consultant/Clinic

Please give details of any allergies or adverse reactions to drugs

..... None .....

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

HEALTH RECORD FOR CHILD IN CARE  
MEDICAL HISTORY AT ADMISSION TO CARE  
TO BE COMPLETED BY SOCIAL WORKER WITH PARENT OR CARER

Division: Bangff / Berahan  
 Social Worker: Mile Hoberton  
 Address: Touret House  
Tunniff  
 Tel No.:  
 Case No.:

Consent for medical/dental treatment signed by parent. YES/NO

If parent refuses or is not available to sign authority for treatment, please write 'refusal' or 'not available' in box.

[Empty box for refusal or unavailability]

Full Name of Child Donna Jean Couthe

Date of Birth 28.03.78

Sex: Male/Female Date of Admission 20/6/93

Address 5, Idoch Cott  
Caerwinstown  
Tunniff

Name of Child's Doctor [Redacted] Name of Health Visitor

Address The Health Centre  
Tunniff  
(62323)

Name of Child Health Clinic/Nursery/School Attended  
Centre class, Fraserburgh



GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
INFORMATION FOR CARE STAFF

Division: B/B  
 Social Worker: Mike Heberton  
 Case No.:

Social Worker's Office TURRIFF  
 Telephone No. ....  
 Senior Social Worker Shewell Hetherington  
 Telephone No. 0261 - 812001

Full Name of Child Donna Jean Coult  
 Date of Birth 28.03.78  
 Religion (Practising/Nominal) None

Name [Redacted]  
 Name Alexandra Coult  
 Mother

Address 5, Idoch Cott  
Mineslow Telephone No. 08883 4685  
 Address A/A Telephone No. ....

Brothers Names [Redacted]  
 Sisters Names [Redacted]

Last School/Nursery/Playgroup attended Centre Class F16  
[Redacted]  
Tung H/C

Please enter relevant medical information, including details of any current medication, and regular or pending hospital appointments  
None

Sees [Redacted] - child psychiatrist  
took a significant O/P of paediatric  
base 1993

Please note briefly the arrangements for contact with family (e.g. expected frequency whether Social Worker is to arrange all visits, whether children can be taken outside home, etc.)  
Family will phone M.H. on Mon 21/6

**3. Measurements**

Weight (Dressed/Undressed\*) ..... 63 kg ..... centile  
 Height/Length ..... 106 cms ..... centile  
 OFC ..... N/A cms ..... centile

\*Delete as appropriate

**4. Do you suspect delay in development in any area**

	Yes	No	Not Tested	Comments
Gross Motor		✓		
Fine Motor		✓		
Hearing		✓		
Vision		✓		
Speech		✓		
Personal/Social		✓		
Continence - Day		✓		
Night		✓		

**5. Please state any treatment being given or action taken**

..... none .....

**6. General Conclusions**

Is the child in good health and free from infection and evidence of physical or sexual abuse? YES ~~NO~~

Is there a need for further assessment - developmental? ~~YES~~ NO

other - state

Any other comments or concerns

Action you have taken regarding follow up ..... Daanna seemed somewhat  
negative + resentful at having to have  
medical exam.

Signature .....  ..... Date 22/6/93  
 Name (in Capital) ..... Designation GP  
 Address .....  
 Tel. No. ....

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

HEALTH RECORD FOR CHILD IN CARE  
 MEDICAL EXAMINATION ON ADMISSION/DISCHARGE

On First Admission to Care Examining Doctor to complete F(GP)1, F(GP)2 and information note to Foster Parent F(FP).

On subsequent admission or discharges from care examining doctor to amend and update F(GP)1 and complete F(GP)2 and note to Foster Parent F(FP).

Forms to be returned with Fee Form to the Medical Adviser

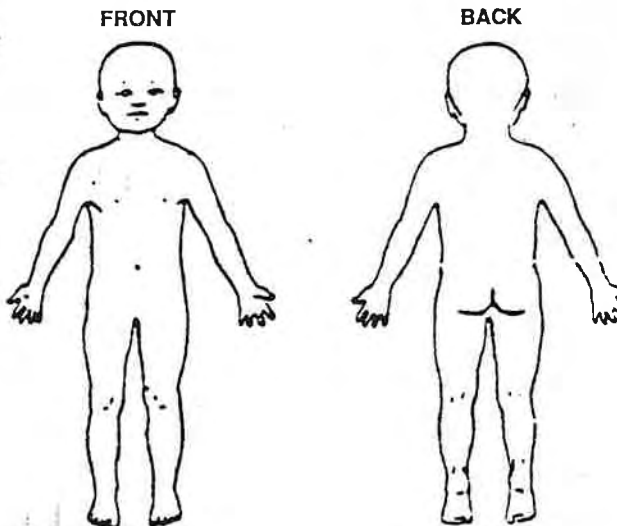
Child's Full Name ..... DONNA COUTTS .....

Date of Birth ..... 28.3.78 .....

1. General Physical Appearance of Child (including ethnic origin)  
 (examine for and describe any evidence of injury, neglect or abuse)

*Well nourished  
 No evidence of any  
 injury or physical  
 neglect.*

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2. Full Physical Examination

	Right	Left
Ears	✓	✓
Eyes	✓	✓
General (e.g. skin, hair, mouth/state of teeth)	<i>sl. scratch @ neck.</i>	
Respiratory System	✓	
Cardiovascular	✓	
Abdomen	✓	
Genitalia (inc. testes)	✓	
Locomotor (spine, hips)	✓	
Neurological	✓	
Any other observations	—	

NAME:

Pre-Admission Visit

Date:-

Note any points arising from the above, indicating as to whether visit went well or not.

✓ Not applicable

ADMISSION

Date:-

Appearance (clothing, state of cleanliness etc.) Clean Quiet.

Has a scar on her left cheek. Would not say how she got it.

Accompanied by (e.g. parent, social worker etc. - reaction between them, on arrival and departure)

Social work. Extremely quiet

Emotional State (e.g. upset, quiet, aggressive etc.)

Quiet when amongst staff

Initial Reaction to Children (e.g. afraid, wary, eager)

Reacted and interacted normally in a friendly manner to the other children.

Initial Reaction to Staff (e.g. hostile, friendly, unresponsive)

Distant and untouchable

Conversation (if any)

No

ANDREW THOMSON HOUSE

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Name ..... Date of Admission .....  
Assessment Team ..... Admitted from .....

Action Required	Action Taken	Date
1. File completed to include: Social History		
Child Guidance		
School Reports		
Psychiatric Report		
Copy of Birth Certificate		
Copy Panel Order and/or		
Medical Forms		22.6.92
2. Complete Absconder File to include: Pen Picture, Weight, Height		
3. Allocate Bed	✓	20-6-93
4. Log Personal Clothing Issue P.E. Kit		
5. Draw Pocket-Money Open Bank Account		
6. Explain routines: Centre Routine	✓	
Fire Procedures	✓	
Counselling	✓	
7. Select Evening Activities		
8. Letter to Parents	✓	21.6.92
This form to child's file		

Admitted by .....



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Relationship to Child Mother ..... (2) .....  
Date 24.7.93 ..... Witness (Social Worker's) Signature [Signature] .....

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Countersigned ..... Designation .....

PARTICULARS OF CHILD

Last School Attended

(Name and Address, class details if appropriate)

Name and Address of Doctor

CANTRE CLASS  
FRASERBURGH

[Redacted]  
TURBIEK HEALTH CENTRE  
TURBIEK

Details of any Court or Children's Hearing Order on the Child (Past and Present)

~~HO (7) - 21 JAN WARDIAN T.~~  
~~LONGER TERM PLACEMENT~~  
PLACED ON HO (7) ON 29.7.93  
" " HO (1) ON 17.8.93

Record any Documents or Belongings given to Social Worker relating to Child (e.g. Medical Card, Birth Certificate)

None

PARTICULARS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

Date of Parents Marriage

Place

Father's Full Name

Date of Birth

Religion

Telephone

Occupation

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

RODOLPH LOTTJ  
CUMINGSTON

Mother's Full Name

ALEXANDRIA COVATIS

Maiden Name

Date of Birth

12.5.54

Address

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Religion

Telephone No.

Occupation and Employer

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

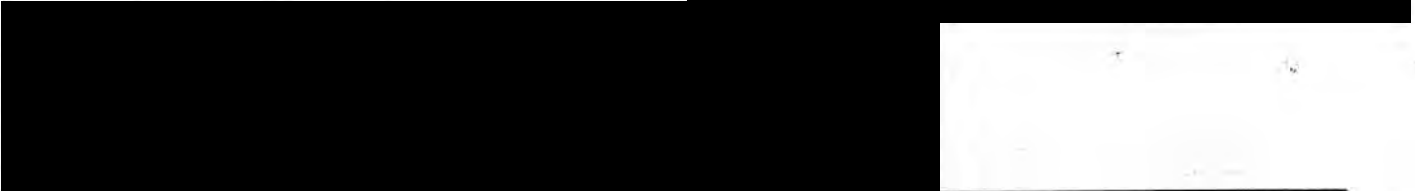
GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
ADMISSION FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

Division: BANK BUCHAN  
Social Worker: M. HEDGECOCK  
Case No.: 1744144

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Full Name of Child DONNA COURTIS  
Date of Birth 28.3.1978 Male/Female (delete) Female  
Place of Birth RENEWALS, DUNDEE Religion (Practising/Nominal) PROTESTANT  
Date and Place of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Admission 28.7.93  
Usual Home Address 5 DODDIE COTTAGES  
CUMBERTOWN TOWNS



CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO ADMISSION

DONNA MADE REQUEST AT CHILDREN'S  
HEARING ON 28.7.93 NOT TO BE  
RETURNED HOME PLACED WITH FOSTER  
PARENTS. PLACEMENT BROKE DOWN  
ON 4.9.93 + PLACED WITH EMERGENCY  
FOSTER PARENTS FOR WEEKEND, THEN  
TO A.T.H., ELGIN.

Purpose and Aims of Admission (Social Workers Assessment)

(a) For the Child

(b) For the Family

TO GIVE SPACE  
FROM FAMILY  
CONSIDER FUTURE  
OPTIONS

Type of Placement Preferred SMALL FAMILY FOSTER HOME  
Expected Duration of Care NOT KNOWN

STATUTE USED  
(Please tick as appropriate)

S 15 Social Work Act

Compulsory Supervision Requirement

Other - please give details (see Section 2.1 of the Procedures Manual)

40/17/1-20/15  
44 (6)

NAME:

Pre-Admission Visit

Date:-

Note any points arising from the above, indicating as to whether visit went well or not.

N/A.

ADMISSION

Date:- 6.9.93

Appearance (clothing, state of cleanliness etc.)

CLEAN & TIDY.

Accompanied by (e.g. parent, social worker etc. - reaction between them, on arrival and departure)

SOCIAL WORKER MIKE HEBENTON  
FOSTERING - ADOPTION JUDY LUMB.

Emotional State (e.g. upset, quiet, aggressive etc.)

QUIET BUT QUITE CHATTY.

Initial Reaction to Children (e.g. afraid, wary, eager)

CONFIDENT - SHE KNEW MOST OF THEM.

Initial Reaction to Staff (e.g. hostile, friendly, unresponsive)

FRIENDLY.

Conversation (if any)

ANDREW THOMSON HOUSE

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Name ..... DONNA COURTS ..... Date of Admission ..6.9.93...  
Assessment Team ..... Admitted from ..SUCKIE.....

Action Required	Action Taken	Date
1. File completed to include: Social History	✓	6.9.93
Child Guidance		
School Reports		
Psychiatric Report		
Copy of Birth Certificate		
Copy Panel Order and/or Medical Forms		
2. Complete Absconder File to include: Pen Picture, Weight, Height	✓	6.9.93
3. Allocate Bed	✓	6.9.93
4. Log Personal Clothing Issue P.E. Kit		
5. Draw Pocket-Money Open Bank Account		
6. Explain routines: Centre Routine	✓	6.9.93
Fire Procedures	✓	6.9.93
Counselling		
7. Select Evening Activities		
8. Letter to Parents		
This form to child's file		

Admitted by .....

1. Truancy - Donna has missed school on three separate occasions. This has only started this Autumn Term. However, she has also not attended other events as she should ie. she did not go to the Cadets in Turriff last week but hung around Turriff with friends and on last Friday night, when she said she was staying with a friend, she spent the night sleeping out in The Den.
2. Stealing money from home - On 3-4 occasions Donna has stolen odd amounts lying around at home and the family now do not leave any loose money on the side. Donna has sometimes returned the money.
3. Drugs - Mrs. Coutts is certain Donna is smoking because her cigarettes go missing. However she is also concerned Donna may be using other drugs as on two occasions Mrs. Coutts describes that she had withdrawal-like symptoms - shaking, vomiting, moody.
4. Anger - which manifests itself in aggression with her younger siblings or destructive behaviour. Mr. and Mrs. Coutts describe that she can be good but is usually argumentative and difficult at home.
5. Her friendship with [REDACTED] - Mr. and Mrs. Coutts perception is that [REDACTED] precipitates a number of Donna's problems by continually advising her of her civil rights ie. [REDACTED] has no legal control over her as her stepfather. Both Donna and [REDACTED] have been involved in minor offences. Apart from Donna and [REDACTED] the Coutts and [REDACTED] do not have a co-operative relationship !
6. Relationship with [REDACTED] - This was good until recently but Donna is now quite hostile to [REDACTED] and does not do as he asks. She says he has no right to discipline her.

Mr. and Mrs. Coutts cannot account for the changes in Donna's behaviour. They do not want her to leave home. Their prime concern is whether she is using drugs.

I have not yet met Donna but would welcome any opinion or advice as to your assessment of her and where her problems may fit into family dynamics.

*C. Lambert*

PP CHRISTINE LAMBERT  
Social Worker SD

23rd November 1992

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Tel. No. 0888 62427  
Fax. No. 0888 68559

Address: Towie House,  
Manse Road,  
TURRIFF, AB53 7AY.

Report by Christine Lambert, Social Worker [REDACTED] for [REDACTED]  
Principal Educational Psychologist  
concerning DONNA COUTTS, 5 Idöch Cottages, Cuminestown, Turriff

FAMILY COMPOSITION

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

Donna Coutts - 28.3.1978 - Turriff Academy

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

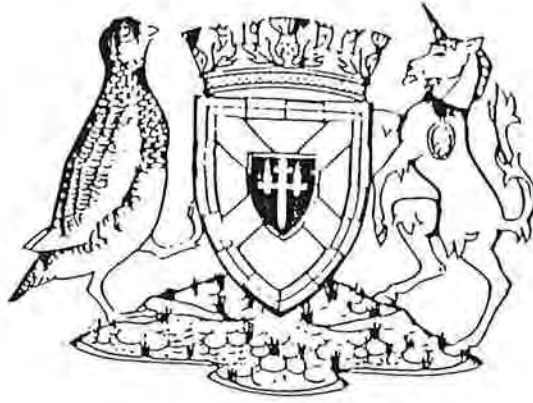
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

[REDACTED]

Historically, Mrs. Coutts says Donna was always a very quiet and content baby who was happy to play with a box of toys in a corner. Donna has never had any contact with her father and Mrs. Coutts doesn't know where he lives.

CURRENT DIFFICULTIES

Mr. and Mrs. Coutts identify a number of problem areas with Donna which they say began when she started Turriff Academy and have increased over the last 6 months.



SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
TOWIE HOUSE, MANSE ROAD, TURRIFF AB53 7AY  
Tel. No. 0888 62427

DATE ..... 23 - 11 - 1992 .....

TO: Name: ..... [REDACTED] .....  
Fax No. .... ( [REDACTED] ) .....


FROM: Name: ..... CHRISTINE LAMBERT .....  
Fax No: ... (0888) 68559 .....

Number of Pages (inclusive of this page) ..... 3 .....

MESSAGE:  
CONFIDENTIAL

If you do not receive all pages, please telephone immediately to the above number.

Any comments in this section e.g. from Head Teacher, School Welfare Officer, Area Officer or others should be signed and dated.

Date	
	<p>Absences here noted are for <u>whole</u> morning / afternoon. On occasion Donna would attend for registration and possibly first two classes and then leave school building.</p>
	
	<p>24/3/93</p>

Is distance of home from school a factor? YES/NO  
 Has special transport been authorised? YES/NO  
 Distance of home from school (if significant) .....

8/2/93 : letter to parents  
letter to D.O.E.

9/2/93 : contacted Mrs Lambert

17/2/93 : D.O.E. to send referral form for  
Assessment Team.

22/2/93 : Behavior/Attendance Register issued

24/2/93 : referred Donna to Assessment Team.

12/3/93 : trunsted

15/3 - 17/3/93 : lunchtime detention  
lost B/A Register - new one issued.

2/12/92 : insolence to English teacher

3/12/92 : truanted since period three - passed on message to Mrs Cutts via Donna's younger sister.

4/12/92 : letter from Mrs Cutts asking for meeting to be arranged with Mrs C. Lambert, Social Worker.

9/12 - 11/12/92 : lunchtime detention

15/12/92 : meeting with Mrs Lambert, Mr J. supervisor and Mrs Cutts.

17/12/92 : spoke to Donna about seeing the Educational Psychologist - no response.

18/12/92 : contacted Mrs Lambert about above.

21/1 - 22/1/93 : truancy

22/1/93 : contacted neighbours of Cutts, as suggested by Mrs Cutts at meeting to inform her of truancy.

28/1/93 : letter to parents, asking permission to detain Donna after school.

1/2/93 : permission received

2/2/93 : Donna detained after school for an hour.

5/2/93 : truanted in morning - seen in canteen - warned by Deputy Rector - attended afternoon

DONNA COUTTS: 3F,

RECORD OF CONTACT

11/9/92 : missing from school <sup>morning</sup> from interval  
14/9/92 : lunchtime detention  
15/9/92 : letter to parents

7/10/92 : truancy  
letter to parents  
lunchtime detention

3/11/92 : complaint about behaviour in Maths class

4/11/92 : complaint about behaviour in Science class

10/11/92 : (Ed. Psych) [redacted] contacted school - will be seeing

Donna Coutts

13/11 - 13/11/92 : truancy

16/11/92 : eccentric behaviour in P.S.E. class.

17/11 - 19/11/92 : lunchtime detention

17/11/92 : letter to parents

24/11/92 : [redacted] interviewed Donna

25/11/92 : Donna indicated that she did not wish to see [redacted]  
[redacted]

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
**ATTENDANCE RECORD REPORT**

School TURRIFF ACADEMY Room/Class 3F  
 Pupil's Name DONNA LOUIS Date of Birth 28/3/78  
 Address 5 IDOCH COTTAGES, WOODHEAD, DELNAPARK, TURRIFF Telephone No. ....  
 Other Contact ..... Telephone No. ....

1992 Week Ending	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Teacher's Comments	1992 Week Ending	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Teacher's Comments	1993 Week Ending	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Teacher's Comments
Aug 28							Dec 18							April 9						
Sept 4			0	0		U	Dec 25							April 16						
Sept 11							1993 Jan 1							April 23						
Sept 18				0	0	U	Jan 8							April 30						
Sept 25							Jan 15		0				U	May 7						
Oct 2							Jan 22			0	0		E-L	May 14						
Oct 9			0	0		U	Jan 29		0				U	May 21						
Oct 16							Feb 5				0			May 28						
Oct 23							Feb 12							June 4						
Oct 30							Feb 19							June 11						
Nov 6	0					E-L	Feb 26				0		U	June 18						
Nov 13			0	0		U	Mar 5		0				E	June 25						
Nov 20							Mar 12				0		U	July 2						
Nov 27							Mar 19													
Dec 4							Mar 26													
Dec 11							Apr 2													

NOTE  
 Absence only to be marked thus - 0

Donald Stewart  
Rector

Your Ref.

Our Ref. LS/BS

Date 25 March 1993

Mr MacPhail  
Social Work Department  
Seafield House  
BANFF



Victoria Terrace  
Turriff  
Aberdeenshire  
AB53 7EE

Tel. (0888) 63216

Dear Sir

**DONNA COUTTS (3F):**

Problems with Donna have increased steadily since she came to Turriff Academy in 1990. Initially in First Year, she seemed a quiet, solemn, little girl, admittedly who had problems at primary school; but by the end of the session difficulties between her and fellow pupils, were growing.

In Second Year, relationships between Donna and other pupils deteriorated further: constant squabbling, even fighting within her "circle" was the norm. Lectures, counselling sessions, contact with parents, punishments, all failed to have an effect on Donna. After discussion with Mike Hebenton, a Turriff Social Worker, sessions with Jane Robinson, an I T worker, were suggested for Donna [redacted] but after the initial meeting, [redacted] were reluctant to continue.

Donna's truancy did not begin until Third Year when classroom conduct also worsened: she became far more truculent and aggressive in manner; seemed on the one hand to resent any questioning of her behaviour and on the other almost to provoke an angry reaction by smirking constantly and any sympathetic approach was met by smirking constantly and any sympathetic approach was met by a stony silence. Classwork was rarely completed, homework never handed in and folders and jotters invariably 'lost'. No effort was made to hide her truanies - in fact, she seemed to invite discovery by coming in to school at lunchtime!

Contact was again established with the home and with Mrs Christine Lambert, Social Worker and a meeting was held in the school - attended by Mrs Linda Smith, Mrs Christine Lambert, Mrs S Coutts and Mr John Gilruth, to discuss strategies to help Donna. However, Donna refused to see [redacted] Educational Psychologist, as suggested and, despite being given several opportunities, chose not to talk to Mrs Lambert either.

Since then, the truanies have continued and, as further punishment exercises, detention and the issuing of a Behaviour/Attendance Register still failed to impress Donna, I had no choice but to inform the Education Authority and suggest referral to the Assessment Team, in the hope that they might be able to offer other avenues of help to explore.

I enclose a Record of Attendance.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Smith  
Principal Teacher of Guidance

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Minute of a Post Admission to Care Conference held within the Conference Room, Seafield House, Banff on Thursday 8th April 1993 at 10.30 am.

Subject of Post Admission to Care Conference: Donna Coutts (Born 28 March 1978)

Home Address: 5 Idoch Cottages, Cuminestown.

Present Domicile: c/o Scalloway Park Childrens Home, Fraserburgh.

Those Present: Mr Bradley, Principal Residential Social Worker Scalloway Park Childrens Home. (partial attendance)  
Miss Lambert, Social Worker (partial attendance)  
Mrs Coutts, Donna's Mother (partial attendance)  
Donna Coutts, Subject of Conf. (partial attendance)  
Mr A D Macphail, Social Work Manager (entire conf)

Apologies: Mr Gilruth, Senior Social Worker  
[REDACTED] Donna's Father  
Miss Robison, Social Worker (IT).

Reports: Received from Miss Lambert, (dated 7 April 1993).

WHY WAS CHILD ADMITTED TO CARE?

Donna was received into the care of the Social Work Dept on the 19th March 1993 under the terms of Section 15 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, and placed at Scalloway Park Childrens Home, Fraserburgh where she remains. Donna had been reported as a missing person by her parents earlier on the 29th March 1993, and when she was found by the Police she was refusing to return home. The Police contacted the Out Of Hours Service and the Duty Social Worker made arrangements for Donna's admission to Scalloway Park Childrens Home. It should be noted that when Donna was found by the Police she was in possession of a bowie knife with a blade measuring approximately 8 inches. A report on this matter has been sent by the Police to the Reporter to the Childrens Panel.

CONCLUSIONS

(a) Today's conference was advised that during the initial stages of her placement at Scalloway Park Donna had been shy and nervous. During the currency of her present placement Donna has referred to problems which she had been experiencing at home. These include arguments with her parents over her choice of friends and the time she has to return home at night, difficulties with school, allegations of being physically abused by her stepfather and drugs. Donna has asked that she be allowed to remain in care in order that she can have a "fresh start". Donna advised today's conference that she had gone missing from Scalloway Park last night because she did not want to attend today's meeting. When asked why she didn't want to attend today's meeting Donna intimated that she knew she would meet with her mother and that they would just argue.

When Donna was asked why she didn't wish to be discharged home from Scalloway Park she intimated that she would be "grounded".

After a full discussion had taken place on Donna's situation today's conference concluded that she had become involved in a cycle of behaviour which had led to her requesting her reception into care. She had been experiencing difficulties in school, she had been mixing with some very dubious friends who appeared to be involved in drugs, offences and carrying offensive weapons (whilst Donna would not admit that the Bowie knife which had been found in her possession was owned by a [REDACTED] today's conference did nevertheless believe this to be true), she had been staying out late with these friends and that this had led to conflicts between Donna and her parents. As far as Donna's allegations of having been physically abused by her stepfather was concerned today's conference concluded that on the occasions when [REDACTED] had chastised Donna this had been done as a last resort and had been motivated by his and Mrs Coutts desire to make Donna see sense. It should be noted that Donna expressed her agreement with this conclusion. Donna was then asked if she was prepared to return home if attempts could be made to improve her relationship with her parents and her siblings. Donna, and her mother, agreed with this suggestion and today's conference went on to reach the following agreements:

Donna to be discharged home from Scalloway Park forthwith.

Donna's return home to be subject to the conditions of a contract yet to be agreed by all concerned.

Donna's difficulties with school to be addressed as soon as possible in accordance with the conclusions reached at the Banff Buchan Assessment Team Meeting convened on the 26th March 1993.

Miss Robison, Social Worker (IT) to be asked to become re-involved with Donna.

The Social Work Department will make financial assistance available to Donna and her family which might include; help with the purchase of wallpaper, paint and a carpet for Donna's bedroom; transport; a weeks course at West Coast Adventure; help towards the purchase of a bicycle; helping out at Forglen Riding Stables, etc. Precise details of the help which is required to be provided to Mr Macphail by Miss Lambert in writing.

(b) Apart from some concerns over Donna's eating habits she appears to enjoy good health.

(c) Donna was advised that if on being discharged from care she again decided to go missing from home and requested her reception into care then there was no guarantee that there would be a vacancy for her at Scalloway Park. She would nevertheless be accommodated somewhere and a further Post Admission to Care Conference would be convened on her. If, during the interval between Post Admission to Care Conferences, her circumstances had not greatly altered then it would be likely that she would be

returned home. Donna was also advised that if she persisted in absenting herself from home and placed herself in vulnerable situations then she would become a candidate for secure accommodation at some point in the future.

(d) Miss Lambert to ensure that all discharge from care procedures are observed in relation to Donna.

Alistair D. Macphail

ALISTAIR D MACPHAIL  
Social Work Manager

12 April 1993  
ADM/EM

(Children and Families)

Donald Stewart  
Rector

Your Ref. EJC/KP/93800 L

Our Ref. AFS/BS

Date 29 April 1993



Victoria Terrace  
Turriff  
Aberdeenshire  
AB53 7EE

Tel. (0888) 63216

[REDACTED]  
Grampian Health Care  
Ross Clinic  
Cornhill Road  
Aberdeen  
AB9 1ZF

Dear [REDACTED]

Miss Donna Coutts (DOB 28.3.1978)  
Idoch Cottages No 5, Cuminestown, Turriff

I have received a copy of your letter to Professor Page and would like to offer the following comments.

I feel this is necessary to correct several instances of misinformation which occur throughout the letter and which may prevent an accurate assessment of the young lady concerned. It seems to me that accuracy is vital because without it her counselling needs cannot be properly assessed and this is surely a prime concern.

Firstly Donna did not appear for her school classes on the morning of 16th April 1993; her truancy was reported to Mr Alec Smith, Year Head for 3rd and 4th Year Classes and Mrs L Smith, Donna's Guidance teacher was also informed by Donna's sister [REDACTED]. If she returned to school after 10.30 am she certainly did not attend class.

During period 4 another pupil [REDACTED] reported to Mr Greig, the Depute Head Teacher, that Donna had claimed to have swallowed 75 paracetamol. A search was then carried out by staff and Donna was discovered in a toilet during a Fire Drill, period 5, following which she was taken directly to the local hospital by Mrs Smith and Mr Greig. At the hospital treatment was offered but refused - further information can be obtained from [REDACTED] at the Turriff Health Centre.

This factual information completely contradicts Donna's account of attending classes till lunch-time and a teacher spotting the empty bottle. This fabrication and the omission of information relating to her hospital visit requires correction and investigation.

With regard to Paragraph 2 it must be pointed out that Donna's problems date much further back than Easter - no matter what she says. There have, in fact, been several difficulties since the end of Donna's first year in Turriff Academy. More recently Mr Alec Smith has interviewed Donna on several occasions long before Easter as a result of her truancy and attitude to school in the course of which meetings Donna presented as very uncommunicative. In addition Donna ran away from home during the Easter break and, refusing to return home spent a week in Scalloway Park in Fraserburgh. While Donna may date her problems to Easter her disturbed behaviour prior to that period indicates a much longer period requiring investigation.

In the counselling process at no stage has she ever mentioned that she has been bullied either physically or verbally. Some investigation has been carried out since hearing of Donna's claims but while we are aware that she has been having difficulty with some of her relationships resulting in aggression being shown we cannot corroborate bullying though it does remain a possibility.

Over

The first paragraph on page two reveals serious inaccuracy; she was harassed by one of the girls previously mentioned [REDACTED] who was punished for her part in the proceedings. Apparently the incident was provoked over Donna's claim to have a knife belonging to a young man, now [REDACTED]. Donna who had been sent back to class, re-appeared and both pupils began slanging each other in the playground. On being told to go to Mr Smith's room, where he intended to discuss the matter with her, she responded loudly and publicly, by swearing at the teacher and hiding in a toilet.

This was the reason for Donna's suspension, as Donna was fully aware, and not the kicking incident which was not even witnessed by Mr Smith.

Another piece of false information lies in Mrs Coutts' statement that "Donna did not cause any problems up till the Easter holidays." As previously stated Donna has had problems since the end of her first year and Mrs Coutts has been very co-operative with and supportive of the school. Donna herself has stated that she has been truanting since last summer (which contradicts another of her own statements that her problems date from the Easter holidays). Mrs Coutts herself asked for a meeting with Donna's Social Worker, the Social Work Supervisor and Mrs Smith on 16th December 1992. Furthermore Donna was also referred, earlier in the session, to the Educational Psychologist, [REDACTED] whom she saw once briefly and refused to see again. She also refused counselling from her Social Worker, Mrs Lambert despite several offers. Last term she was referred to the Banff-Buchan Assessment team, who considered her case and were contemplating transferring Donna to the Centre Class at Fraserburgh at the time of this incident.

All these points indicate that Donna's problems are of a longer lasting period than she suggests.

Donna's social worker and IT worker Miss Jane Robison could also provide considerable evidence of Donna's problems prior to the Easter period as a result of her dealings with Donna since 1992.

It seems vital (to me) that those involved with Donna's case are informed as to the reality of the situation. The fact that Donna in particular has produced several instances of misinformation may well indicate an underlying problem that will not come to light unless the true facts are known, hence this letter.

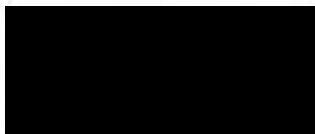
We at school welcome her referral to the Young People's Department at the Royal Cornhill Hospital and hope that our contribution to the reality of the situation may enable a more accurate assessment of Donna to be arrived at.

Yours sincerely

*A. Ferguson Smith*

A Ferguson Smith  
Assistant Head Teacher (Guidance)

CC to:



DONNA COUTTS (28.3.78)

FAMILY COMP.

INTERMITTENT CONTACT WITH THE FAMILY, OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS

MRS COUTTS CONTACTED IN NOV. 92. - DIFFICULTIES WITH DONNA AT HOME - SHE WAS ARGUMENTATIVE, STEALING SMALL AMOUNTS OF MONEY FROM HOME. ALSO TRUANCING FROM SCHOOL

DONNA SAW [REDACTED] ONCE THEN REFUSED TO SEE HER AGAIN. CASE ALLOCATED TO CHRISTINE LAMBERT - REFUSED TO SEE HER.

REFERRED TO DIV. ASS. TEAM IN FEB. BY TURKIE AL

30.3.93 - DONNA WENT MISSING - FOUND BY POLICE (HAD BOWIE KNIFE IN POSSESSION) REFUSED TO RETURN HOME - ADMITTED TO SCALLOWAY PARK. DISCHARGED A WEEK LATER - AGREEMENT TO TRY AND RESOLVE RELATIONSHIP DIFFICULTIES, I.T. INVOLVEMENT & LOOK AT EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS THROUGH D.A.T.

12.4.93 DONNA EXCLUDED FROM TURKIE AL. FOR 3 DAYS FOR SWARING AT TEACHER

16.4.93 DONNA RETURNED TO TURKIE ACADEMY - TOOK O/D OF 50 PARACETAMOLS, DID NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL,

I.T. INVOLVED WHILE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION LOOKED AT. DONNA WENT TO FARGLON RIDING CENTRE - ENJOYED EXPERIENCE ALSO HELPED ON FRIENDS FARM

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
REVIEW OF CHILD IN CARE

To be completed before review by houseparent if in establishment or by Social Worker when child is fostered.

Division:	<i>Banff/Buchan</i>
Social Worker:	<i>Megan Cambridge</i>
Case No.:	

NOTE: Section 1 to be completed in full in all cases of first review and any change recorded for subsequent review.

Section 2 to be completed for all reviews.

Name of Child ..... *Donna Coutts* ..... Date of Birth ..... *28.3.78* .....

Placement ..... *c/o Rossie School, Montrose* .....

SECTION 1

FAMILY CONTACTS WITH MOTHER, FATHER AND OTHER RELATIVES (Example Weekly, Monthly, etc. and child's reaction to these).

..... *Donna's contact with Mrs. Coutts has generally been accidental and whilst trying to contact her sister* .....

..... *[redacted] has visited Donna at Scalloway Park, [redacted]* .....

..... *[redacted]* .....

OUTSIDE CONTACTS INCLUDING HOLIDAY PLANS

..... *Weekend leave at Scalloway Park* .....

.....

Doctor's Name and Address .....

Any illnesses, treatment or tests since last review? .....

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

(a) Name and Type of Present School ..... *Rossie School, Montrose* .....

(b) Name of Employer and Nature of Employment .....

(c) Comments on Progress in School/Employment .....

Church Attended .....

Religious Upbringing and Church Activities .....

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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VS/CD



**Grampian**  
Regional Council

**Social Work Department**

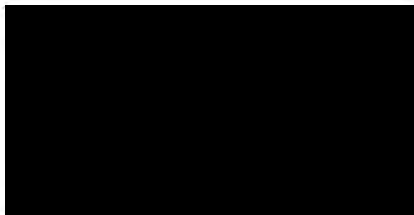
Colin D Mackenzie  
Divisional Officer

Banff and Buchan Division  
10 Carmelite Street  
Banff  
AB45 1AF

Tel 01261 818097

Fax 01261 812569

Miss Donna Thorne



22 November 1995

Dear Donna

I have spoken to Alistair Macphail who has agreed to meet the cost of your journey home but it will be by bus.

I have spoken to the Duty Social Worker at Dewsbury and they will help you and then charge the cost back to Social Work Department here in Banff.

The bus to Aberdeen leaves Barnsley at 10.25a.m. each morning it is a National Express bus. The cost of the fare (single) Barnsley to Aberdeen is £42.00 on most days but £51.00 on Friday. You will need to find out the cost of the bus fare from Dewsbury to Barnsley and find out what time bus you would get from Dewsbury to get to Barnsley in time.

Once you have sorted out when you are going to come back go to the Social Work Department at Victoria Centre, Wellington Road, Dewsbury and ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker for children and families and explain who you are. Just tell them I phoned the Duty Social Work and if necessary show them this letter.

If you are unsure about this please phone me at the office. I will be in on Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. If necessary you can reverse the charge or go to Social Services and ask them to let you phone me.

Once you get home we can look at how things are for you and try to help you sort things out if that is what you want.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

All Best Wishes.

Yours sincerely

VAL SHRIMPTON  
Social Worker

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
Banff Buchan Division

MEMORANDUM

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To:	Alistair Macphail Social Work Manager Seafield House BANFF	Date:	22 November 1995
		Our Ref:	VS/CD
		Your Ref:	
From:	Val Shrimpton Social Worker 10 Carmelite Street BANFF		
Ext. No:	27		

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**RE DONNA COUTTS**

Further to our telephone conversation yesterday I have now obtained an address for Donna in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, at the home of her fiances sister.

I have spoken to Dewsbury Social Services Department who have agreed to help Donna obtain a bus ticket home if she goes to see them and then invoice the cost to this Department. I have written to Donna and will try to contact her by phone to let her know what arrangements have been made.

*Val Shrimpton*

VAL SHRIMPTON  
Social Worker

*20/11*

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

**SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**  
Banff Buchan Division

MEMORANDUM

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**RE DONNA COUTTS**

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I have spoken to Dewsbury Social Services Department who have agreed to help Donna obtain a bus ticket home if she goes to see them and then invoice the cost to this Department. I have written to Donna and will try to contact her by phone to let her know what arrangements have been made.

VAL SHRIMPTON  
Social Worker

*Not sent*

VS/CD



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22 November 1995

IN CONFIDENCE

Dear Sirs

**RE DONNA THORNE OR COUTTS (DOB 28.3.78), HOME ADDRESS: 5 IDOCH COTTAGES, CUMINESTOWN, TURRIFF**  
**NOW AT: [REDACTED]**

I am writing to confirm my telephone conversation of yesterday's date with the Duty Social Worker.

Donna was in the care of this authority until September 1994. She spent quite some time in residential settings being unable to sustain sufficient relationships to survive in foster care. She still has great difficulty in communicating with and relating to people with whom she is not familiar.

A number of weeks ago she went to England (Oldham area) with her "fiance" for two weeks holiday. For a variety of reasons her fiance decided to stay in the area around Oldham and not return to Scotland. I am led to believe that Donna has no independent means whilst in England and despite wishing to return home to this area cannot do so because of her fiance's control of the financial situation. On Monday of this week the fiance moved from Oldham to his sister's home taking Donna with him.

Donna and her fiance are now living :- [REDACTED]

Mr A Macphail, Social Work Manager, has agreed to fund the cost of Donna's return to Turriff, Aberdeenshire by bus if this can be arranged by your Department and invoiced to this Department.

Following our telephone discussion on Monday I have written to Donna at the above address asking her to check her journey times and arrangements and then contact your office for assistance in implementing her plans. Donna may experience some difficulty in making the necessary enquiries because of the problem she has relating to and interacting with others but may come to you with only half a plan.

I understand that her journey would have to be local bus to Barnsley, National Express bus to Aberdeen and then local bus to Turriff.

Should Donna call at your office and request assistance in getting back home I should be grateful if appropriate assistance and a single bus warrant or ticket obtained for her. Any expenses incurred should be invoiced to Grampian Regional Council, Social Work Department. This Department has no knowledge of or contact with Donna's fiance and he would not be seen as eligible for assistance from this Department.

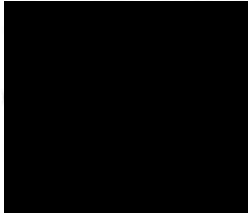
Many thanks for your help with this matter. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

VAL SHRIMPTON  
Social Worker


Banff and Buchan Assessment Team

DONNA COUTTS (Born 28 March 1978), 5 Idoch Cottages, Woodhead, Turriff- Pupil: Turriff Academy

Present: 

Mr Bradley  
Mr Macphail

In Attendance: Mrs Kinnon, Head Teacher, Adolescent Unit

Apologies:  Educational Psychologist  
Mrs Smith, Turriff Academy  
Mr Hebenton, Social Worker

Reports:  (dated 1 June 1993)

CONCLUSIONS

- (a) Today's meeting noted with pleasure that Donna has now been allocated a place at the Adolescent Unit, Fraserburgh.

*Stuart D. Macphail*

## BANFF AND BUCHAN ASSESSMENT TEAM

Donna Coutts (Born 28 March 1978), 5 Idoch Cottages, Woodhead, Turriff,  
Pupil - Turriff Academy.

Those Present:

Mr Bradley

Mr Macphail

Apologies:

Mr Rankin

In Attendance:

Miss Lambert, Social Worker

Apologies:

Mrs Smith, Turriff Academy

Reports:

Turriff Academy (dated 25th March 1993)  
Miss Lambert (dated 18 March 1993)

CONCLUSIONS

(a) After Donna's current situation had been fully discussed today's meeting agreed that she should be formally referred to the School Psychological Service for a possible placement at the Adolescent Unit, Fraserburgh. Today's meeting also agreed that it would be appropriate to ask Miss Robison to become re-involved with Donna. The aforementioned options will be discussed at a meeting yet to be arranged between Miss Lambert, Mrs Smith, Miss Robison and [REDACTED]

(b) Donna's progress to be discussed by the Assessment Team at their meeting on the 4th June 1993.

(c) Miss Lambert to advise Donna and her parents that a meeting will be arranged shortly when Donna's situation will be discussed. Also that Donna's progress will be reviewed at the Assessment Team Meeting scheduled for 4th June 1993.

*Miss R. D. Macphail*

Ms. CLAMBERT.



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8th March 1993

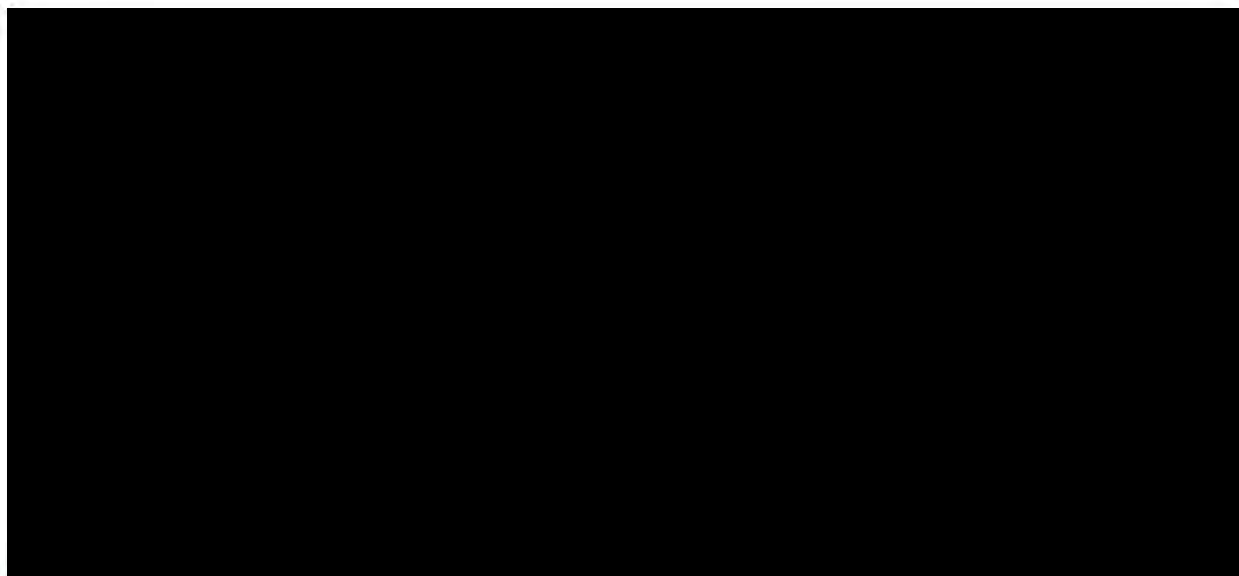
Dear Colleague

BANFF & BUCHAN ASSESSMENT TEAM

You are invited to attend the next meeting of the Banff and Buchan Assessment Team to be held on Friday, 26th March 1993 at 9.30 am in the Boardroom, Area Office, 14 Saltoun Square, Fraserburgh.

A G E N D A

9.30 - 9.40 am	Minutes of Last Meeting Matters arising
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✓ 11.40 - 12.10 am	Donna Coutts (Born 28.3.78) 5 Idoch Cottages, Woodhead, Turriff Pupil: Turriff Academy
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Reports ...



Grampian's Going Places

Seafield House, 37 Castle Street, Banff AB45 1DQ

Reports received to date (Sent to Core Group Members only):



Donna Coutts

None

*Alistair D. Macphail*

ALISTAIR D MACPHAIL  
Social Work Manager  
(Children & Families)



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*Mike Heperton*

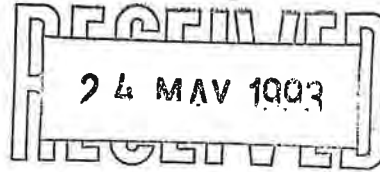
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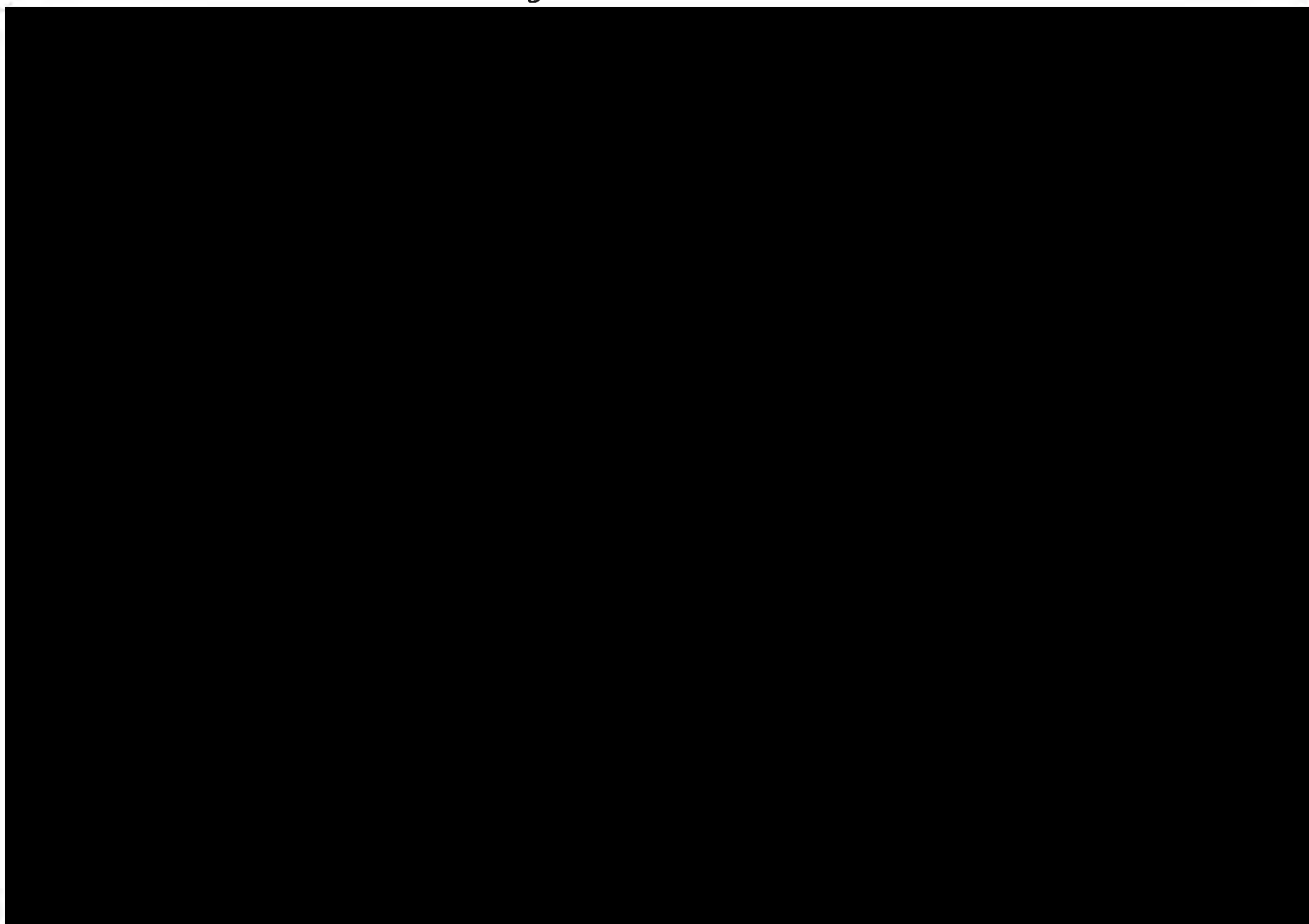
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**A G E N D A**

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12.25 - 12.40 pm	See Over...
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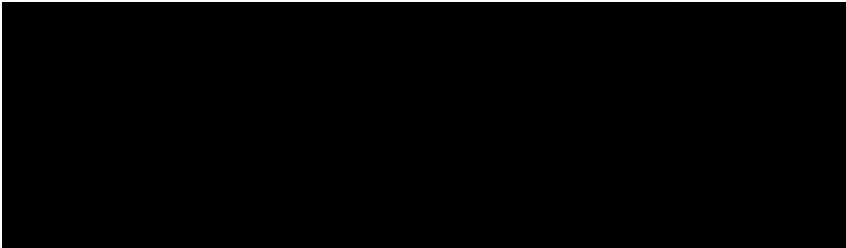
Banff and Buchan Assessment Team Continued...



✓ 12.40 - 12.55 pm

Donna Coutts (Born 28.3.78)  
5 Idoch Cottages, Woodhead, Turriff  
School : Turriff Academy.

Reports received to date (Sent to Core Group Members only).



Donna Coutts None.

*Alistair D. Macphail*

ALISTAIR D MACPHAIL  
Social Work Manager  
Children and Families

MINUTE OF PLANNING MEETING CONCERNING DONNA COUTTS, (DOB 28.3.78)  
5 EDOCH COTTAGES, BY CUMINESTOWN

DATE: 13.5.93

VENUE: TOWIE HOUSE, TURRIFF

In attendance: Mrs Coutts (Mother); Linda Smith (Teacher, Turriff Academy); [REDACTED] (Educational Psychologist); Mike Heberton (Social Worker); John Gilruth (SSW/Chair).

Apologies: Jane Robison (IT Worker).

Mr Gilruth began by asking Mrs Coutts for a brief resume of the home situation immediately prior to Donna's reception into care in April, and since that point. Mrs Coutts responded that Donna's admission to Scalloway Park had followed her failure to return home, Mrs Coutts reporting of her absence to the police, and her subsequent apprehension by the police later that evening in possession of a knife. She has been charged in connection with possession of the knife. Donna remained in Scalloway Park for approximately one week before returning home of her own volition.

When she returned, she was very quiet at school for the first week back, and there were no real incidents at home. On the Monday of the second week (12.4.93) Donna was involved in a swearing incident at a teacher which resulted in an exclusion of three days. She was due to return to school on 15.4.93 but did not. Instead, she took an overdose of some 50 paracetamol tablets and was admitted to RAH.

Donna did not apparently register in school that morning, but there is some suggestion that she may have entered the school premises. The psychiatrist who interviewed Donna in Foresterhill indicated in her letter to Mr Heberton that there was some suggestion that Donna may have taken the paracetamol as part of a dare with a friend. The meeting emphasised, however, that there is no clear evidence to confirm whether this is the case or not. As Donna chose to absent herself from to-day's meeting, we were deprived of the opportunity of hearing from Donna herself on this matter.

Since that time, Donna has simply refused to come into Turriff for any reason. Obviously, this has meant that she has missed all school attendance, but her anxiety appears to extend far beyond school. She will not come into Turriff shopping with her mother, and will not visit for recreational purposes, she is quite prepared to visit other places, but not Turriff.

Mrs Coutts and Mr Heberton were able to advise that Donna has co-operated quite well with Jane Robison (IT Worker) and in particular with the owner of the stables where she had been working. To this person, Donna appears to have opened up - not least because she seems to regard her as being other than an authority figure.

Mrs Coutts then went on to describe Donna as being like two people, making specific reference to an incident very recently when she heard Donna discussing attendance at to-day's meeting with herself in her room. She stated that Donna had spoken in two entirely different voices, one her natural voice, and one an entirely different voice. There was, however, no other information from school or from Ms Robison to suggest clear evidence of any mental ill health.

*In response to a question from Mr Gilruth, Mrs Coutts responded that Donna is sometimes outwith her control. This said, Donna is always in by the right time in the evening; if she leaves the home, Mrs Coutts knows where she is going; her favourite place to visit is a local farm where she helps out when she is not helping at the stables; and there is no suggestion that she habitually abuses alcohol or narcotics. Rather, Donna has opted out of Turriff altogether, quite frequently chooses not to communicate with people (particularly authority figures) and will explode at her mother periodically if asked to do something which she doesn't want to do.*

*Ms Smith then advised that Donna's truancy has continued at the same sort of level after Christmas as it was before Christmas. The referral to the Divisional Assessment Team came about as a result of persistent truancy at a level which the school could no longer tolerate as opposed to opting out of school altogether. In addition, Donna's failure to make any effort to disguise truancy as illness, or unavoidable absence, ensured that the school had a full record of her truancy rate. There have been no serious incidents of insolence towards staff - rather, Donna simply refused to do the work. This sometimes resulted in her being brought down to Ms Smith's room when she would clam up and refuse to speak. Even so, when set a punishment exercise, Donna would quite frequently complete it very tidily. She has attempted to avoid Home Economics, but there is no real pattern to avoiding a particular subject. Her behaviour at school has probably been slightly better than it was in second year. Overall, there are no more serious issues this year than last year at school, with the exception of truancy.*

*Truancy really began at the start of this year (3rd year) and has eventually continued to such a level as to warrant referral to the Divisional Assessment Team.*

*██████████ advised that Donna effectively refused to communicate with ██████████ when she attempted to meet with her, and Mr Heberton advised that he had met a similarly uncommunicative response. The meeting concluded that, if Donna perceives the person who is speaking to her as an authority figure, then she is likely to clam up altogether. Jane Robison is currently able to work with her because she is not seen as occupying the same position e.g. social workers, educational psychologist or teachers.*

*Donna is not dismissing seeing a psychiatrist, but will need encouragement to do so.*

*After further discussion, the following decisions were reached:*

- a) Referral of Donna's case to the Reporter at this time would not be helpful. The most that would result would be domiciliary supervision which would confirm the aforementioned people - and possibly Jane Robison - in their authority figure role. Merely because she was under formal supervision, there is no evidence to suggest that Donna would be more likely to communicate. If referral has to be made to the Reporter, then this perhaps should be made at the point when all else has failed and residential alternatives fall to be considered.*
- b) Jane Robison to be asked to continue her work with Donna and to try and encourage her gently - if appropriate and possible - to meet with the psychiatrist.*
- c) ██████████ will find out whether a Centre Class place has been awarded to Donna (it subsequently transpired that one has been awarded), and if so whether Donna is able to take it up now, or whether we should be looking at an August admission. ██████████ will also look at the possibility of local tuition in the Cuminstown area as a step back towards formal education for Donna.*
- d) The meeting were agreed that at this point, there is insufficient evidence to suggest that Donna is beyond parental control.*

- e) Donna's case is to be considered again by the Divisional Assessment Team Meeting at the end of June. To-day's meeting suggested that a decision about whether Donna's case should be reconsidered by the Divisional Assessment Team should perhaps await [REDACTED] efforts to try and re-engage Donna in some form of education before that point. If progress is made on that front, referral back to the Divisional Assessment Team may not be necessary.

Finally, if re-referral to the Divisional Assessment Team is necessary, to-day's meeting to reconvene before that point.



*JOHN A GILRUTH*  
*Senior Social Worker*

*JAG/CD*  
*18 May 1993*

**GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - BANFF/BUCHAN DIVISION**

**SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

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REPORT BY  
Christine Lambert

FOR  
Divisional Educational Assessment Team

concerning  
Donna Coutts, (dob 28.3.78), 5 Idoch Cottages, Cuminestown

**FAMILY COMPOSITION**

[REDACTED]

Donna Coutts                      14 years                      Attends Turriff Academy

[REDACTED]

**FAMILY BACKGROUND**

[REDACTED]

Mrs Coutts initially contacted me in November 1992. She reported she was having difficulties with Donna at home and she understood Donna was truanting occasionally. Mrs Coutts described that Donna often seemed generally angry and was argumentative. There had been occasional stealing of small amounts of money from home. Sometimes Donna would "be her old self" and would be sociable and chatty. Usually Donna had accepted sanctions imposed on her by her parents - not being allowed out in the evening. Donna could not identify to Mrs Coutts what it was that caused her unhappiness. Mrs Coutts felt that Donna reacted to being found out for any misbehaviour with a mixture of relief and anger.

Mr and Mrs Coutts feel the situation with Donna improved over Christmas and they arranged for her to spend alternate weekends with [REDACTED] sister in Aberdeen as a reward. Unfortunately, this arrangement did not last because of illness on the part of [REDACTED]. At present Mrs Coutts describes Donna as being variable, usually moody and argumentative.

Mrs Coutts blames a lot of Donna's problems on a fellow pupil [REDACTED] whom she says has inappropriately advised Donna on her rights day to day e.t. having to pay attention to [REDACTED]

Following a self-referral by Mrs Coutts last summer, Donna saw [REDACTED] once and subsequently told Linda Smith she would not see her again. At a meeting between Turriff Academy, Mrs Coutts, Donna and the Social Work Department, Donna was offered the choice of seeing myself or [REDACTED]. She refused to see either and had until recently maintained this attitude. In February, 1993 she told Mrs Coutts that she would like to see me and I wrote offering an appointment. Donna failed to keep the appointment. As I believed that she may see me as being too closely aligned with her parents and the school, I asked Jane Robison, IT Worker, if she would meet with Donna at school to see if any relationship with Donna could be established.

ASSESSMENT OF THE FAMILY

[REDACTED]  
Donna has no contact with her natural father.  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
However, this means that Donna may feel that she cannot compete materially with her peer group at school.

[REDACTED]  
Mrs Coutts says at times that she is at the end of her tether with Donna but she would not want her to leave home. She feels at times that Donna is dominant in their relationship and it is difficult for her to maintain any control. Donna appears to be failing to engage with anyone.

I have not yet seen Donna so cannot offer any assessment on her. This family have had crises with children in the past which have resolved themselves when minimal intervention has taken place. I had a reluctance to increase my involvement as I felt this may in itself exacerbate the situation.

CHRISTINE LAMBERT  
Social Worker

CL/CD  
18 March 1993

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Report by Christine Lambert, Social Worker for Child in Care Review  
to be held in Banff on 8th April 1993 at 10.00 am.  
concerning DONNA COUTTS (d.o.b. 28.3.1978), 5 Idoch Cottages, Cuminestown

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Donna is the second of five children living with Mr. and Mrs. Coutts. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mrs. Coutts initially contacted me in November 1992 as she was having difficulties with Donna at home and understood Donna was truanting occasionally. Mrs. Coutts described that Donna often seemed generally angry and argumentative. There had been occasional stealing of small amounts of money from home. Sometimes Donna would be "her old self" and would be sociable and chatty. Usually Donna had accepted sanctions imposed on her by her parents - not being allowed out in the evenings. Donna could not identify to Mrs. Coutts what it was that caused her unhappiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Coutts felt the situation with Donna had improved over Christmas and arranged for her to spend alternate weekends with [REDACTED] in Aberdeen as a reward. Unfortunately, this arrangement did not last because of illness on the part of [REDACTED]. The situation with Donna at home deteriorated again in February and Mrs. Coutts described Donna as being moody and argumentative. Mrs. Coutts blames a lot of Donna's problems on a fellow pupil, [REDACTED] whom she feels is a bad influence on Donna.

CONTACT WITH OTHER PROFESSIONALS/

### CONTACT WITH OTHER PROFESSIONALS

Following a self-referral by Mrs. Coutts last summer, Donna saw [REDACTED] in November 1992 but told Linda Smith she would not see her again. Donna has been offered the choice between seeing [REDACTED] or myself and refused both options. In February 1993 she told Mrs. Coutts that she would like to see me and I wrote offering an appointment. Donna failed to keep the appointment. As I believed that she was seeing me as being too closely aligned with her parents and school, I asked Jane Robison, I.T. worker, if she would meet with Donna at school to see if any relationship with Donna could be established. Jane has successfully met with Donna on one occasion. She found it very difficult to get information from Donna but felt that Donna had changed in the year since she last met her. Jane Robison felt Donna was a sad girl but could not identify any particular problems. Jane tried to identify with Donna whether any particular approaches might resolve some of the school difficulties. Jane also agreed that she would continue to have informal contact with Donna.

Donna's difficulties at Turriff Academy were presented <sup>to</sup> the Banff and Buchan Educational Assessment Team on 26th April 1993. It was agreed that Donna would be formally referred to the school Psychological Service for a possible placement at the Adolescent Unit and that Jane Robison would be asked to become re-involved with Donna.

### CIRCUMSTANCES OF ADMISSION TO CARE

This took place whilst I was on leave and was dealt with by Mike Heberton. Donna was admitted to Scalloway Park on 29th March after going missing from home and refusing to return when picked up by the Police. Donna is being referred to the Reporter since she had a Bowie Knife in her possession when she was picked up by the Police. Information from the Out-of-Hours Service was that Donna felt that she had too many problems around her at home to face and she made it clear that if she was returned home she would simply run away again. When I spoke to Scalloway Park on Thursday 1st of April, Damion Bradley told me Donna was still saying she did not want to go home but wanted a fresh start. Although reluctant to do so, Mrs. Coutts has telephoned Donna several times and they have spoken on the phone. Mrs. Coutts is not sure what she wants to happen in the future. She does think it might be a good idea if Donna stays at Scalloway Park during the week and comes home at the weekends. However she says she still loves Donna and does not want to lose contact with her. Mrs. Coutts does not believe that this brief admission to Scalloway Park will have resolved any of the problems/

the problems at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Coutts are aware that I will not remain their Social Worker and it is likely that Mike Heberton will take over this role in the near future.

*Christine Lambert*

CHRISTINE LAMBERT (Ms.)

7th April 1993

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
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Social Worker: C. LAMBERT  
Case No.: 1744144

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Full Name of Child DONNA COVTTIS  
Date of Birth 28.3.1978 Religion (Practising/Nominal) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother Name ALEXANDRIA COVTTIS

Address 5 IDAOLH COTTIS Address AS OPP.  
CUMINGSTOWN Telephone No. 08553 458 Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last School/Nursery/Playgroup attended IVARICE ACADEMY Most recent G.P./Health Clinic IVARICE HEALTH CENTRE

Please enter relevant medical information, including details of any current medication, and regular or pending hospital appointments

Please note briefly the arrangements for contact with family (e.g. expected frequency whether Social Worker is to arrange all visits, whether children can be taken outside home, etc.) AS DONNA - FAMILY WISH

DONNA COUTTS (28.3.78)

FAMILY COMP.

INTERMITTENT CONTACT WITH THE FAMILY, OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS

MRS COUTTS CONTACTED IN NOV, 92. - DIFFICULTIES WITH DONNA AT HOME - SHE WAS ARGUMENTATIVE, STEALING SMALL AMOUNTS OF MONEY FROM HOME. ALSO TRUANCING FROM SCHOOL.

DONNA SAW [REDACTED] ONCE THEN REFUSED TO SEE HER AGAIN. CASE ALLOCATED TO CHRISTINE LAMBERT - REFUSED TO SEE HER.

REFERRED TO DIV. ASS. TEAM IN FEB. BY TURKIE AL.

30.3.93 - DONNA WENT MISSING - FOUND BY POLICE (HAD BOWIE KNIFE IN POSSESSION) REFUSED TO RETURN HOME - ADMITTED TO SCALLOWAY PARK, DISCHARGED A WEEK LATER - AGREEMENT TO TRY AND RESOLVE RELATIONSHIP DIFFICULTIES, I.T. INVOLVEMENT - LOOK AT EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS THROUGH D.A.T.

12.4.93 DONNA EXCLUDED FROM TURKIE AL. FOR 3 DAYS FOR SWEARING AT TEACHER

16.4.93 DONNA RETURNED TO TURKIE ACADEMY - TOOK O/D OF 50 PARACETAMOLS, DID NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL,

I.T. INVOLVED WHILE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION LOOKED AT, DONNA WENT TO FORGLEN RIDING CENTRE - ENJOYED EXPERIENCE. ALSO HELPED ON FRIENDS FARM

CASE REFERRED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - ED. PSYCH. INVOLVED

RELATIONSHIPS AT HOME NOT TOO BAD AT THIS TIME.

DONNA OFFERED A PLACE AT CENTRE CLASS - BEGAN 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.

BREAKDOWN AT HOME AGAIN - ABUSIVE TO PARENTS, THROWING FURNITURE AROUND, VIOLENT TO YOUNGER SISTER, STAYING OUT LATE.

18.6.93 DONNA REQUESTED R.I.C., AS DID MRS COVITS. CENTRE CLASS STAFF FELT DONNA AT END OF HER TETHER - AGREED REFERRAL TO REPORTER WITH FAMILY - NO R.I.C.

~~14.6.93 DONNA~~

DONNA WENT OUT THAT EVENING - DIDN'T RETURN HOME - POLICE INVOLVED - ADMITTED TO A.T.H. ON 20/6 - FOR ONE WEEK.

WHILE IN A.T.H. DONNA SAYING SHE IS EMBARRASSED ABOUT FAMILY - POVERTY. REFUSED TO SPEAK TO ED. PSYCH, M.E., FEMALE SOCIAL WORKER, I.T., [REDACTED] - DOESN'T WANT HELP.

RETURNED HOME ON 25.6.93.

LAST WEEK OF TERM WANT WELL, NOW SPENDING TIME AT FRIENDS FARM, SO NOT AT HOME THAT OFTEN

HEARING DUE ON 28.7.93

## GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

## REVIEW OF CHILD IN CARE

Division: Banff/Buchan  
 Social Worker: Megan Cambridge  
 Full Name of Child: Donna Coutts  
 Date of Birth: 28.3.78

The Review was held within Forres Childrens Home on Tuesday 23rd November 1993 at 10.30 am.

Those Present: [REDACTED] Consultant Psychiatrist  
 Mrs Strathdee, OIC, Forres Childrens Home  
 Mrs Cambridge, Social Worker  
 [REDACTED] Forres Academy  
 Mr Macphail, Social Work Manager

Apologies: Mr Hothersall, Senior Social Worker  
 [REDACTED] Social Work Manager (Moray Division)  
 Mrs Coutts, Donna's Mother  
 [REDACTED] Forres Childrens Home  
 [REDACTED] Educational Psychologist.

It should be noted that Donna was invited to attend her review but in the event chose not to.

Reports: Received from Mrs Cambridge (dated 19 November 1993)  
 [REDACTED] Forres Childrens Home (undated)  
 [REDACTED] (dated 3 November 1993)

WHY DOES CHILD REMAIN IN CARE ?

Donna remains in the care of the Social Work Department under the terms of Section 44 (1) (b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, and continues in her placement at Forres Childrens Home.

CONCLUSIONS

- (a) Today's review noted that Donna's placement at Forres Childrens Home is not progressing well. She is not responding to, or with, her Keyworker. The care plans which had been compiled for Donna were not working because Donna was not co-operating in their implementation. Whilst she appears to intimidate her fellow residents quite a lot she can nevertheless be cheerful at other times. During the initial stages of her current placement Donna was not eating but she is now. [REDACTED] expressed her concerns over Donna's abscondings and the possibility that she might be abusing solvents.

[REDACTED] advised today's meeting that she had met with Donna yesterday. Their meeting had not been very fruitful with Donna saying very little. She wouldn't say why she was in Forres Childrens Home but she did volunteer that she did not want to return home. [REDACTED] intimated that Donna had given her the impression that she didn't want to be involved in anything.

Today's meeting agreed that Donna's current placement was meeting her needs in so far as they could be met and that it should continue until further notice subject to conditions contained elsewhere within this Minute.

Donna Coutts continued...

- (b) Apart from smoking and taking iron pills for her anaemia Donna continues to enjoy good health.
- (c) With regard to school today's review was advised that when she enrolled at Forres Academy Donna had been quiet and biddable, and teaching staff had been pleased with the manner in which she was settling. However, shortly afterwards Donna started to grow in confidence and her behaviour started to become problematic. Donna truanted then settled for approximately two weeks. After her Children's Hearing on the 22 September 1993 Donna's problematic behaviour re-emerged, and she has been truanting since the 15th November 1993.
- (d) Mrs Coutts, Donna's Mother, was not present at today's meeting but Mrs Cambridge intimated that Mrs Coutts had not "shut the door" on Donna. At her request, Donna has not had any contact with home since the commencement of her current placement.
- (e) Today's review noted that [REDACTED] Educational Psychologist, had been unable to undertake an assessment on Donna because Donna would not co-operate.
- (f) Today's review discussed future care plans for Donna as follows:
  - Return Home: This option not feasible at the present time given Donna's current attitude towards home.
  - Placement with Relatives: No available placements.
  - Fostering: Given Donna's past and current behaviour today's review did not consider this to be a viable option at present.
  - Another Residential Unit: Today's review did not consider that another, non-secure, unit could offer Donna anything more than what she is already receiving.
  - Remain at Forres Children's Home: Today's review considered that this remained the most appropriate option for Donna but that this would be conditional upon her adhering to the "house rules". Today's review also agreed that those involved with Donna should not press her for contact if she did not wish to engage with them.
- (g) Today's review noted that a Children's Hearing Review will shortly be convened on Donna.
- (h) [REDACTED] intimated that she would speak with Donna after the conclusion of today's review in order to ascertain whether she wished further contact with her in the future.
- (i) A further review will be convened on Donna on Thursday 17 February 1994 at 10.30 am within Forres Children's Home. Mr Macphail, or his Deputy, will chair this meeting.
- (j) [REDACTED] will advise Donna of the conclusions reached at today's meeting.
- (k) Mrs Cambridge will advise Donna's parents of the conclusions reached at today's meeting.

*Alistair D. Macphail*

ALISTAIR D MACPHAIL  
Social Work Manager  
(Children and Families)

ADM/EM  
24 November 1993

SECTION 2

CASE SUMMARY (Please record all significant events and their effect during period under review including child's general progress and behaviour, relationships between child and other children and adults within and outwith the home).

*Donna remains in Care under Section 44 1(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1969.*

*This present review was called in response to requests by the home to look again at Donna's placement.*

**History**

*Donna's placement commenced on 8.9.93. At a Children's Hearing on 22.9.93 Donna's placement was confirmed and at a Post Admissions Case Conference also held 22.9.93 the aims of the package of care (detailed below) were outlined. At that meeting [REDACTED] commented favourably on Donna's attitude and behaviour. It was further agreed that a new worker, in the form of the author, would be allocated to Donna's case.*

**Aims of Present Package of Care**

- : ensure that Donna was safe and did not constitute a danger to herself.*
- : ensure that Donna had a secure base.*
- : ensure that Donna attended school regularly.*
- : ensure that Donna has the opportunity to reflect upon the issues dominant in her life at the moment and.....*
- : develop appropriate therapeutic strategies to assist her in mending any conflicts she may have.*
- : offer Donna an opportunity to be heard re. what is important in her life.*
- : work with Donna as far as possible and practical to assist her in achieving her own ambitions and objectives.*
- : consider what supports would be required to maximise Donna's attempts re. independence at an appropriate stage.*
- : ensure that Donna has the opportunity to maintain/resurrect contact with her family/friends.*
- : allow Donna the opportunity to develop in all areas of her life; personal, social, educational, spiritual and aesthetic.*

**Recent Events**

*A Hearing Review was called for 10.11.93 as a result of two incidents of absconding from the home, the second incident resulting in Donna spending the night in a porta-cabin in Buckie 19.10.93 in the company of another girl and being charged with Vandalism and Breaking and Entering with intent to Steal.*

*On her return, whilst focusing her attention on disruption with the home she settled again until 15.11.93 when she again absconded in the company of the same girl, this time returning with 3 charges; Vandalism, Theft and Breach of the Peace.*

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW OF CHILD IN CARE

To be completed before review by houseparent if in establishment or by Social Worker when child is fostered.

Division: Banff/Buchan
Social Worker: Megan Cambridge
Case No.:

NOTE: Section 1 to be completed in full in all cases of first review and any change recorded for subsequent review.

Section 2 to be completed for all reviews.

Name of Child ..... Donna Coutts ..... Date of Birth ..... 28.3.78 .....

Placement ..... c/o Forres Group Home, 5 Culbin Street, Forres. ....

SECTION 1

FAMILY CONTACTS WITH MOTHER, FATHER AND OTHER RELATIVES (Example Weekly, Monthly, etc. and child's reaction to these).  
None at Donna's request.

OUTSIDE CONTACTS INCLUDING HOLIDAY PLANS

Doctor's Name and Address .....

Any illnesses, treatment or tests since last review? .....

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

(a) Name and Type of Present School ..... Forres Academy .....

(b) Name of Employer and Nature of Employment .....

(c) Comments on Progress in School/Employment .....

Church Attended .....

Religious Upbringing and Church Activities .....

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Donna is joining in with some of the activities at the home and has made some friends/ contacts at school, but is basically not establishing much of a social life of her own outside the home.

## GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

JAMES G. GRAHAM  
Director of Education

Telephone No. Elgin 548884 E. MAIL 01:YNW078

If telephoning or calling please ask for

Your Ref.

Our Ref. EG/AR/DC

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

11 NORTH GUILDRY STREET

ELGIN IV30 1JR

Date 3 November 19932

[REDACTED]  
AHT Guidance,  
Forres Academy,  
Forres

Dear [REDACTED]

DONNA COUTTS 28.03.78  
C/O FORRES CHILDREN'S HOME

Donna was referred to our Service by [REDACTED] Educational Psychologist, Banff-Buchan, who also sent us Donna's Records. Donna originally attended Turriff Academy but following truancy and behaviour problems there she was moved to a class which caters for pupils with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties at the Fraserburgh Centre. Meanwhile other problems outside school resulted in her removal to Andrew Thomson House for a week as she was beyond the control of her mother. After the summer holidays when she was due to return to the Fraserburgh centre Donna was removed from home to a foster placement in Buckie where initially she seemed to settle in well and made good progress. She attended Buckie High School. However the foster placement broke down and she was removed to the Forres Children's Home from where she has attended Forres Academy.

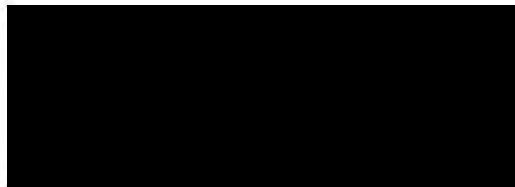
I attempted, as you know, to interview Donna today in order to make her acquaintance and to help with the design of an educational programme which might meet her needs. We were aware that she has a history of refusing to talk to professional people such as psychologists and social workers, and I was unable to secure her cooperation this morning. I tried to reassure her that our job was to help her and to make life more bearable for her and that if she settled in to Forres Academy with no serious problems I would not need to make further contact. Otherwise I may have to attempt to see Donna again, hopefully picking a time when she is likely to be more communicative.

Examination of Donna's records reveals psychiatric involvement and a long history of disturbed behaviour and complex home problems. She is clearly a deeply disturbed girl with considerable emotional needs. However her lack of cooperation makes it very difficult for us to attempt to meet these needs, a problem which has also arisen in previous placements despite the involvement of considerable professional expertise. It is difficult to be clear from her response whether she does not trust adults or whether her antagonism is a defiant response from a young lady who is used to having her own way. Although the early signs from her behaviour in Forres Academy appear

relatively hopeful, her history is such as to suggest that this situation may well be short lived and it may be necessary to consider first of all the use of the SEBD base for Donna and possibly ultimately even Cranloch.

I am sorry that in the circumstances I am unable to be of more help but would be willing to take part in any discussions which may be necessary in the future. My access to psychiatric and other reports from previous investigations would be helpful in such a discussion. However, I hope that Donna may settle down in her new placement and that further changes will not be necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Educational Psychologist

COPY TO Me A. D. MACPITRIL  
S.W. DEPT. , SEAFIELD HOUSE , 37 CASTLE ST. , BANFF.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Tel. No. 0888 62427  
Fax. No. 0888 68559

Address: Towie House,  
Manse Road,  
TURRIFF, AB53 7AY.

Report by Mike Hebenton Social Worker for Mr. J.J. Hammond,  
Senior Assistant Reporter - for Childrens Hearing to be held in Macduff  
Town Hall on Wednesday 22nd September 1993 at 2:00 pm.  
concerning DONNA COUTTS (d.o.b. 28.3.1978), c/o Forres Group Home, Forres

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INTRODUCTION

Donna appeared at a Children's Hearing on the 8th September 1993 following complete breakdown of her fostering arrangement with [REDACTED] in Buckie. After a couple of temporary moves she was placed in Forres Group Home on a Warrant issued under Section 40(7) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

UPDATE

Donna appears to have settled fairly well into Forres so far and has been building relationships with staff and residents. She is apparently more relaxed and beginning to look happier again.

Prior to the last Hearing while Donna was staying in Andrew Thomson House, she had raised some issues of a sexual nature with a member of staff there. This was followed up by Steve Hothersall, Senior Social Worker - whom Donna stated she wished to speak to - and the Police but Donna was unable to expand on these allegations at that time. Staff at Forres agreed to speak further with Donna about this, however, she has not supplied further information and obviously this needs to be done at Donna's pace.

EDUCATION

Donna has indicated that she would be interested in attending Forres Academy. The Educational Psychologist involved in the case, [REDACTED] was exploring the possibility of special education for Donna within the Moray area while with [REDACTED] but put this on hold following the breakdown of the placement. She has started this off again and I have advised her of Donna's statement about Forres. [REDACTED] will discuss this with her colleagues in Moray and at the time of writing I have no up-date on this position. Obviously it is desirable for Donna to attend school but it is important that the right provision is found for her rather than placing her in a setting outwith her social and educational abilities.

HOME CONTACT


There has been no home contact since Donna was placed in Forres Group Home. Donna's family still maintain that she has to make the first move as it was she that requested/

she that requested not to be returned to them. Donna has made no attempt to get in touch with them.

ASSESSMENT AND CONCLUSION

The early signs about this placement are encouraging and Donna is saying that she wishes to stay in Forres. I am conscious that this is very much similar to the initial days of the placement with the Hedgeleys but that this soon changed, however, a Children's Home is better placed to cope with the difficulties that Donna may present so hopefully if her behaviour does alter then this should not jeopardise her placement in the same way.

I would suggest that Donna continues to remain in Forres as it would enable her to remain in a stable base while an assessment is carried out. Previous referrals to the Department of Child and Family Psychiatry have not been followed through because of her shifting from place to place and a settled period would allow this contact to begin. [REDACTED] has written to [REDACTED] Psychiatrist but there has been no contact with Donna yet. Education has been similarly disrupted with Donna's movement and again a settled period will hopefully get her back into some form of schooling. If all these issues can be addressed then it may be possible to look at some form of contact with the family in future so that Donna does not continue to isolate herself to such an extent that she has no support, other than professional, once out of Care. Therefore, I recommend that Donna is placed on a Residential Supervision Order and remains in Forres Group Home.



**MIKE HEBENTON**  
Social Worker

16th September 1993

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

HEALTH RECORD FOR CHILD IN CARE  
 MEDICAL EXAMINATION ON ADMISSION/DISCHARGE

On First Admission to Care Examining Doctor to complete F(GP)1, F(GP)2 and information note to Foster Parent F(FP).

On subsequent admission or discharges from care examining doctor to amend and update F(GP)1 and complete F(GP)2 and note to Foster Parent F(FP).

Forms to be returned with Fee Form to the Medical Adviser

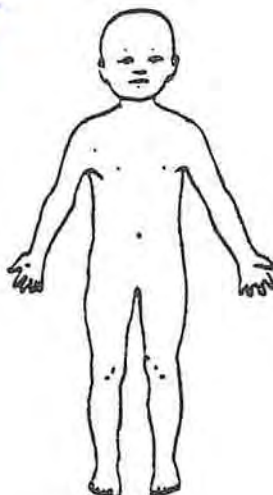
Child's Full Name ..... DONNA COUTTS .....

Date of Birth ..... 28.3.78 .....

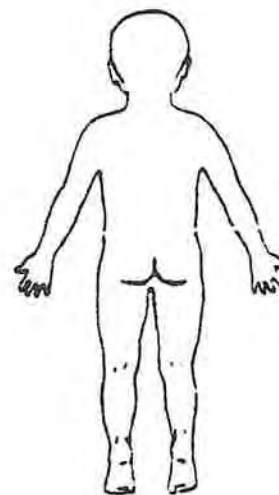
1. General Physical Appearance of Child (including ethnic origin)  
 (examine for and describe any evidence of injury, neglect or abuse)

*Well nourished  
 no evidence of any  
 injury or physical  
 neglect.*

FRONT



BACK



2. Full Physical Examination

	Right	Left
Ears	✓	✓
Eyes	✓	✓
General (e.g. skin, hair, mouth/state of teeth)	<i>sl. scratch @ cheek.</i>	
Respiratory System	✓	
Cardiovascular	✓	
Abdomen	✓	
Genitalia (inc. testes)	✓	
Locomotor (spine, hips)	✓	
Neurological	✓	
Any other observations	✓	

3. Measurements

Weight (Dressed/Undressed\*) ..... 63 kg ..... centile  
 Height/Length ..... 106 cms ..... centile  
 OFC ..... N/A cms ..... centile

\*Delete as appropriate

4. Do you suspect delay in development in any area

	Yes	No	Not Tested	Comments
Gross Motor		✓		
Fine Motor		✓		
Hearing		✓		
Vision		✓		
Speech		✓		
Personal/Social		✓		
Contenance - Day		✓		
Night		✓		

5. Please state any treatment being given or action taken

..... none .....  
 .....

6. General Conclusions

Is the child in good health and free from infection and evidence of physical or sexual abuse? YES  NO

Is there a need for further assessment - developmental? YES  NO

other - state

Any other comments or concerns

Action you have taken regarding follow up ..... Donna seemed somewhat negative + resistant at having to have medical exam. ....

Signature ..... [Redacted] ..... Date ..... 22/6/93 .....  
 Name (in Capital) ..... [Redacted] ..... Designation ..... G.P. ....  
 Address ..... Elgin Health Centre, Maryhill, Elgin, Tel. 2229 .....  
 Tel. No. ....

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
INFORMATION FOR CARE STAFF

Division: B/B  
 Social Worker: Mike Hobart  
 Case No.:

Social Worker's Office TURRIFF  
 Telephone No. ....  
 Senior Social Worker Steve Hothelley  
 Telephone No. 0261 - 812001

Full Name of Child Donna Jean Coult  
 Date of Birth 28.03.78 Religion (Practising/Nominal) None

Father Name [Redacted] Mother Name Alexandra Coult

Address 5, Idach Cott Address A/M  
Wminestown Telephone No. 08883 Telephone No. ....  
1955

Names [Redacted]

Last School/Nursery/Playgroup attended Centre Class #16 Most recent G.P./Health Clinic [Redacted]  
[Redacted] [Redacted]

Please enter relevant medical information, including details of any current medication, and regular or pending hospital appointments  
None

Sees [Redacted] - child psychiatrist  
Took a significant O/P of paracetamol  
Early 1993


Please note briefly the arrangements for contact with family (e.g. expected frequency whether Social Worker is to arrange all visits, whether children can be taken outside home, etc.)  
Family will phone M.H. on Mon 21/6



GRAMPIAN POLICE

Log Book Ref. No. \_\_\_\_\_

WANTED/MISSING PERSONS (NOT ON WARRANT)

Full Name, Age, Occupation and Address	1.	DONNA COUTTS. SCHOOL GIRL 15 YRS. ANDREW THOMSON HOUSE ELGIN. 1030 SPL.		
Date and Place of Birth	2.	28. 3. 78		
Description	3.	Sex FEMALE Colour WHITE Eyes DARK BLUE. Hair MEDIUM BROWN.	Height 5' 7 1/2 Build <del>4-2</del> Slim Complexion FAIR.	
Visible Marks or Physical Peculiarities	4.	NONE.		
	5.			
Time, Date and Place Last Seen and By Whom	6.			
Place of Employment/School Attended	7.			
In Possession of:- Vehicle Money	8.			
Previously Reported Missing (If YES - Date Reported - Date Traced)	9.	YES/NO		
Photograph	10.	YES/NO	Date Taken	Likeness
Names and Addresses of Relatives and Associates (Include Telephone Number and Relationship)	11.	(1) PARENTS - MR & MRS COUTTS. 57 IDOCH COTTAGES CUMINGSTON TURRIF. (2) ROBTER - PARENTS -  (3) (4)		
Names and Address of Person Reporting (Relationship)	12.			
Time and Date Reported	13			

Any Additional Information	14.							
<u>WARNINGS</u> (Violent, Suicidal etc)	15.							
C.R.O. Number	16.	P.G. Number						
Alias	17.							
Class	18.	Missing/Wanted/Abscondee/Suspect/Found						
Offence Committed	19.	Date						
Power of Arrest if Wanted	20.							
For Identification Purposes	21.	(1) Fingerprints Obtained		YES/NO				
		(2) Dental Chart Obtained		YES/NO				
		Dentist		Tel. No.				
		(3) Medical History Obtained		YES/NO				
		Doctor		Tel. No.				
Circulations	22.	Information	Time	Date	Officer	Cancel	Officer	
			Crime Informations					
			T.V., Radio, Press					
			Police Gazette					
<u>P.N.C. (H.Q. INFORMATION ROOM USE ONLY)</u>	23.	Fce/Stn Code	82C1	W/M No.				
		Ref. No.	82__ __/					
		Report Date						
		Date Entered on P.N.C.						
		P.N.C. Terminal Operator						
Traced/Apprehended	24.	Time	Date					
		Place						

ENQUIRY OFFICER

STATION



DETAILED RECORD  
(For specific incidents or agreed cases)

Date:

Event:

tether. She and her colleagues are extremely worried about her and are quite concerned that something needs to be set up over the summer period for Donna. Donna has been destructive in the class, not during teaching times but during the free time that the children have. This destructiveness involves plants which she has been damaging and throwing around. Donna has also hit someone in the school. She has also refused to speak to [REDACTED]

Advised Jenny of the latest situation at home and Jenny suggested that she speak to Donna and see what she wants. Jenny did this and Donna advised her clearly that she did not want to be at home. Donna also said that she would go to a foster home or children's home.

Telephone call from Steve Hothersall. He has discussed that case with Colin Mackenzie and Colin feels that we should not receive Donna into Care in this way. Colin is concerned that Donna is manipulating the situation and suggests that we try and set up a programme, possibly involving Outreach from Scalloway Park and occasional overnight stays there, and refer the case to the Reporter.

Visit to the Coutts family. Attempted to discuss the situation with Donna although this was difficult as she would hardly speak to me. She did however remain in the living room throughout my entire visit. I had to ask Donna questions all the time and she would either nod or shake her head in answer or do none of these. Donna was indicating that she was unhappy with her mother and step-father but would not say what the problem was and I could not find the right question for this. She was saying that she wanted to remain at home but she wanted things sorted out there, however, she could give no indication as to what the problem was. I discussed a referral to the Children's Panel and she was agreeable to this. Spoke to Mrs. Coutts and Mrs. Coutts was clearly saying that she would like Donna to remain at home, however does not think that she can cope with the level of behaviour that Donna is presenting at the moment and is still scared that it will break down over the weekend. Discussed a programme and a referral to the Children's Panel and Mrs. Coutts is quite happy to try anything. One area of contention appeared to be that Donna wanted to babysit along with a 15 year old friend and her mother would not allow her to do this. Her mother had heard stories that Donna and her friend were drinking and sleeping with boys while they were babysitting. Donna got quite annoyed with this and felt it was her life and she could do what she wanted. I advised Donna that I agreed with her mother and did not think it was appropriate for her to be babysitting especially if these activities were going on. Donna was clearly unhappy with this. Agreed that I would contact Out-of-Hours Service and that Mrs. Coutts should phone them if there were any difficulties over the weekend, if not I would contact her again on Monday and we would discuss what programme would be set up for the family.

Advised/.....

Decision to Keep Detailed Record

Date:..... Time Period:..... Designation:.....

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CLIENT NAME ..... DUNNA COUTTS .....	CLIENT REF NO ..... 174494 .....	PAGE NO 3...
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DETAILED RECORD  
(For specific incidents or agreed cases)

Date:

Event:

Advised Out-of-Hours of the situation and suggested that they try and avoid a reception into Care as far as possible if the family do contact them. Also suggested they might like to ring the family on Sunday to see how things are going.

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Decision to Keep Detailed Record

Date:..... Time Period:..... Designation:.....

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DETAILED RECORD  
(For specific incidents or agreed cases)

Date:

Event:

Decision to Keep Detailed Record

Date:..... Time Period:..... Designation:.....

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
INFORMATION FOR CARE STAFF

Division: BANKF BUCKHAR  
Social Worker: C. LAMBERT  
Case No.: 1744144

Social Worker's Office IVARICK  
Telephone No. 62427  
Senior Social Worker JOHN GILRUTH  
Telephone No. 0261 815097

Full Name of Child DONNA COVTTIS  
Date of Birth 28.3.1978 Religion (Practising/Nominal) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Mother**  
Name ALEXANDRIA COVTTIS

Address 5 IDAOLA COTTIS Address AS OPP.  
CUMINESTOWN Telephone No. 08553 458 Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Last School/Nursery/Playgroup attended IVARICK ACADEMY Most recent G.P./Health Clinic IVARICK HEALTH CENTRE

Please enter relevant medical information, including details of any current medication, and regular or pending hospital appointments

Please note briefly the arrangements for contact with family (e.g. expected frequency whether Social Worker is to arrange all visits, whether children can be taken outside home, etc.) AS DONNA - FAMILY VISIT

**NAMES**

- 1. What is the child usually called ..... DANNA
- 2. What does He/She usually call <sup>STEP</sup> Father /Guardian/Relative ..... DUNLAN OR DAD  
Mother/Guardian/Relative ..... MUM
- 3. What are the familiar names, and actual relationship to the child, of the people He/She is closest to ..... MOTHER
- 4. Please identify anyone outside the family who is a special friend of the child .....

**BEDTIME**

- 5. About what time does the child usually go to bed ..... 9pm
- 6. Does He/She usually sleep alone, or share a room, or a bed ..... SHARES A ROOM
- 7. Is the door usually left open, or a light left on ..... NO
- 8. Does the child take a toy, or blanket, or other comforter to bed .....
- 9. Is there a special routine at bedtime (e.g. story, game, etc.) ..... NO
- 10. Does the child have a troubled sleep pattern (e.g. nightmares or sleepwalking) ..... NO
- 11. Does the child ever get up at night ..... NO

**TOILET**

- 12. What words does the child use for the lavatory .....
- 13. Does He/She ever wet the bed .....
- 14. Does the child wear a nappy at night .....
- 15. Does He/She like having a bath, or having His/Her hair washed .....

**FOOD**

- 16. What foods or drinks does the child particularly dislike ..... EGGS, MACARONI
- 17. What foods or drinks is the child specially fond of ..... CARROTS, BEEF ONIVES
- 18. What sort of eating habits is the child used to -  
e.g. 3 regular meals per day .....  Main meal and snacks .....  No regular pattern .....
- 19. Within this pattern, is He/She a good or poor eater .....
- 20. Does the child usually take school meals ..... YES

**BEHAVIOUR**

- 21. Please describe briefly the child's usual manner and behaviour (e.g. confident, shy, etc.) ..... CONFIDENT, CHEEKY
- 22. What are the signs when the child is anxious or bothered about something ..... NONE
- 23. What is the best way to cope with the child when He/She sulks or is in a temper ..... SEND TO ROOM
- 24. Does He/She get on better with older or younger children ..... OLDER
- 25. Does the child get on well with adults ..... NO
- 26. Does the child have any nervous habits ..... BITE NAILS, RUBS HANDS

**GENERAL**

- 27. Can the child dress by him/herself .....
- 28. Is there anything (e.g. buttons, laces) which the child cannot manage .....
- 29. Is the child frightened of or allergic to any animals, or other things or circumstances (e.g. the dark, thunder, etc.) ..... SPEEDERS
- 30. Please note any toys or possessions, and the name and type of any pet, to which the child is specially attached ..... RABBIT
- 31. What games does He/She like to play .....
- 32. Please describe the child's leisure activities including any regular clubs or groups attended (including playgroups and Sunday School)  
LIKES WHISTLE - ANNA PROTECTION - HORSE RIDING
- 33. What has the child been told about why He/She has to leave home ..... YES

Source of Information Above ALEXANDRA LUTTS - MOTHER  
 Social Worker's Signature ..... [Signature] Date 31 3 93

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
ADMISSION FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

Division: BANK BUCHAN  
Social Worker: C. Lambert  
Case No.: 1744144

CONFIDENTIAL

This form should be held on the case-file and is not for circulation. A copy of Form C 1 should be provided for the Officer-in-Charge of the establishment in which the child is placed. (If applicable)

Full Name of Child DONNA COURTIS  
Date of Birth 26.3.1978 Male/Female (delete) X  
Place of Birth NINEWELL, DUNDEE Religion (Practising/Nominal) PROTESTANT - NO CHURCH ATTENDANCE  
Date and Place of Baptism NO

Date of Admission 3.2.93  
Usual Home Address 5 JADDAH LOTS CUMMERSTOWN TURTLE Address of First Placement SCALLOWAY PARK FRASERBURGH

Address from which Admitted (if different)  
AS ABOVE

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO ADMISSION

DONNA FOUND BY POLICE AFTER BEING REPORTED MISSING - REFUSED TO GO HOME.

Purpose and Aims of Admission (Social Workers Assessment)

(a) For the Child  
TO HAVE SOME BREATHING SPACE & SO POSSIBLY DECIDE WHAT SHE WISHES FOR THE FUTURE

(b) For the Family  
TO EASE TENSIONS WITHIN HOME AND ALLOW TIME TO REFLECT ON WHAT THIS WISH TO HAPPEN IN REGARDS TO THE CARE OF DONNA

Type of Placement Preferred CHILDREN'S HOME  
Expected Duration of Care NOT KNOWN

STATUTE USED (Please tick as appropriate)  
S 15 Social Work Act   
Compulsory Supervision Requirement   
Other - please give details (see Section 2.1 of the Procedures Manual)

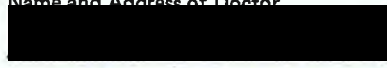
**PARTICULARS OF CHILD**

Last School Attended

(Name and Address, class details if appropriate)

Name and Address of Doctor

TURBIEF AADON-1



TURBIEF HEALTH CENTRE

Details of any Court or Children's Hearing Order on the Child (Past and Present)

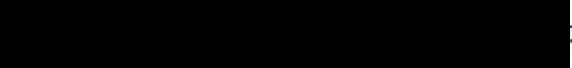
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Record any Documents or Belongings given to Social Worker relating to Child (e.g. Medical Card, Birth Certificate)

NONE

**PARTICULARS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS**

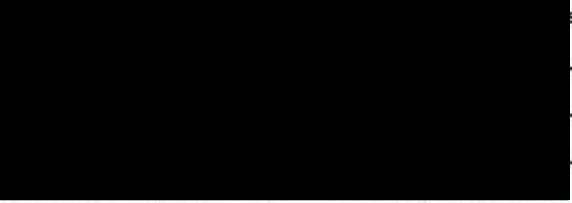
Date of Parents Marriage ..... Place .....

Father's Full Name .....  .....

Date of Birth ..... 5 MARCH 1954 .....

Religion ..... KUMHETOWN .....

Telephone No. ....

Occupation and .....  .....

Mother's Full Name ALEXANDRIA COULTER Maiden Name .....

Date of Birth 12.5.1954 Address AS ABOVE

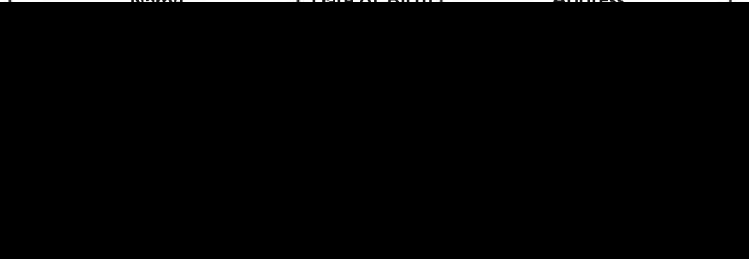
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Telephone No. ....

Occupation and Employer HOUSEWIFE

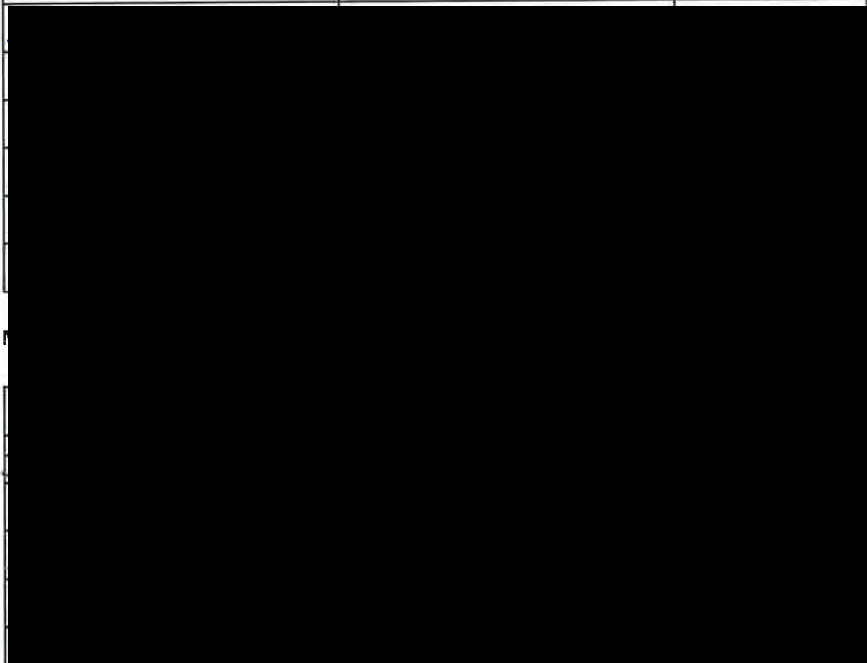
**PARTICULARS OF FAMILY**

**Brothers and Sisters**

Name	Date of Birth	Address	Telephone No.	Other Details*
				

\* e.g. whether in care

**Paternal Grandparents**

Name	Address	Telephone No.	Other Details
			
			Other Details

**Other Interested Relatives**

FATHER

Name	Address	Telephone No.	Other Details
GARTH OWEN THORNE	DUNDEE ROAD		

**FORMAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO CARE**

I, as the parent/legal guardian of the child DONNA CAVTIS CERTIFY that the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge, and hereby request Grampian Region Social Work Department to receive this child into their care.

- (a) I understand that the Social Work Department will place the child in a Foster Home or Children's Home at their discretion.
- (b) I understand that I am liable to contribute toward the costs of maintenance of the child.
- (c) I understand that I must inform the Social Work Department of any change of my address forthwith.
- (d) I have been given a copy of the leaflet "Your Child in our Care".

Signatures of persons applying ..... (1) A Cavtis  
Relationship to Child ..... (2) MOTHER  
Date 31.3.73 ..... Witness (Social Worker's) Signature [Signature]

[Signature]

**NOTE - The leaflet "Your Child in our Care" is printed on facing page. This leaflet must be given to the parents or guardian, as stated in (d) above.**

Countersigned ..... Designation .....

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
ADMISSION FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

Division: BARK BUCHAN  
Social Worker: M. HEDERTON  
Case No.: 1744144

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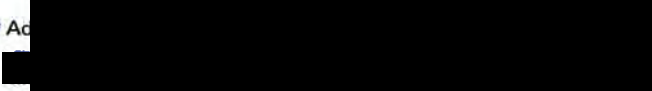
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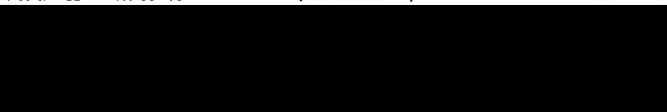
Date of Birth 25.3.1978 Male/Female (delete)  Male  Female

Place of Birth RENEWALS, DUNDEE Religion (Practising/Nominal) PROTESTANT

Date and Place of Baptism

Date of Admission 29.7.93

Usual Home Address 5 DODDCH COTTAGE Ac   
CUMBERTOWN TOWNSHIP

Address from which Admitted (if different)  


CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO ADMISSION

DONNA MADE REQUEST AT CHILDREN'S  
HEARINGS ON 28.7.93 NOT TO BE  
RETURNED HOME

Purpose and Aims of Admission (Social Workers Assessment)

(a) For the Child  
TO GIVE SPACE AWAY  
FROM FAMILY &  
CONSIDER FUTURE  
OPTIONS

(b) For the Family

Type of Placement Preferred SMALL FAMILY FOSTER HOME

Expected Duration of Care NOT KNOWN

STATUTE USED (Please tick as appropriate)  
S 15 Social Work Act   
Compulsory Supervision Requirement   
Other - please give details (see Section 2.1 of the Procedures Manual)  40(7) - 21 DAYS

**PARTICULARS OF CHILD**

Last School Attended

(Name and Address, class details if appropriate)

CANTRE CLASS  
FRASERBURGH

Name and Address of Doctor

[REDACTED]  
TWARICK HEALTH CENTRE  
TWARICK

Details of any Court or Children's Hearing Order on the Child (Past and Present)

H.O (?) - 21 DAY WARRANT TO  
FIND LONGER TERM PLACEMENT

Record any Documents or Belongings given to Social Worker relating to Child (e.g. Medical Card, Birth Certificate)

None

**PARTICULARS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS**

Date of Parents Marriage ..... Place .....

STEP Father's Full Name ... [REDACTED]

Date of Birth ..... Address ... S FODDLE COTTLE

Religion ..... CUMMERTON

Telephone No. ....

Occupation and Employer .....

Mother's Full Name ALEXANDRIA COVILS Maiden Name .....

Date of Birth 12-5-54 Address AS AINS

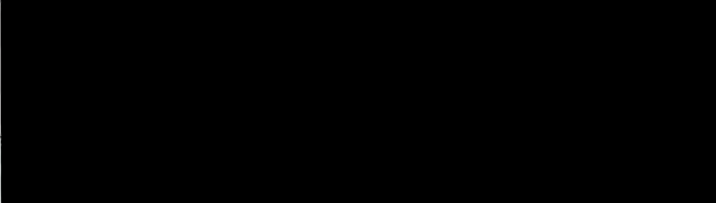
Religion .....

Telephone No. ....

Occupation and Employer HOUSEWIFE

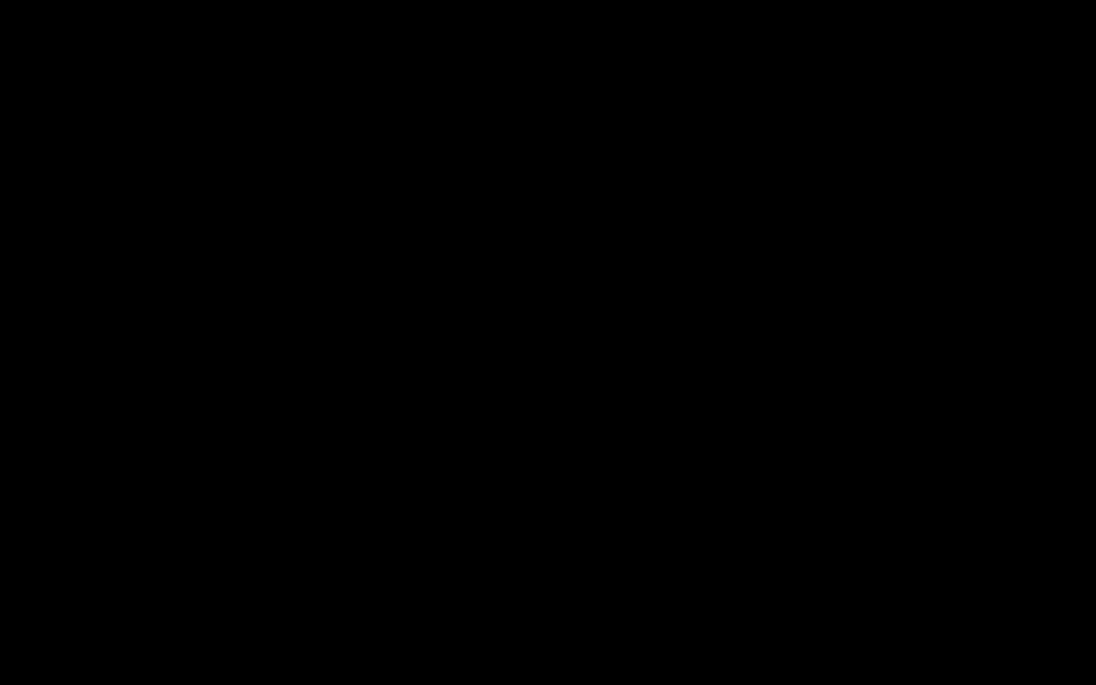
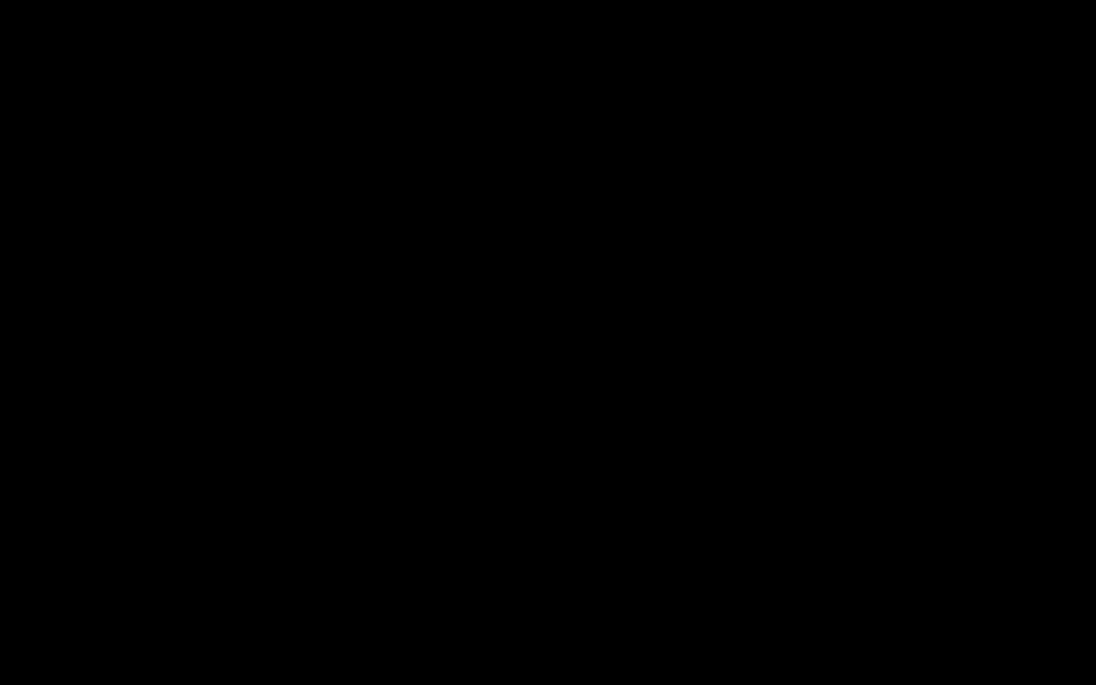
**PARTICULARS OF FAMILY**

**Brothers and Sisters**

Name	Date of Birth	Address	Telephone No.	Other Details*
				

\* e.g. whether in care

**Paternal Grandparents**

				Details
				Details

**Other Interested Relatives**

Name	Address	Telephone No.	Other Details
GARTH OWEN THORNE	DUNDEE AREA		

**FORMAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO CARE**

I, as the parent/legal guardian of the child Donna Curtis CERTIFY that the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge, and hereby request Grampian Region Social Work Department to receive this child into their care.

- (a) I understand that the Social Work Department will place the child in a Foster Home or Children's Home at their discretion.
- (b) I understand that I am liable to contribute toward the costs of maintenance of the child.
- (c) I understand that I must inform the Social Work Department of any change of my address forthwith.
- (d) I have been given a copy of the leaflet "Your Child in our Care".

Signatures of persons applying A Curtis (1) .....

Relationship to Child MOTHER (2) .....

Date 24.7.93 Witness (Social Worker's) Signature [Signature]

**NOTE - The leaflet "Your Child in our Care" is printed on facing page. This leaflet must be given to the parents or guardian, as stated in (d) above.**

Countersigned ..... Designation .....

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
ADMISSION FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

Division: B/B  
Social Worker: Mike Hebberton  
Case No.:

CONFIDENTIAL

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Full Name of Child Donna Conley

Date of Birth 28.03.78 Male/Female (delete)

Place of Birth Newells Hosp, Dundee Religion (Practising/Nominal)

Date and Place of Baptism

Date of Admission 20/6/93

Usual Home Address S. Idach Cott Address of First Placement ATH

Cemeneston

Tully

Address from which Admitted (if different)

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO ADMISSION

Beyond parental control?

Purpose and Aims of Admission (Social Workers Assessment)

(a) For the Child

To try to identify some of the difficulties she alludes to - more specific terms perhaps (as opposed to RIC) and the answer.

Type of Placement Preferred Childrens Hut

(b) For the Family

To look at strategies for coping with Donna's behaviour. Parents concerned that admission is what she wants but have reached the end of their repertoire of sanctions.

Expected Duration of Care

S 15 Social Work Act

STATUTE USED (Please tick as appropriate)

Compulsory Supervision Requirement

Other - please give details (see Section 2.1 of the Procedures Manual)

**PARTICULARS OF CHILD**

Last School Attended

(Name and Address, class details if appropriate)

Name and Address of Doctor

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Details of any Court or Children's Hearing Order on the Child (Past and Present)

*Panel due*

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Record any Documents or Belongings given to Social Worker relating to Child (e.g. Medical Card, Birth Certificate)

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**PARTICULARS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS**

Date of Parents Marriage *None* Place .....

Father's Full Name .....

Date of Birth ..... Address .....

Religion .....

Telephone No. ....

Occupation and Employer *Unemployed*

Mother's Full Name ..... Maiden Name .....

Date of Birth ..... Address .....

Religion .....

Telephone No. ....

Occupation and Employer *Unemployed*

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**PARTICULARS OF FAMILY**

**Brothers and Sisters**

Name	Date of Birth	Address	Telephone No.	Other Details*

\* e.g. whether in care

**Paternal Grandparents**

Name	Address	Telephone No.	Other Details
<del>ACB</del>			

**Maternal Grandparents**

Name	Address	Telephone No.	Other Details

**Other Interested Relatives**

Name	Address	Telephone No.	Other Details

**FORMAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO CARE**

I, as the parent/legal guardian of the child Donna Coult ..... CERTIFY that the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge, and hereby request Grampian Region Social Work Department to receive this child into their care.

- (a) I understand that the Social Work Department will place the child in a Foster Home or Children's Home at their discretion.
- (b) I understand that I am liable to contribute toward the costs of maintenance of the child.
- (c) I understand that I must inform the Social Work Department of any change of my address forthwith.
- (d) I have been given a copy of the leaflet "Your Child in our Care".

Signatures of persons applying A Coult ..... (1) .....  
Relationship to Child Mother ..... (2) .....  
Date 20/6/93 ..... Witness (Social Worker's) Signature [Signature] .....

**NOTE - The leaflet "Your Child in our Care" is printed on facing page. This leaflet must be given to the parents or guardian, as stated in (d) above.**

Countersigned ..... Designation .....

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

HEALTH RECORD FOR CHILD IN CARE  
MEDICAL HISTORY AT ADMISSION TO CARE  
TO BE COMPLETED BY SOCIAL WORKER WITH PARENT OR CARER

Division: Bangff/Beechan  
 Social Worker: Mike Robertson  
 Address: Townhouse  
Tunniff  
 Tel. No.:  
 Case No.:

Consent for medical/dental treatment signed by parent. YES/NO

If parent refuses or is not available to sign authority for treatment, please write 'refusal' or 'not available' in box.

[Empty box for refusal or unavailability]

Full Name of Child ..... Donna Jean Coultie  
 Date of Birth ..... 28.03.78  
 Sex: Male/Female ..... Date of Admission ..... 20/6/93  
 Address ..... 5, Idoch cotts  
Greenestown  
Tunniff  
 Name of Child's Doctor ..... [Redacted] ..... Name of Health Visitor .....  
 Address ..... The Green Centre ..... Address .....  
Tunniff  
(62323)  
 Name of Child Health Clinic/Nursery/School Attended .....  
Centre class, Fraserburgh

Was the child in the special nursery

YES/NO

If yes please give reason .....

Length of stay in special nursery .....

**MEDICAL HISTORY OF CHILD**

**Immunisation Record** - Please give age or dates if possible

				Boosters	
	1	2	3	1	2
Diphtheria					✓
Tetanus					✓
Whooping Cough					✓
Polio					✓

MMR	
BCG	✓
Rubella	✓
Measles	✓

State any serious reactions ..... *None* .....

Date next immunisation due .....

**Infectious Illnesses** - Give age if possible

Chicken Pox	✓	Mumps	✓
Whooping Cough		TB or Contact	
German Measles		Measles	✓

Others (specify)

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.....

State any recent contact with infections

**Other illnesses, other conditions, injuries, operations etc.** (e.g. Fits)

Nature of Illness	Age or Date	Hospital/Consultant/Clinic

Please give details of any allergies or adverse reactions to drugs

..... *None* .....

**FAMILY HISTORY**

Mother's Name Alexandria Coultz Date of Birth 12-05-84  
Address 5, Idach Ct Height ..... ft ..... in ( ..... cm)

Please specify any health problems None

Father's Name [REDACTED]  
Address 5, Idach Ct Height ..... ft ..... in ( ..... cm)

Please specify any health problems None

Other family and household members (please indicate male, female and place in family)

[REDACTED]	Address (if different)	State any Health Problems
[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]		

Is there any history of serious illness in the family - please specify  
No

(if child likely to be in care for more than 4 weeks, consider completion of NP form)

**BIRTH HISTORY OF CHILD**

Were there any medical problems during the pregnancy?  
e.g. infection, bleeding, high blood pressure, medicines or drugs taken etc.

Place of Birth ..... Delivery - Normal/Forceps/Caesarean Birth Weight .....

If premature, by how many weeks

Were there any problems just after birth e.g. feeding or breathing difficulties, jaundice

Please give details of any present illness or disability and special treatment or diet being given.  
 (Please arrange for any medication, diet sheets or appliances e.g. glasses, hearing aids, calipers etc. to accompany child)

Please give details of any pending medical or dental appointments  
 (Please arrange for appointment card to accompany child)

**DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY OF CHILD**

Age when Sat steadily ..... (months)      Walked unaided ..... (months)  
 Said 1st words .....      Spoke in phrases .....  
 Dry by day .....      Dry by night .....  
 Achieved bowel control .....

Have you any concerns regarding your child's

	No	Yes	Comment
Hearing			
Vision			
Behaviour			
Day or bed wetting			
Soiling			
Speech			Attending Speech Therapy YES/NO

Other - specify .....

Had febrile convulsions - last one 8 years ago.  
 \* Took paracetamol 0.5 Spring 1993. (50 tabs)

**CONSENT FOR MEDICAL, SURGICAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT**

I hereby give my consent to such medical, surgical or dental examination and/or treatment including immunisation, and operation under general anaesthetic as may be recommended by a qualified medical or dental practitioner for

and to necessary medical information being given to the carer.

Signature A. Court  
 (Father/Mother/Legal Guardian/Person Legally in Charge of the Child)

Address 5, Idon Cott Date 20.6.93  
Cleavesdon  
Tunbridge Wells





NOTIFICATION FORM C3

Form circulated to:

Divisional Administration

Computer Record, Woodhill House


Division	Buff Burton
S.W.	M. Heberton
Case No.	1744144

For - Admissions to Care  
 Notifiable Changes of Circumstances in Care  
 Discharges from Care

\*Delete as Applicable

1. Full Name of Child Donna Lutz  
 Date of Birth 28.3.1978 \*Male/Female Female 5 digit 92485  
 (S.W.S.G. Reference No.) 

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2. Reason for \*Admission/Change/Discharge: Donna requested RTK at Childrens Hearing on 28.7.93 Panel board 21 day order

Date of \*Admission/Change/Discharge 29.7.93

Complete one of these as appropriate

{	Admissions:	Statute Applicable for Admission	<u>40(7)</u>
	Discharge:	Statute Applicable up to Discharge	
	Changes:	Statute Applicable before Change	
		Statute Applicable after Change	

3.

	Prior to Admission/Change/Discharge	After Admission/Change/Discharge
Fosterparent/Houseparent/ Parent, responsible	<u>Alexia Lutz</u>	
Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption)	<u>5 Edin Cott</u>	
School attended	<u>Leeds City, Early</u>	
Name and Address of G.P.		

Completed by [Signature] Date 30.7.93

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Division **BANFF BUCHAN**  
 Social Worker **MAILE HOBAN-TW**  
 Case No. **1744154**

Contribution of liable persons towards maintenance of a child or children in the care of the Local Authority (Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 Sections 78-83).

		Mother		
1. Full Name		<b>ALEXANDRIA COTTIS</b>		
2. Address		<b>5 LODGE COTTIS TURRET</b>		
3. Please tick appropriate box	Employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Employed	
	Receiving Family Income Supplement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Receiving Family Income Supplement	
	Receiving Supplementary Benefit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Receiving Supplementary Benefit	
4. Children in respect of whom maintenance contributions will be required				
Name	Date of Birth	Case No.	Date of	
			Admission into Care	Res. Sup. Order
<b>DODDIE COTTIS</b>	<b>28.3.1978</b>	<b>1744154</b>	<b>25.7.93</b>	<b>110(7)</b>
5. Weekly contributions payable (1/2 current child benefit rate multiplied by number of children in care)	Commencement Date .....			Amount Payable .....
6. Method of Payment: Cash/Cheque/Postal Order/By Account (Delete as appropriate)				

7. PARENTAL AGREEMENT

This section must be read and signed by both parents who must write the words 'adopted as holograph' above their signatures.

- (i) The particulars above are correct.
- (ii) I agree to make weekly contributions of £**5.00** towards the cost of keeping my children in care.

Mother's Signature **[Signature]** Date **25.7.93** Father's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*adopted as holograph*  
 Signed **[Signature]** Signed \_\_\_\_\_

8. ASSESSMENT APPROVAL

(a) Weekly contribution approved as assessed: **Forward C5 to Divisional Administrative Officer without delay** and place copy into case file.

(b) Information or agreement refused by parent: Notify Divisional Administrative Officer in writing.

(c) Suggest amendment of assessment to: .....

Reason for amendment .....

Social Worker Date **25.7.93** Senior Social Worker Date .....

Signed **[Signature]** Signed .....

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Division *Buff Buchan*  
 Social Worker *M. Hecht*  
 Case No. *1744194*

Contribution of liable persons towards maintenance of a child or children in the care of the Local Authority (Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 Sections 78-83).

		Mother	
1. Full Name			<i>Alexandra Cuth</i>
2. Address	<i>5 Buchan Court Cuminestown</i>		<i>A. 79</i>
3. Please tick appropriate box	Employed		Employed
	Receiving Family Income Supplement		Receiving Family Income Supplement
	Receiving Supplementary Benefit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Receiving Supplementary Benefit

4. Children in respect of whom maintenance contributions will be required

Name	Date of Birth	Case No.	Date of	
			Admission into Care	Res. Sup. Order
<i>Dorcas Cuth</i>	<i>28.3.1978</i>	<i>1744194</i>	<i>20.6.93</i>	<i>15</i>
	<i>Discharged</i>		<i>25.6.93</i>	

5. Weekly contributions payable (1/2 current child benefit rate multiplied by number of children in care)

Commencement Date ..... Amount Payable .....

6. Method of Payment: Cash/Cheque/Postal Order/By Account (Delete as appropriate)

7. PARENTAL AGREEMENT

This section must be read and signed by both parents who must write the words 'adopted as holograph' above their signatures.

(i) The particulars above are correct.

(ii) I agree to make weekly contributions of *£10.00* towards the cost of keeping my children in care.

Mother's Signature Date ..... Father's Signature Date .....

*adopted as holograph.*

Signed ..... Signed .....

8. ASSESSMENT APPROVAL

(a) Weekly contribution approved as assessed: **Forward C5 to Divisional Administrative Officer without delay** and place copy into case file.

(b) Information or agreement refused by parent: Notify Divisional Administrative Officer in writing.

(c) Suggest amendment of assessment to: .....

Reason for amendment .....

Social Worker Date *28.6.93* Senior Social Worker Date .....

Signed ..... Signed .....

NOTIFICATION FORM C3

Form circulated to:

Divisional Administration

Computer Record, Woodhill House


Division	Barrff Bushan
S.W.	m. Heberton
Case No.	1744144

For - Admissions to Care  
 Notifiable Changes of Circumstances in Care  
 Discharges from Care

\*Delete as Applicable

1. Full Name of Child ..... Diana Keith .....  
 Date of Birth ..... 28.3.1978 ..... \*Male/Female  
 (S.W.S.G. Reference No.) 

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5 digit ref 92485

2. Reason for \*Admission/Change/Discharge: ..... Diagnosed with an anxiety disorder. Returned, but threatened to run again. .....

Date of \*Admission/Change/Discharge ..... 20.6.93 .....

Complete one of these as appropriate	{	Admissions: Statute Applicable for Admission ..... <u>15</u> .....
		Discharge: Statute Applicable up to Discharge .....
	{	Changes: { Statute Applicable before Change .....
		{ Statute Applicable after Change .....

	Prior to Admission/Change/Discharge	After Admission/Change/Discharge
Fosterparent/Houseparent/Parent, responsible	<u>Alexandra Scott</u>	<u>ATA Elgin</u>
Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption)	<u>5 Titch St</u>	
School attended	<u>Scotts St Sch, Forth</u>	
Name and Address of G.P.		

Completed by ..... [Signature] ..... Date ..... 22.6.93 .....

NOTIFICATION FORM C3

Form circulated to:

Divisional Administration

Computer Record, Woodhill House


Division	Buffy Beaton
S.W.	M.A. Makin
Case No.	1744144

For - Admissions to Care  
 Notifiable Changes of Circumstances in Care  
 Discharges from Care

\*Delete as Applicable

1. Full Name of Child ..... Duncan Curran .....

Date of Birth ..... 24.3.78 ..... \*Male/Female 5 dyt 92485

(S.W.S.G. Reference No.) 

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2. Reason for \*Admission/Change/Discharge: ..... Difficult which will .....

..... be resolved with Duncan remaining .....

..... at home. .....

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Date of \*Admission/Change/Discharge ..... 25.6.78 .....

Complete one of these as appropriate

{	Admissions: Statute Applicable for Admission	.....	
	Discharge: Statute Applicable up to Discharge	..... <u>15</u> .....	
	Changes: {	Statute Applicable before Change	..... <u>1</u> .....
		Statute Applicable after Change	.....

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Prior to Admission/Change/Discharge	After Admission/Change/Discharge
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Fosterparent/Houseparent/Parent, responsible ..... [Signature] ..... Alexandra [Signature] .....

Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption) ..... [Signature] ..... 5 - [Signature] .....

School attended ..... [Signature] ..... Greenhill [Signature] .....

Name and Address of G.P. ..... [Signature] ..... [Redacted] .....

Completed by ..... [Signature] ..... Date ..... 28.6.78 .....

NOTIFICATION FORM C3

Form circulated to:

Divisional Administration

Computer Record, Woodhill House


Division	SARFF SUZAN
S.W.	LYONS
Case No.	1744194

For - Admissions to Care  
 Notifiable Changes of Circumstances in Care  
 Discharges from Care

5 DIET REF 92485

\*Delete as Applicable

1. Full Name of Child ..... DONNA COTTIS .....  
 Date of Birth ..... 28.3.1978 ..... \*Male/Female  
 (S.W.S.G. Reference No.) 

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2. Reason for \*Admission/Change/Discharge: ..... DONNA FOUND BY POLICE  
 AFTER BEING REPORTED MISSING - REFUSED  
 TO RETURN HOME. ADMITTED TO  
 ALLOW DONNA + FAMILY SOME BREATHING  
 SPACE TO CONSIDERATE FUTURE'S PLANS.

Date of \*Admission/Change/Discharge ..... 30.3.83

Complete one of these as appropriate

{	Admissions: Statute Applicable for Admission	.....	
	Discharge: Statute Applicable up to Discharge	.....	
	Changes: {	Statute Applicable before Change	.....
		Statute Applicable after Change	.....

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	Prior to Admission/Change/Discharge	After Admission/Change/Discharge
Fosterparent/Houseparent/ Parent, responsible	ALEXANDRA COTTIS	DONNA SUZAN
Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption)	5 BROAD COTTIS LUMENESTOWN	SEALOWAY PARK CHELSEA HAVES FRASERBURGH
School attended	TURFEE ACADEMY	.....
Name and Address of G.P.	.....	.....
	TURFEE HEALTH CENTRE	.....

Completed by ..... Date 31.3.83

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Division SANFF BUCHAN  
 Social Worker C. LAMBERT  
 Case No. 1744194

Contribution of liable persons towards maintenance of a child or children in the care of the Local Authority (Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 Sections 78-83).

		Mother	
1. Full Name		<u>ALEXANDRIA COUTTS</u>	
2. Address		<u>5 JIDDON COTTES CUMBERSTOWN TODRICK</u>	
3. Please tick appropriate box	Employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Employed
	Receiving Family Income Supplement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Receiving Family Income Supplement
	Receiving Supplementary Benefit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Receiving Supplementary Benefit

4. Children in respect of whom maintenance contributions will be required

Name	Date of Birth	Case No.	Date of	
			Admission into Care	Res. Sup. Order
<u>DONNA COUTTS</u>	<u>28.3.1972</u>	<u>1744194</u>	<u>30.3.93</u>	<u>15</u>

5. Weekly contributions payable (1/2 current child benefit rate multiplied by number of children in care)

Commencement Date ..... Amount Payable Nil .....

6. Method of Payment: Cash/Cheque/Postal Order/By Account (Delete as appropriate)

**7. PARENTAL AGREEMENT**

This section must be read and signed by both parents who must write the words 'adopted as holograph' above their signatures.

(i) The particulars above are correct.

(ii) I agree to make weekly contributions of £ Nil towards the cost of keeping my children in care.

Mother's Signature [Signature] Date 31.3.73 ..... Father's Signature [Signature] Date 31.3.73 .....

Signed [Signature] ..... Signed [Signature] .....

*adopted as Holograph*

**8. ASSESSMENT APPROVAL**

(a) Weekly contribution approved as assessed: **Forward C5 to Divisional Administrative Officer without delay** and place copy into case file.

(b) Information or agreement refused by parent: Notify Divisional Administrative Officer in writing.

(c) Suggest amendment of assessment to: .....

Reason for amendment .....

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

Signed ..... Signed .....

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NOTIFICATION FORM C3

Form circulated to:

Divisional Administration

Computer Record, Woodhill House

Two empty rectangular boxes for administrative use.

Division	BB
S.W.	CLAMBERT
Case No.	221628804

For - Admissions to Care  
Notifiable Changes of Circumstances in Care  
Discharges from Care

\*Delete as Applicable

1. Full Name of Child DONNA COUTTS

Date of Birth 28.3.1978 \*Male/Female

(S.W.S.G. Reference No.) 

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2. Reason for \*Admission/Change/Discharge: Admission to care because decided that Donna should not remain in care but should return home.

Date of \*Admission/Change/Discharge 8.4.1993

Complete one of these as appropriate

{	Admissions: Statute Applicable for Admission	.....	
	Discharge: Statute Applicable up to Discharge	..... <u>15</u> .....	
	Changes: {	Statute Applicable before Change	.....
		Statute Applicable after Change	.....

3.

	Prior to Admission/Change/Discharge	After Admission/Change/Discharge
Fosterparent/Houseparent/Parent, responsible	<u>Damian Bradley</u>	<u>Alexandra Coultts (mother)</u>
Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption)	<u>Scallan Park CH Kalesburgh</u>	<u>5 Idoch Cottages Amweston</u>
School attended	<u>22nd</u>	<u>Trinity</u>
Name and Address of G.P.	<u>[Redacted]</u>	<u>[Redacted]</u>
	<u>Trinity HC</u>	<u>Trinity HC</u>

Completed by Christine Lambert Date 16.4.1993

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20.06.93. TO MIKE HEBENTON SW TURRIFF RE.DONNA COUTTS.1744194.

SUMMARY--DONNA WAS TAKEN INTO CARE (S.15.) ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND PLACED AT ANDREW THOMPSON HOUSE IN ELGIN. C.1.,C.2. & F(P) WERE LEFT WITH [REDACTED] AT A.T.H.

FOLLOWING YOUR REQUEST FOR A CHECK PHONE CALL WE WERE CONTACTED BY MRS. COUTTS AT 12.05PM ON SAT. 19.06.93. TO SAY THAT DONNA HAD STAYED OUT ALL NIGHT. SHE HAD APPARENTLY BEEN BABYSITING AT THE HOME OF A FRIEND. MOTHER SAID SHE HAD FORBIDDEN DONNA TO BABYSIT WITH THIS GIRL. SHE ADDED THAT SHE HAD SEEN DONNA IN CUMINESTOWN BUT THAT DONNA WAS REFUSING TO RETURN HOME. TOM MALONE (DUTY CO-ORD

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INATOR) ADVISED MRS.C. TO WAIT TO SE IF DONNA DID RETURN HOME AND WHAT HER ATTITUDE WAS AT THAT TIME. SHE WAS ALSO ADVISED TO CONTACT THE POLICE IF THERE HAD BEEN NO CONTACT BY TEA-TIME.

I PHONED MRS.C. AT 9.05PM. SHE SAID THAT SHE HAD REPORTED DONNA AS MISSING AT 16.15PM. THE POLICE HAD GONE TO HER FRIEND'S HOUSE [REDACTED] BUT HAD MISSED DONNA. APPARENTLY DONNA HAD BEEN TELLING EVERYONE IN C'TOWN THAT SHE WAS NOR RETURNING HOME. [REDACTED]

MIND AT REST ABOUT THIS. AT THIS STAGE IT WAS LEFT THAT MRS.C. WOULD CONTACT US LATER IF NECESSARY AND THAT WE WOULD PHONE HER ON SUNDAY IF WE DIDN'T HEAR

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HER. WE ALSO CONTACTED TURRIFF POLICE AT THIS POINT. THEY PHONED BACK AT 11.40 PM TO SAY THAT THEY HAD CALLED AT [REDACTED] AT 9.30PM AND WERE TOLD THAT BOTH GIRLS WERE AT THE SWING-PARK IN TURRIFF. THE POLICE RETURNED TO [REDACTED] AT ABOUT 11.20PM AND SEARCHED THE HOUSE. THE GIRLS WERE NOT THERE AND WERE EXPECTED TO BE BACK AROUND MIDNIGHT. THE POLICE PLANNED TO VISIT AGAIN AND AGREED THAT IF DONNA TURNED UP THERE AND THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF RISK THAT NO FURTHER ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN TONGIHT. THE POLICE THOUGHT THAT MOTHER WOULD ACCEPT THIS ON THE BASIS THAT DONNA WAS BETTER OFF WITH [REDACTED] THAN WALKING THE STREETS.

MRS.COUTS PHONED AT 12.40PM ON SUNDAY TO SAY THAT DONNA HAD JUST BEEN BROUGHT BACK BY THE POLICE AND WAS SAYING SHE WOULD RUN AWAY AS SOON AS THE

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POLICE LEFT. THE POLICE SHARED THIS OPINION AND EVENTUALLY DONNA WAS TAKEN TO TURIF AND THAN BANFF POLICE STATION TO AWAIT ARIVAL OF OOHs STAFF. POLICE WERE ADVISED THAT THIS WOULD TAKE SOME TIME.

[REDACTED] CONTACTED PARENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE AFTERNOON SHIFT AND VISITED THEM AT 4PM. PARENTS RE-ITERATED THEIR CONCERNS THAT THEY COULD NO LONGER CONTROL DONNA AND THAT THEY THOUGHT THAT HER BEHAVIOUR AND EXPECTAIONS OF WHAT SHE SHOULD DO WERE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. THEY COULDN'T SEE ANY ROOM FOR NEGOTIATIONS TODAY AND ALTHOUGH THEY THOUGHT THAT DONNA WAS IN PART GETTING HER OWN WAY BY THEM ASKING FOR HER TO COME INTO CARE THEY COULDN'T SEE ANY ALTERNATIVE.

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A BED WAS EVENTUALLY FOUND FOR DONNA AT A.T.H \*\*\*\*\* [REDACTED] WANTED TO  
MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.\*\*\*\*\*

[REDACTED] THENN SPOKE TO DONNA AT BANFF POLICE STATION. DONNA WAS NOT  
FORTHCOMING ABOUT ANY DETAILS OF WHY SHE DIDN'T WANT TO RETURN HOME. SHE SAID  
THAT SHE DIDN'T LIKE HER MOTHER BUT WOULDN'T EXPAND ON THIS. THERE WAS NO  
INDICATION THAT DONNA MIGHT CHANGE HER MIND AND SEEK SOME RE-CONCILIATION WITH  
PARENTS.

DONNA WAS TAKEN TO A.T.H. AT ABOUT 8.30PM. SHE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE UPSET  
BY HER R.I.C AND THE ONE TOPIC OF CONVERSATION WHICH PROMPTED A RESPONSE WAS  
WHEN SHE WAS ASKED ABOUT HER STAY AT SCALLOWAY PARK. DONNA KNOWS THAT THE

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PLACEMENT AT A.T.H. IS FOR A WEEK AT THE MOST. PARENTS WERE ADVISED ONCE THE  
ADMISSION WAS COMPLETED AND WERE GIVEN THE PHONED NUMBER OF A.T.H. MRS.C. PLANS  
TO CONTACT YOU IN THE MORNING.

I SHALL BE AT HOME TOMORROW SHOULD YOU WISHN TO DISCUS ANY OF THESE POINTS.

[REDACTED] OOHS.

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EMERGENCY BEL  
WAS LOCATED AT SCALLOWAY PARK AND [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] TRANSPORTED  
DONNA THERE. BECAUSE OF OTHER DEMANDS ON THEIR TIME, DONNA WAS TAKEN TO THE  
CABIN BY POLICE TO AWAIT COLLECTION BY OCHS. THE POLICE ALSO NOTIFIED PARENTS  
OF THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR DONNA.

THE VARIOUS PARTIES WILL EXPECT SOME CONTACT FROM DAY STAFF ON TUESDAY TO WORK  
OUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT. PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE NOT ACTUALLY MET PARENTS TONIGHT, SO

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HAVE NOT BEEN IN A POSITION TO COMPLETE ANY CARE FORMS. DONNA SHOULD ARRIVE AT  
SCALLOWAY PARK AROUND THE TIME THIS EXAC IS SENT.

IF [REDACTED] LEARN ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT IN THEIR CONTACT WITH DONNA  
TONIGHT, ONE OR OTHER WILL PHONE THIS INTO YOUR OFFICE LATER IN THE DAY.

REGARDS,  
BILL MEDFORD  
OCO MEDF

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29.3.93 CHRISTINE LAMBERT TURRIFF RE DONNA COUTTS 5 IDOCH COTTS

THIS GIRL ADMITTED TO SCALLOWAY PARK ON A SEC 15 BASIS OVERNIGHT.

AT 2340 TONIGHT, [REDACTED] FROM TURRIFF RANG OOHS. DONNA HAD BEEN REPORTED MISSING - THE POLICE HAD NOW FOUND HER, BUT SHE WAS REFUSING TO GO HOME IN A VIOLENT FASHION. HER REASON BEING THAT FATHER HIT HER AND AT THE PRESENT THERE WERE JUST TOO MANY PROBLEMS AROUND FOR HER TO FACE. THE POLICE SAID SHE HAD NOTES IN HER POSSESSION ACCUSING HER OF HAVING A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HER BOYFRIEND - BUT I DO NOT KNOW WHERE THESE NOTES CAME FROM. THE POLICE REFERRED TO THE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE HOUSE AS "ATROCIOUS" - DIRTY, UNFURNISHED, LACK OF CLOTHING. THEY FELT DONNA SHOULD NOT RETURN AT THE PRESENT TIME AS APART

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FROM THE UNWELCOMING CONDITIONS, SHE WOULD JUST DISAPPEAR AGAIN. DONNA HAD NOT PROVED TO BE VERY TALKATIVE AND IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHAT HAD MADE HER RUN OFF.

IT SEEMED SENSIBLE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO ACCOMMODATE DONNA OUTWITH THE HOUSE AT LEAST OVERNIGHT. THE CABIN HAD NO SPARE ACCOMMODATION BUT AN EMERGENCY BED

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10.10.93 M. HEBENTON TURRIFF RE DONNA COUTTS

FORRES GROUP HOME REPORTED DONNA MISSING AT 22.00 ON SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER.  
THEY HAD LEFT AROUND 20.30 AND HAD BEEN REPORTED MISSING TO THE POLICE. STAFF  
WERE ABOUT TO INFORM THE FAMILY. SHE LEFT IN THE COMPANY OF [REDACTED]

L. SMITH OOHS

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5.12.93 MEGAN CAMBRIDGE BANFF RE DONNA COUTTS C/O FGH

[REDACTED] RANG OOHS AT 2310 ON SATURDAY TO SAY DONNA HAD JUMPED OUT OF A WINDOW AND RUN OFF. THE POLICE HAD BEEN ALERTED. HE RANG AGAIN AT 1000 SUNDAY TO REPORT DONNA HAD COME BACK AROUND 0330. NO OFFENCES WERE MENTIONED.

[REDACTED] OOHS WLME

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09.12.93 M. CAMBRIDGE BANFF RE DONNA COUTTS

FORRES GROUP HOME ADVISED OOHS AT 20.35 THIS EVENING THAT DONNA, ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED] HAD ABSCONDED. THE POLICE HAD BEEN INFORMED AND F.G.H. UNDERTOOK TO INFORM DONNA'S PARENTS.

L. SMITH OOHS

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20.03.94.TO MEGAN CAMBRIDGE BANFF RE.DONNA COUTTS.1744194.

GAVIN GAULT FORM SCALLOWAY PARK PHONED AT 9.05PM ON 18.03.94. TO SAY THAT DONNA HAD FAILED TO RETURN TO SCALLOWAY AS ARRANGED AT 5PM. SHE WAS KNOWN TO HAVE MET ANOTHER GIRL IN ELLON AND TO HAVE GONE TO ABERDEEN WITH TWO OTHER GIRLS. ROSSIE WERE ADVISED AND EXPECTED DONNA BACK ONCE SHE WAS FOUND.

GAVIN PHONED AT 11.50PM TO ADVISE US THAT DONNA WAS IN THE POLICE STATION IN ELLON. SHE WAS COLLECTED AND TAKEN TO ROSSIE ( ARRIVED ABOUT 2.30AM ). DONNA WAS COOPERATIVE DURING THE JOURNEY AND BOASTED ABOUT HER EXPLOITS IN ABERDEEN EARLIER IN THE EVENING.

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28.08.94 SSW STEVE HOTHERSALL AND SW MEGAN CAMBRIDGE BANFF; DONNA COUTTS

FURTHER TO YOUR ALERT ON FRIDAY 26TH, DONNA PHONED OOHs AT 11.15PM SAYING THAT SHE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SCALLOWAY PARK WHO WOULD NOT HELP HER. SHE SAID THAT SHE WAS STRANDED IN FRASERBURGH HAVING MISSED THE LAST BUS. A MALE COULD BE HEARD IN THE BACKGROUND ADVISING HER WHAT TO SAY. OOHs ADVISED HER THAT WE HAD BEEN ALERTED TO THE FACT THAT SHE MIGHT CALL OOHs AND ADVISED HER THAT SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING HERSELF TO HER OWN ACCOMMODATION.

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BANFF AND BUCHAN DIVISION

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SOCIAL WORK DEPT.  
BANFF/BUCHAN DIV.

25. AUG 1994

From Audrey Craig  
Residential Social Worker  
Fraserburgh Children's Home

To Steve Hothersall  
Senior Social Worker  
Banff

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Our Ref. EW/AC

Your Ref.

Date 24.8.94

Dear Steve

Please find enclosed a copy of Donna Coutts' new contract  
for your reference.

Audrey Craig

A.C.

# GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

## SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT - MORAY DIVISION

ARCHIE ROBB, Director

Telephone No. (0343) 541111

Our Ref. GS/VMA

Your Ref. MH/SD

DIVISIONAL OFFICE

9 NORTH GUILDRIY STREET

ELGIN IV30 1JR

18 August 1993

Mr Mike Hebenton  
Social Work Department  
Banff & Buchan Division  
Towie House  
Manse Road  
TURRIFF  
AB53 7AY

Dear Mr Hebenton

**Donna Coutts (28.3.1978)**

I refer to your letter of the 6 August 1993 addressed to [REDACTED] Social Work Manager, concerning the above young person.

I regret that there are no suitable foster care resources available in Moray at present.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

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# Donna

- Clinch at which Lizzie were upped  
accomodate on proposals = Scullough 1
- Clifton Rd - iffy.
- home - ~~beaver~~ - Aberdeen.
- Proactoral.
- Panel pending
- meeting set for 16<sup>th</sup>??
- secure over over will not be store
- don't fit secure over criteria.
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# Package 4 Donna.

- ~~Package~~ Preparatory phase of 3/12 to  
transition between Rossie & Seal  
↑ frequency basis

- periods of time at home

- purchase of - Clifton Rd  
- SUP accom

being in mind . . . . That the  
don't want to work with us . . . .!

Camp Core - yes.

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| Social Worker <u>M. Adams</u> | Grant |      |
| Case No. ....                 |       |      |

1. Name of Client A. C.  
 2. Client's Address 5 Hill  
Cambridge  
 3. Date of Payment 24.5.13 4. A

5. Authorised by M. Adams Designation Social W

6. Reason for Payment No child benefit

7. Client's Receipt/Undertaking to Repay

I acknowledge receipt of £ 10 being paid to me in \*cash/by cheque/by foodline or  
 to ..... \*and I undertake to repay this sum by \*weekly/monthly instalments

to Grampian Regional Council or I understand that this money will be recovered from my entitlement to Statutory

This sum will be repaid by ..... 19 .....

The first instalment is due on ..... 19 .....

Signature of Client A. C. Witness .....  
 (see note 1) (see notes 1 and 2)

Date 26.5.13 Witness .....

- Normally the Client will acknowledge receipt of assistance given at Section 7 of the form without the signature
- Should the client be unable to read or not have the capacity to give a valid signature, the form must be signed the fact witnessed by 2 adults.

\*Delete as appropriate

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1. Name of Client Donna Co  
 2. Client's Address 5, 1 Doct  
CUMINESTO  
 3. Date of Payment 28.11.94 4. Ar  
 Designation SENIOR SOCIAL

5. Authorised by STEVE HOTHERSALL  
 6. Reason for Payment DONNA TRAINING SCHEME - NO PAYMENT Y=

7. Client's Receipt/Understanding to Repay  
~~I acknowledge receipt of £~~ 20 (TWENTY POUNDS ONLY) being paid to me in \*cash/by cheque/by foodline or  
~~to~~ ..... \*and I undertake to repay this sum by \*weekly/monthly instalments  
~~to Grampian Regional Council or I understand that this money will be recovered from my entitlement to Statutory~~

This sum will be repaid by ..... 19 .....

The first instalment is due on ..... 19 .....

Signature of Client [Signature] Witness .....  
 (see note 1) DONNA COUMES (see notes 1 and 2)  
 Date 28.11.94 Witness .....

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1. Name of Client DONNA CO  
 2. Client's Address 5, DOOTH C  
CUMINESTOWN, T  
 3. Date of Payment 18.11.94 4. Ar  
 Designation SENIOR SCH

5. Authorised by S. HOTHERSALL  
 6. Reason for Payment DONNA AT HOME WITH MOTHER NO MONEY

7. Client's Receipt/Undertaking to Repay  
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~~to~~ ..... \*and I undertake to repay this sum by \*weekly/monthly instalments  
 to Grampian Regional Council or I understand that this money will be recovered from my entitlement to Statutory

This sum will be repaid by ..... 19 .....  
 The first instalment is due on ..... 19 .....

Signature of Client [Signature] Witness .....  
 (see note 1) (see notes 1 and 2)  
 Date 18.11.94 Witness .....

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2. Should the client be unable to read or not have the capacity to give a valid signature, the form must be signed on the fact witnessed by 2 adults.

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| Social Worker <u>VHS</u> |       |                                     |
| Case No. ....            | Grant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

1. Name of Client Donna E  
 2. Client's Address 5, DOCK  
CUMINESTOWN  
 3. Date of Payment 9.11.94 4. A  
 Designation SENIOR BCIA

5. Authorised by STEVE HOTHERSALL  
 6. Reason for Payment AT HOME WITH MOTHER - NO MONEY  
 7. Client's Receipt/Undertaking to Repay

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 to ..... \*and I undertake to repay this sum by \*weekly/monthly instalments or  
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This sum will be repaid by ..... 19 .....

The first instalment is due on ..... 19 .....

Signature of Client [Signature] Witness .....  
 (see note 1) (see notes 1 and 2)

Date 9.11.94 Witness .....

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| Case No. _____                     | Grant |      |

1. Name of Client DONNA COULTS  
 2. Client's Address 5, 1 DOCK  
CUMINESTOWN, 7  
 3. Date of Payment 26.10.94 4. A  
 Designation SENIOR SOCI

5. Authorised by S. HOTHERSALL  
 6. Reason for Payment DONNA AT HOME - NO MONEY  
 7. Client's Receipt/Undertaking to Repay

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Signature of Client DONNA COULTS Witness \_\_\_\_\_  
 (see note 1) (see notes 1 and 2)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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SECTION 12 SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

ISSUE OF LOANS/GRANTS

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| Division .....      | <u>B+B</u>    | Loan  | Tick |
| Social Worker ..... | <u>VAL S.</u> |       |      |
| Case No. ....       |               | Grant |      |

1. Name of Client DONNA

2. Client's Address 5, DOCK  
CUMMIN

3. Date of Payment 30.9.94

Designation S.S.W.

4. Authorised by S. HOTHERSALL

6. Reason for Payment DONNA AT HOME WITH MUM - NO BONS

7. Client's Receipt/Undertaking to Repay

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Signature of Client A. [Signature]

Date 30.9.94

Witness .....  
(see notes 1 and 2)

Witness .....

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Money given to Mrs Carrts via Mike

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| Case No. ....                    |       |      |

1. Name of Client Miss Donna

2. Client's Address S. Hill  
Cumertown

3. Date of Payment 13/9/94 4. A

Authorised by Steve A Designation SSW

6. Reason for Payment Donna at home ill now. No one

7. Client's Receipt/Undertaking to Repay

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(see note 1) (see notes 1 and 2)

Date 13/9/94 Witness .....

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| Social Worker | VAL SHRIMPTON | Grant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Case No.      | 1744194       |       |                                     |

1. Name of Client Ms Donna  
 2. Client's Address 5.100  
Cummins  
 3. Date of Payment 23.9.94 4. A

authorised by Steve Hetherall Designation .....

6. Reason for Payment DONNA AT HOME WITH MUM - NO MONEY

7. Client's Receipt/Undertaking to Repay

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Signature of Client Donna Courts Witness .....  
 (see note 1) (see notes 1 and 2)

Date 23.9.94 Witness .....

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| Social Worker <u>VAL STRIPPON.</u> | Grant | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Case No. ....                      |       |                          |

1. Name of Client DONNA  
 2. Client's Address 5, 100...  
CUMMI...  
 3. Date of Payment 5.10.94 4. Ar...

Authorised by S. HOTHERSALL Designation Sr Social Work  
 6. Reason for Payment DONNA AT HOME WITH MOTHER - NO MON

7. Client's Receipt/Undertaking to Repay  
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Signature of Client DONNA Witness .....  
 (see note 1) (see notes 1 and 2)  
 Date 3.10.94 Witness .....

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Donna

30/12/93 pm Collecting [redacted] Andy Arrived just after  
supper time. Donna very quiet Andy  
keeping herself to herself, spending most of  
her time watching TV Andy then off to  
her job before supper time. Not nice  
things being said between Donna and [redacted]

31/12/93 am up late this morning, showering Andy dressed  
still upstairs. A bit more cheerful looking  
this morning. [redacted]

31/12/93 PM Out after tea with [redacted]  
See at Bells not 100% sober.  
Collected by Audrey with [redacted]  
took some time to settle [redacted]

1/1/94 AM up late and off to [redacted]  
with [redacted] to be back for [redacted]  
tea. [redacted]

1/1/94 pm.

Donna returned by one of [redacted] friends along with  
[redacted] after being denied to stay at [redacted] until  
8:00 pm. Donna obviously under the influence of  
alcohol also wearing two very large love bites  
on her neck. Discussion about event at [redacted]  
would appear to be potentially dangerous. Hairspray  
and other aerosols supposedly being set alight to  
some very close to people's hair ([redacted] shows  
obvious signs of this having had his hair singed.)  
Donna grounded for remainder of her stay. She  
was not happy with this and continually asked to

go out, but managed to stay put. Marked change in sulky behaviour when speaking about her return to Fomes tomorrow more relaxed and part of the group watching t.v. Organised her stuff and off to bed with no apparent problems until later it looked like she was planning to abscond with [redacted] having their clothes on under their night clothes. at 1.00 AM. Eventually settled before 3.00 am.  
Suzanne.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1994 <sup>am</sup>

Woken 10.00<sup>am</sup> and returned to Fomes by  
B. Suzanne.

Grampian Regional Council - Banff/Buchan Division

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Fraserburgh

Report by ..... Audrey Craig ..... for .. Children's Hearing to be .....  
held at Macduff on Wednesday 29th June 1994 at 12 noon  
concerning ..... Donna Coutts d.o.b. 28.3.78 .....

INTRODUCTION

The decision of Donna's last Panel on 12/4/94 was that Donna should remain at Rossie School for a further three months continuing to use Scalloway Park as a weekend base. She was to move to the semi-independent Unit at Rossie. Donna expressed herself as in agreement with these decisions.

WEEKENDS AT SCALLOWAY PARK

22/24/4 - this was a successful weekend, including contact with Donna's sister [REDACTED]  
29/4 - 2/5 - Friday, Saturday and Sunday went well, and on Monday Donna was taken to Forres to see her friend [REDACTED]. In the evening Donna absconded along with two other young people from Scalloway Park. After being missing all night, the trio handed themselves in to Fraserburgh Police Station at 7.10 am. Tuesday morning, Donna was returned to Rossie by [REDACTED]  
7/5 - Donna absconded on the Friday evening, along with three other young people. Was returned by Police at 1.30 am, was very verbally abusive and refused to settle until 4 am. Rumours of delinquent and criminal activity (later confirmed). Returned by bus to Rossie as planned next day.  
13/5 - 15/5 - Donna Collected from Rossie by [REDACTED]. Busy next day choosing paint for her bedroom at Scalloway Park. In the evening Donna tried to buy vodka at the local shop, and shouted abuse at the shopkeeper when this was refused. In the course of this tirade, Donna admitted vandalism and theft at the shop the previous weekend. The next day Donna painted her room. In the evening she absconded with two other young people, returning at 2.30 am. Was later questioned by Police and admitted theft and vandalism on two occasions at the local shop. Was taken back to Rossie by Mr. Bradley.  
17/6 - 20/6 - Donna's weekends at Scalloway Park resumed, with a new contract designed to give her more responsibility. This weekend went well, with Donna spending the Friday night in Aberdeen with her stepfather [REDACTED]. Donna kept a low profile during the time she spent at Scalloway Park.

### OBSERVATIONS

During April and May, Donna's pattern seemed to be that she made small moves towards accepting Scalloway Park as her base, but immediately and quite determinedly undermined these by absconding, delinquent and criminal behaviour, pulling other young people along with her. She basically decided against making positive use of the opportunities offered by Scalloway Park, and when challenged on any point retreated into the "I've got no choice about coming here" pose (not strictly true, as Donna freely consented to this arrangement on 12/4). When asked to make decisions about her future life, Donna would say she didn't care, this leaving adults in the position of making decisions which Donna could then reject. This is a ploy which Donna has used for a long time; as she grows older it is increasingly pointless.

The recent resumption of weekends at Scalloway Park gives Donna another chance to build a base for use when she leaves Rossie. If this is successful and Donna does come to us, we feel the only chance of Donna making good use of the Establishment would be on a voluntary basis and without a Compulsory Supervision Order. This would put Donna into an adult position as the decision to live at Scalloway Park would be her own; also any criminal behaviour would bring her into the criminal justice system which Donna might regard with some respect. Responsibility must be placed squarely on Donna's shoulders.

### CONCLUSION

Scalloway Park are willing to offer Donna a home base for weekends while she continues at Rossie, and a full-time place from late July 94. If Donna wishes to accept a place with us, we would recommend that she be placed on a Section 15, without a Compulsory Supervision Order. This would clarify for Donna that her life is now in her own hands; offers of help are made in good faith and the time for playing games within the care system is now over.

Audrey Craig  
Residential Social Worker

A.C.

Donald Stewart  
Rector

Your Ref.

Our Ref. LS/BS

Date 25 March 1993

Mr MacPhail  
Social Work Department  
Seafield House  
BANFF



Victoria Terrace  
Turriff  
Aberdeenshire  
AB53 7EE

Tel. (0888) 63216

Dear Sir

**DONNA COUTTS (3F):**

Problems with Donna have increased steadily since she came to Turriff Academy in 1990. Initially in First Year, she seemed a quiet, solemn, little girl, admittedly who had problems at primary school; but by the end of the session difficulties between her and fellow pupils, were growing.

In second Year, relationships between Donna and other pupils deteriorated further: constant squabbling, even fighting within her "circle" was the norm. Lectures, counselling sessions, contact with parents, punishments, all failed to have an effect on Donna. After discussion with Mike Heberton, a Turriff Social Worker, sessions with Jane Robinson, an I T worker, were suggested for Donna [redacted] but after the initial meeting, [redacted] were reluctant to continue.

Donna's truancy did not begin until Third Year when classroom conduct also worsened: she became far more truculent and aggressive in manner; seemed on the one hand to resent any questioning of her behaviour and on the other almost to provoke an angry reaction by smirking constantly and any sympathetic approach was met by smirking constantly and any sympathetic approach was met by a stony silence. Classwork was rarely completed, homework never handed in and folders and jotters invariably 'lost'. No effort was made to hide her truancies - in fact, she seemed to invite discovery by coming in to school at lunchtime!

Contact was again established with the home and with Mrs Christine Lambert, Social Worker and a meeting was held in the school - attended by Mrs Linda Smith, Mrs Christine Lambert, Mrs S Coutts and [redacted] to discuss strategies to help Donna. However, Donna refused to see [redacted] Educational Psychologist, as suggested and, despite being given several opportunities, chose not to talk to Mrs Lambert either.

Since then, the truancies have continued and, as further punishment exercises, detention and the issuing of a Behaviour/Attendance Register still failed to impress Donna, I had no choice but to inform the Education Authority and suggest referral to the Assessment Team, in the hope that they might be able to offer other avenues of help to explore.

I enclose a Record of Attendance.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Smith  
Principal Teacher of Guidance

### GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE RECORD REPORT

School TURRIFF ACADEMY Room/Class 3F  
 Pupil's Name DONNA LOUITS Date of Birth 28/3/78  
 Address 5 IDOCH COTTAGES, WOODHEAD, DALRYMPH, TURRIFF Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

| 1992 Week Ending | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Teacher's Comments | 1992 Week Ending | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Teacher's Comments | 1993 Week Ending | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Teacher's Comments |
|------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|--------------------|------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|--------------------|------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|--------------------|
| Aug 28           |        |         |           |          |        |                    | Dec 18           |        |         |           |          |        |                    | April 9          |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Sept 4           |        |         | o         | o        |        | U                  | Dec 25           |        |         |           |          |        |                    | April 16         |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Sept 11          |        |         |           |          |        |                    | 1993 Jan 1       |        |         |           |          |        |                    | April 23         |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Sept 18          |        |         |           | o        | o      | U                  | Jan 8            |        |         |           |          |        |                    | April 30         |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Sept 25          |        |         |           |          |        |                    | Jan 15           |        | o       |           |          |        | U                  | May 7            |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Oct 2            |        |         |           |          |        |                    | Jan 22           |        |         | o         | o        | o      | E-L                | May 14           |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Oct 9            |        | o       | o         |          |        | U                  | Jan 29           | o      | o       |           |          |        | U                  | May 21           |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Oct 16           |        |         |           |          |        |                    | Feb 5            |        |         |           | o        |        |                    | May 28           |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Oct 23           |        |         |           |          |        |                    | Feb 12           |        |         |           |          |        |                    | June 4           |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Oct 30           |        |         |           |          |        |                    | Feb 19           |        |         |           |          |        |                    | June 11          |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Nov 6            | o      |         |           |          |        | E-L                | Feb 26           |        |         |           | o        | o      | U                  | June 18          |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Nov 13           |        | o       | o         |          |        | U                  | Mar 5            | o      |         |           |          |        | E                  | June 25          |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Nov 20           |        |         |           |          |        |                    | Mar 12           |        |         |           | o        | o      | U                  | July 2           |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Nov 27           |        |         |           |          |        |                    | Mar 19           |        |         |           |          |        |                    |                  |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Dec 4            |        |         |           |          |        |                    | Mar 26           |        |         |           |          |        |                    |                  |        |         |           |          |        |                    |
| Dec 11           |        |         |           |          |        |                    | Apr 2            |        |         |           |          |        |                    |                  |        |         |           |          |        |                    |

NOTE  
Absence only to be marked thus - O

DONNA COUTTS : 3F,

RECORD OF CONTACT

11/9/92 : missing from school <sup>morning</sup> from interval  
14/9/92 : lunchtime detention  
15/9/92 : letter to parents

7/10/92 : truancy  
letter to parents  
lunchtime detention

3/11/92 : complaint about behaviour in Maths class

4/11/92 : complaint about behaviour in Science class

10/11/92 :  (Ed Psych) contacted school - will be seeing

Donna Coutts

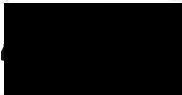
12/11 - 13/11/92 : truancy

16/11/92 : eccentric behaviour in P.S.E class.

17/11 - 19/11/92 : lunchtime detention

17/11/92 : letter to parents

24/11/92 :  interviewed Donna

25/11/92 : Donna indicated that she did not wish to see 



- 2/12/92 : insolence to English teacher
- 3/12/92 : truanted since period three - passed on message to Mrs Cuthts via Donna's younger sister.
- 4/12/92 : letter from Mrs Cuthts asking for meeting to be arranged with Mrs C. Lambert, Social Worker.
- 9/12 - 11/12/92 : lunchtime detention
- 15/12/92 : meeting with Mrs Lambert, Mr J. superior and Mrs Cuthts.
- 17/12/92 : spoke to Donna about seeing the Educational Psychologist - no response.
- 18/12/92 : contacted Mrs Lambert about above.
- 21/1 - 22/1/93 : truancy
- 22/1/93 : contacted neighbours of Cuthts, as suggested by Mrs Cuthts at meeting to inform her of truancy.
- 28/1/93 : letter to parents, asking permission to detain Donna after school.
- 1/2/93 : permission received
- 2/2/93 : Donna detained after school for an hour.
- 5/2/93 : truanted in morning - seen in canteen - warned by Deputy Rector - attended afternoon

8/2/93 : letter to parents  
letter to D.O.E.

9/2/93 : contacted Mrs Lambert

17/2/93 : D.O.E. to send referral form for  
Assessment Team.

22/2/93 : Behavior/Attendance Register issued

24/2/93 : referred Down to Assessment Team.

12/3/93 : trunsted

15/3 - 17/3/93 : lunchtime detention  
lost B/A Register - new one issued.



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REPORT BY  
Christine Lambert

FOR  
Divisional Educational Assessment Team

concerning  
Donna Coutts, (dob 28.3.78), 5 Idoch Cottages, Cuminestown

FAMILY COMPOSITION

[REDACTED]

Donna Coutts            14 years            Attends Turriff Academy

[REDACTED]

FAMILY BACKGROUND

[REDACTED]

Mrs Coutts initially contacted me in November 1992. She reported she was having difficulties with Donna at home and she understood Donna was truanting occasionally. Mrs Coutts described that Donna often seemed generally angry and was argumentative. There had been occasional stealing of small amounts of money from home. Sometimes Donna would "be her old self" and would be sociable and chatty. Usually Donna had accepted sanctions imposed on her by her parents - not being allowed out in the evening. Donna could not identify to Mrs Coutts what it was that caused her unhappiness. Mrs Coutts felt that Donna reacted to being found out for any misbehaviour with a mixture of relief and anger.

Mr and Mrs Coutts feel the situation with Donna improved over Christmas and they arranged for her to spend alternate weekends with [REDACTED] in Aberdeen as a reward. Unfortunately, this arrangement did not last because of [REDACTED]. At present Mrs Coutts describes Donna as being variable, usually moody and argumentative.

Mrs Coutts blames a lot of Donna's problems on a fellow pupil [REDACTED] whom she says has inappropriately advised Donna on her rights day to day e.t. having to pay attention to [REDACTED]

Following a self-referral by Mrs Coutts last summer, Donna saw [REDACTED] once and subsequently told Linda Smith she would not see her again. At a meeting between Turriff Academy, Mrs Coutts, Donna and the Social Work Department, Donna was offered the choice of seeing myself or [REDACTED]. She refused to see either and had until recently maintained this attitude. In February, 1993 she told Mrs Coutts that she would like to see me and I wrote offering an appointment. Donna failed to keep the appointment. As I believed that she may see me as being too closely aligned with her parents and the school, I asked Jane Robison, IT Worker, if she would meet with Donna at school to see if any relationship with Donna could be established.

ASSESSMENT OF THE FAMILY

[REDACTED]  
*Donna has no contact with her natural father.*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
However, this means that Donna may feel that she cannot compete materially with her peer group at school.

[REDACTED]  
Mrs Coutts says at times that she is at the end of her tether with Donna but she would not want her to leave home. She feels at times that Donna is dominant in their relationship and it is difficult for her to maintain any control. Donna appears to be failing to engage with anyone.

I have not yet seen Donna so cannot offer any assessment on her. This family have had crises with children in the past which have resolved themselves when minimal intervention has taken place. I had a reluctance to increase my involvement as I felt this may in itself exacerbate the situation.

CHRISTINE LAMBERT  
Social Worker

CL/CD  
18 March 1993

**GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT****REVIEW OF CHILD IN CARE**

**Division:** Banff/Buchan  
**Full Name of Child:** Donna Coutts  
**Date of Birth:** 28/03/78  
**Social Worker:** Megan Cambridge

The review took place within Rossie School, Montrose on Friday 10 June 1994 at 11.00 am. This review should be seen as a continuation of the previous review held at Rossie School on Tuesday 17 May 1994, which had been unable to make decisions about Donna's weekend leaves pending Scalloway Park's role being clarified, and other resources available to her being sought.

**Those Present:** Megan Cambridge, Social Worker  
 [REDACTED] Forth School, Rossie School  
 [REDACTED] Keyworker, Rossie School  
 Damain Bradley, Principal Res Social Worker  
 Donna Coutts, Subject  
 Ian Crockatt, Senior Social Worker (Child Care)

**Apologies:** Audrey Craig, Residential Social Worker

**Reports:** None

**PRESENT SITUATION**

Donna has continued to be resident at Forth House since the last review. Work experience was found for her at a day care centre in Montrose, but after one day there Donna decided not to continue this. Work within the unit with her has therefore concentrated on basic living skills, like shopping, preparing meals, etc.

**HOME LEAVE**

Donna has made two day visits to her mother's home, and had an overnight stay with her on 3 June 1994. She and her mother described these visits as having gone reasonably well. Mrs Coutts made it plain that she would wish to offer Donna a home base with her should she want it, but Donna has indicated to her keyworker that she does not yet feel ready for this. It was noted that Donna has made her own way to and from her mother's home, and appeared to be very happy on return to Rossie.

**PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

An approach has been made to the Leaving Care Project at Clifton Road, in Aberdeen, with a view to it becoming Donna's home base some time in the future. Once application has been made there is a six to eight week process of moving towards acceptance by the project. Prior to the meeting Donna had expressed reluctance about making application unless she were able to see the project first. However, it was made plain that seeing around the project is part of the application process, and filling in the application in no way commits Donna, or indeed the leaving care project.

### SCALLOWAY PARK'S ROLE

A meeting had taken place within the Social Work Department on Friday 27 May to discuss Scalloway Park's future role with Donna. This meeting involved Alistair Macphail, Social Work Manager, Damain Bradley, Principal Res Social Worker, and Ian Crockatt, Senior Social Worker (Child Care). Megan Cambridge, Social Worker, and Steve Hothersall, Senior Social Worker, had been invited to attend but were unable to do so. It was suggested at this meeting that Scalloway Park would be able to offer the possibility of weekend leave to Donna, perhaps leading to residence with them at a later stage, if she were able to remain in Forth House at Rossie School for a further three months after the forthcoming Childrens Hearing. This plan was provisional, subject to Mr Macphail negotiating it with [REDACTED] at Rossie School.

At todays review [REDACTED] indicated that her understanding of the agreement negotiated with Mr Macphail was different. She had not anticipated Donna returning to Rossie School on a secure order after the Panel, which is due to take place in the second week of July. She felt it unlikely that Rossie School would be able to agree to this. Damain Bradley felt that it had been difficult to negotiate the agreement referred to and he was not in position to move from that agreement without further consultation with his staff and senior management.

The suggestion was made that even if Donna were returned to Rossie School on a further three months order, this did not necessarily mean her remaining at the school for the whole three months. The period could be used to further her transition from Forth House to the leaving care project at Clifton Road, or another as yet unidentified resource. In this situation, however, she would still require a home base, and Donna was not yet ready to contemplate her mother's home being that base.

It was evident that misunderstandings arising from the meeting on 27 May referred to made it impossible for this review to come to clear decisions about Donna's future, and that re-negotiation of the roles of Scalloway Park and Rossie School in Donna's live was required.

[REDACTED] expressed her view that she should have been invited to the meeting which took place on 27 May, and offered to attend any such future meeting held in Banff/Buchan.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS REVIEW

1. That Donna will continue to reside at Forth House, Rossie School.
2. That a further planning meeting should take place within the Social Work Department, and that those invited should be Alistair Macphail, Damian Bradley, [REDACTED] Steve Hothersall, Megan Cambridge and Ian Crockatt.

### DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

No further review date was set pending the outcome of next weeks meeting.

IAN CROCKATT  
Senior Social Worker  
(Child Care)

IC/DC  
16 June 1994

Grampian Regional Council - Banff/Buchan Division

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A. Craig  
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*(Signed copy behind).*

Completed 24.8.94

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# Jonna Courts.

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- ② Jonna. Sat. - Jonna times out can be req. with staff on duty but she has to be here for one meal, either at lunchtime or tea time, Jonna has to be in by 11.45, failure to turn up will result in some procedure as above being followed.
- ③ Jonna. Sun. - similar to Sat., times out req. with staff etc.
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CONTRACT FOR DONNA COULTS // 29 April 94.

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- 5) Have a good time
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Donna Coults

Andy Craig

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- 1) Pocket money - £3 for the weekend
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- 9 pm in on Saturday night.  
10 pm Fri & Sat.
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- 5) Have a good weekend!

Signed: - A. Craig. Donna Coutts. 12/3/94

CHANGES 2/4/94.

Times out: -  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours, then check in -  
and Donna to be here for all  
meal-times.

Running Away: - N/B allowed.

Donna Coutts  
A. Craig.



Donna Coutts - Contract  
1/7/94

1.
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This is to try to ensure appropriate returns to Rossie prior to the Panel on 27th July, 1994.
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7. Donna has been given a copy of the current "School Leavers Routine" and it has been explained to her that she must observe the routine when she is at Scalloway Park full time.

Donna Coutts

Bill Russell

2nd July, 1994.

Plans

Grampian Regional Council - Banff/Buchan Division

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

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Our Ref ADM/EM  
Your Ref

Please ask for Alistair D Macphail  
Direct Dial 146

13 June 1994

Mr D Bradley  
Principal Residential Social Worker  
Scalloway Park Children's Home  
11a Scalloway Park  
Fraserburgh



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Dear Damian

**Donna Coutts, Born 28.3.78, Currently c/o Rossie School, Montrose.**

I write to confirm that a meeting on the above child will take place on Thursday 16 June 1994 at 11.00 am within the Conference Room, Seafield House, 37 Castle Street, Banff.

Yours sincerely

  
Alistair D Macphail  
Social Work Manager  
(Children and Families)

**GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT****REVIEW OF CHILD IN CARE**

**Division:** Banff/Buchan  
**Full Name of Child:** Donna Coutts  
**Date of Birth:** 28/03/78  
**Social Worker:** Megan Cambridge

The review took place within Rossie School, Montrose on Friday 10 June 1994 at 11.00 am. This review should be seen as a continuation of the previous review held at Rossie School on Tuesday 17 May 1994, which had been unable to make decisions about Donna's weekend leaves pending Scalloway Park's role being clarified, and other resources available to her being sought.

**Those Present:** Megan Cambridge, Social Worker  
 [REDACTED] Forth School, Rossie School  
 [REDACTED] Keyworker, Rossie School  
 Daman Braudrey, Principal Res Social Worker  
 Donna Coutts, Subject  
 Ian Crockatt, Senior Social Worker (Child Care)

**Apologies:** Audrey Craig, Residential Social Worker

**Reports:** None

**PRESENT SITUATION**

Donna has continued to be resident at Forth House since the last review. Work experience was found for her at a day care centre in Montrose, but after one day there Donna decided not to continue this. Work within the unit with her has therefore concentrated on basic living skills, like shopping, preparing meals, etc.

**HOME LEAVE**

Donna has made two day visits to her mother's home, and had an overnight stay with her on 3 June 1994. She and her mother described these visits as having gone reasonably well. Mrs Coutts made it plain that she would wish to offer Donna a home base with her should she want it, but Donna has indicated to her keyworker that she does not yet feel ready for this. It was noted that Donna has made her own way to and from her mother's home, and appeared to be very happy on return to Rossie.

**PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

An approach has been made to the Leaving Care Project at Clifton Road, in Aberdeen, with a view to it becoming Donna's home base some time in the future. Once application has been made there is a six to eight week process of moving towards acceptance by the project. Prior to the meeting Donna had expressed reluctance about making application unless she were able to see the project first. However, it was made plain that seeing around the project is part of the application process, and filling in the application in no way commits Donna, or indeed the leaving care project.

### SCALLOWAY PARK'S ROLE

A meeting had taken place within the Social Work Department on Friday 27 May to discuss Scalloway Park's future role with Donna. This meeting involved Alistair Macphail, Social Work Manager, Damain Bradley, Principal Res Social Worker, and Ian Crockatt, Senior Social Worker (Child Care). Megan Cambridge, Social Worker, and Steve Hothersall, Senior Social Worker, had been invited to attend but were unable to do so. It was suggested at this meeting that Scalloway Park would be able to offer the possibility of weekend leave to Donna, perhaps leading to residence with them at a later stage, if she were able to remain in Forth House at Rossie School for a further three months after the forthcoming Childrens Hearing. This plan was provisional, subject to Mr Macphail negotiating it with [REDACTED] at Rossie School.

At todays review [REDACTED] indicated that her understanding of the agreement negotiated with Mr Macphail was different. She had not anticipated Donna returning to Rossie School on a secure order after the Panel, which is due to take place in the second week of July. She felt it unlikely that Rossie School would be able to agree to this. Damain Bradley felt that it had been difficult to negotiate the agreement referred to and he was not in position to move from that agreement without further consultation with his staff and senior management.

The suggestion was made that even if Donna were returned to Rossie School on a further three months order, this did not necessarily mean her remaining at the school for the whole three months. The period could be used to further her transition from Forth House to the leaving care project at Clifton Road, or another as yet unidentified resource. In this situation, however, she would still require a home base, and Donna was not yet ready to contemplate her mother's home being that base.

It was evident that misunderstandings arising from the meeting on 27 May referred to made it impossible for this review to come to clear decisions about Donna's future, and that re-negotiation of the roles of Scalloway Park and Rossie School in Donna's live was required.

[REDACTED] expressed her view that she should have been invited to the meeting which took place on 27 May, and offered to attend any such future meeting held in Banff/Buchan.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS REVIEW

1. That Donna will continue to reside at Forth House, Rossie School.
2. That a further planning meeting should take place within the Social Work Department, and that those invited should be Alistair Macphail, Damian Bradley, [REDACTED] Steve Hothersall, Megan Cambridge and Ian Crockatt.

### DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

No further review date was set pending the outcome of next weeks meeting.

IAN CROCKATT  
Senior Social Worker  
(Child Care)

IC/DC  
16 June 1994

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

**SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**  
Banff Buchan Division

M E M O R A N D U M

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To: STEVE HOTHERSALL  
FAO MEGAN CAMBRIDGE

Date: 12 April 1994

Our Ref: ADM/DC

Your Ref:

From: ALISTAIR MACPHAIL, Social Work Manager

Ext. No: 146

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**RE: DONNA COUTTS**

I understand that the Childrens Hearing Review convened on Donna today, Tuesday 12 April 1994, decided that she should remain at Rossie School, but in the independent unit, for the next three months. Perhaps you could contact me at your earliest convenience in order to make mutually convenient arrangements to convene a Child in Care Review on Donna.

*Alistair D. Macphail*

ALISTAIR MACPHAIL  
Social Work Manager  
(Children and Families)

cc - Damian Bradley

Grampian Regional Council - Banff/Buchan Division

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Report by ... Audrey Craig ..... for .. Children's Hearing to be .....  
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concerning ..... Donna Coutts d.o.b. 28.3.78 .....

INTRODUCTION

As part of a process of re-building bridges, Donna has been spending short weekends at Scalloway Park since March 12th 1994.

There have been three successful weekends; only the second weekend was disappointing with Donna being returned to Rossie school after an illicit visit to Aberdeen. The three successful weekends have been used to give Donna an opportunity to spend time with her sister [REDACTED] and to accustom Donna to some extent to life at Scalloway Park.

GENERAL COMMENTS

During the successful visits Donna has seemed rather more sensible than she was when she spent time with us at the New Year. She has seemed to understand that we are offering her something, but that we need some co-operation and commitment from her to enable us to continue to work with her. Donna has certainly co-operated well with us during her recent visits.

FAMILY

Donna has seemed to benefit from the time she has spent with her sister [REDACTED] while at Scalloway Park and on one occasion she spent a short while in the family home speaking affectionately to her Mum and her young brothers.

THE FUTURE

Donna has stated on several occasions that she would like to stay at Rossie School for three more months in order to complete several Standard Grades and Scotvec Modules. She speaks enthusiastically about her schoolwork and her chances of success in the various subjects.

Donna appreciates that if she leaves Rossie school at this point she will have no similar opportunity to finish the courses. In the future she would like to work with animals in some way, and reasonable exam results would be a great help to her.

CONCLUSION

Scalloway Park is happy to continue to offer Donna a place for weekend stays, and ultimately a full-time base from which to move on into adult life. However we do feel that Donna should conclude this stage of her education before coming to us on a full-time basis.

Audrey Craig  
12/4/94

P.P. J. Baird

PLANNING CONFERENCE CONCERNING DONNA COUTTS (28.3.78)

CURRENTLY C/O FORRES GROUP HOME, HELD ON 13.1.94

|                 |               |   |                               |
|-----------------|---------------|---|-------------------------------|
| <u>Present:</u> | Mrs Cambridge | - | Social Worker                 |
|                 | Mrs Coutts    | - | Donna's mother                |
|                 | [REDACTED]    | - | OIC, Forres                   |
|                 | Mr Bradley    | - | OIC, Scalloway Park           |
|                 | Mr Strachan   | - | Depute OIC,<br>Scalloway Park |
|                 | Mr Hothersall | - | Senior Social Worker          |

AIM

To discuss the situation re Donna and make recommendations to assist the Children's Panel in making an appropriate disposal on 21.1.94.

BACKGROUND

|                           |   |          |
|---------------------------|---|----------|
| Last Child in Care Review | - | 13.12.93 |
| Last Children's Hearing   | - | 8.9.93   |

Donna was placed at Culbin Road on [REDACTED] where she continues to reside. Her placement there has not gone smoothly.

PLACEMENT

At the moment, Donna appears more settled than she has been of late, at least in terms of high risk behaviours. However, it is felt that her liaisons with another girl at the home, which have lessened [REDACTED] have contributed significantly to this deterioration.

Recently, Donna barricaded herself in her room and police assistance had to be called.

There have been continuous threats made by Donna that she would run away. Her behaviour towards other children at the home continues to be worrying.

[REDACTED] informed the meeting that Donna still uses solvents, etc when she has the opportunity.

Donna has met with [REDACTED] and refused to speak with her. Similar attitudes prevail in her contacts with other professionals, including Mrs Cambridge.

FUTURE OPTIONS

Bearing in mind Donna's apparent resistance to all professional attempts to develop a rapport with her, it was agreed that careful consideration be given to the most appropriate resources which could, ad interim, address Donna's presenting behaviours. The opportunity to address underlying issues would need to wait until Donna became more responsive.

- a) Home - not an option.
- b) Forres Group Home - See memo from [REDACTED] Social Work Manager, dated 20.12.93.

- c) Transfer to Scalloway Park - Donna has spent some time here previously. During a recent spell at Scalloway Park over Xmas, Donna was instrumental in working up a number of youngsters. She apparently attempted to incite a mass absconcion.

Education locally would present a problem if Donna was at Scalloway. Although she appears to be managing at Forres Academy, she is in fact only managing some periods.

It was felt that if Donna were moved to Scalloway, she would be likely to become a 'leader'. Her apparent lack of commitment to this would possibly result in her increasing the intensity of her behaviour to an unacceptable level. This would likely happen in a bid to establish her credibility.

On balance it was felt that Scalloway Park could not meet her needs adequately.

### DECISION

It was unanimously agreed that, at this point in time, the most appropriate resource for Donna would be Secure Accommodation. There is a vacancy at Rossie Priory School. Mr Hothersall to speak to Mr Mackenzie stat.

### NB

It was noted that Donna had previously indicated her intention to run away should a decision to recommend Rossie be made. The meeting took this threat seriously and decided not to tell Donna of their decision, acknowledging that this was not normal practice. Given the circumstances, it was felt this course of action was in Donna's best interests at this time.

STEVE J HOTHERSALL  
Senior Social Worker

SJH/CD  
15 February 1994

*Please make up notes*

Notes on a Planning Meeting held on 4.2.84 concerning Donna COUTTS (28.3.78)  
currently c/o Rossie School, Montrose

Present:

|               |   |                                                         |
|---------------|---|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Mrs Coutts    | - | Mother                                                  |
| Mrs Cambridge | - | Social Worker, Banff                                    |
| Mr Bradley    | - | OIC, Scalloway Park                                     |
| Mr Mackenzie  | - | Divisional Officer, Banff/Buchan Social Work Department |
| Mr Hothersall | - | Senior Social Worker, Banff/Turriff                     |

Reports: Mrs Cambridge

*This Planning Meeting was convened in the wake of Donna's transfer to Rossie School on 21.1.94, following a Children's Hearing. Mrs Cambridge's report gives an overview to recent events.*

*Since her admission to Rossie Mr Hothersall visited Donna on 28.1.94 and undertook to discuss with her*

- : The reasons for her admission to Rossie School*
- : The concerns in evidence about her behaviour*
- : What plans she might have re the future*
- : How best Donna, the Department and Rossie might best work together to further her interests*
- : What supports could be put in place by the Department and Rossie School to facilitate her return to the community*

*During this meeting Donna presented as relaxed and in relatively high spirits. She told Mr Hothersall that she had settled in and had in fact gained swimming privileges within a week (normally this takes between 6-8 weeks). She also spoke favourably of her school work, especially mathematics. A CASER Review/Assessment form has been completed, outlining possible options for work. This form was copied and Donna given her own to peruse prior to her meeting with Mrs Cambridge on 3.2.94.*

*Mrs Cambridge met with Donna on 3.2.94 and discussed with her the options prepared on Mr Hothersall's prior visit. Donna was somewhat uncommunicative, but did say that she was not interested in staying at Scalloway Park Children's Home, if this was to be used as a base for her.*

*The options raised at the meeting, with their likely values were as follows:-*

*: Home As A Base*

*Mrs Coutts ruled this out immediately, explaining to all that in the past Donna had threatened younger siblings, even going so far as to threaten her young brother by saying she would 'cut his throat'. Donna has had possession of knives in the past. Donna's relationships with family members tended to be variable, but verging on the unproductive apart from [redacted] Donna's younger sister. All present agreed that home was not viable.*

: Forres Group Home

*Donna appears to be under the impression that Forres is an option for her, and she appears keen on this. Those present were not convinced that this perception was correct. Mrs Cambridge to action efforts to clarify how Forres see this arrangement.*

: 55 King Street, Peterhead

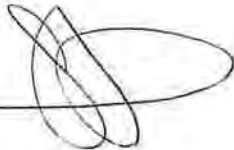
*Those present were unclear as to what 55 King Street could offer Donna. Concerns were voiced re staffing levels there and the reduced numbers of qualified staff. Furthermore, many of the other youngsters there were younger than Donna. This had implications as Mrs Cambridge noted that victimisation by Donna towards others was a thread which ran through all her recent placements which had broken down. Those present felt that other options should be thoroughly explored before attentions were turned to 55 King Street.*

: Scalloway Park Children's Home, Fraserburgh

*This option, although dismissed by Donna, was felt to be in a better position to offer something for her. There were higher staffing levels and more qualified staff than at 55 King Street and Donna had spent time there previously. Mr Bradley was prepared to keep a place for Donna to see how thing progressed at Rossie.*

: Rossie Schools Input

*Given the fact that Donna had only been at Rossie for a short period, it was agreed that in the first instance it would be of benefit for Donna to settle in and show signs of commitment towards moving on. The semi-secure unit at Rossie was felt to be an option worth exploring. Mr Mackenzie and Mrs Cambridge to discuss this at the Post Admissions Case Conference on 10.2.94.*



**STEVE J HOTHERSALL**  
Senior Social Worker

SJH/CD  
7 February 1994

- 15-11-93 Absconded from Forres Academy 8.45am.  
Returned by OOH and escort 4am. Found by police 12pm at [REDACTED] house, Buckie.  
Charged with Theft, Breach of the Peace and Vandalism at Buckie High School.
- 2-12-93 Charged with "Wilfully setting fire to the church"
- 3-12-93 8.20pm - Absconded from the house in the company of other resident of F.C.H. Picked up by Forres Police 9.30pm approx after an incident at Roysvale football Pavillion. Both girls returned to unit by members of staff 10.45pm from police station. Charged on 9.12.93 with above incident Breach of the Peace and Vandalism.
- 4-12-93 10.20pm - Absconded from house via bedroom window.  
Remained in the vicinity of the house. Came in on her own accord 3.15am.
- 6-12-93 Absconded in the company of other resident of F.C.H. Picked up by police at 9.25am, taken back to school. Further absconded and returned of her own accord at 6.15pm. Had been at Cluny Hill sniffing petrol, deodorant and hairspray all day. Doctor called to give her a medical check up.
- 7-12-93 Charged with stealing a can of petrol from a council lorry on 6-12-93.
- 9-12-93 Absconded from the unit at 7.30pm in the company of other resident of F.C.H. Returned by [REDACTED] mum from Buckie 10.12.93 - 4pm. No charges.
- 18-12-93 Donna failed to return from evening out and was in the company of 2 girls from the unit.  
Returned on own volition. 6.30am - had been drinking vodka.
- 29-12-93 Donna along with other resident of F.C.H. barricaded themselves in the bedroom. Smoke was smelt coming from the room. On advise from senior management staff, police were called and the door was broken down. Donna out of her own control swearing, laughing, smoking and abusive to the police, she was taken to the police station and charged with Breach of the Peace. On return to the unit threatening to hang herself or overdose on paracetamol if she had any. ..

ELANE, Copy of this to DAMIAN BLADUEY Tel His Information

Handed AUSTIN 23.12.93

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From [Redacted] Social Work Manager  
Moray Division  
Our Ref. JS/JS

Your Ref.

To Mr A McPhail, Social Work Manager  
Banff/Buchan Division  
Date 20 December 1993

20 DEC 1993  
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Donna Couatts  
c/o Forres Children's Home

Following our recent telephone conversation about this girl, I have had further discussions with the Officer-in-Charge at Forres. You will appreciate that there is a real dilemma about trying to meet the needs of two young people in a situation where neither appears to stand still long enough for staff to get effectively involved. For me it certainly demonstrates the folly of unplanned placements where finding a bed is often the only criteria being used. I appreciate that we are both in this situation from time to time where inappropriate placements are made.

I think it would be very helpful if a more appropriate placement can be found for Donna that stops short of secure accommodation. She has certainly been expressing some motivation and commitment to the idea of Scalloway Park and I would endorse such a move if this could be achieved at an early date. My main concern regarding the status quo is that we will eventually find ourselves forced down the secure accommodation route in respect of either or both given the recent spate of absconsions and potentially serious offending. I would be most obliged if you can pursue the option of a residential placement within Banff/Buchan Division and look forward to hearing from you.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Officer-in-Charge, Forres Children's Home  
Mr S Hothersall, Senior Social Worker, Turriff

**GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - BANFF/BUCHAN DIVISION**

**SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

TEL. NO  
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BANFF AB45 1DQ

REPORT BY  
Megan Cambridge, Social Worker

FOR  
Post Admissions Case Conference

concerning  
Donna Coutts (d.o.b. 28.3.78), c/o Rossie School, Montrose.

Donna is presently in Care Under Section 44 a (b) Social Work (Scotland) Act.  
A Children's Hearing on 21.1.94 varied Donna's Supervision Requirement to name Rossie School as her place of residence.

**Recent History**

Social Work involvement with Donna commenced in November 1992 due to difficulties with Donna at home including truancy from school, stealing money from home and suspicions of drug/solvent abuse.

There were further deteriorations in Donna's behaviour and in April 1993 Donna was admitted to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary after taking an overdose of 50 paracetamol.

At a Children's Hearing 28.7.93 Donna requested that she be received into care and panel members agreed.

Donna was placed in Buckie and the placement confirmed at a subsequent hearing. However, on 3rd September 1993 this placement broke down due to extreme behavioural difficulties. There were two further emergency placements prior to admission to Forres Children's Home on 8th September 1993. Her move there being made permanent on 22.9.93.

Just prior to her admission Donna had alleged abuse of a sexual motive. Attempts to take this further with Donna have failed.

Initially settling reasonably well and attending school successfully for the first time in several months, Donna's behaviour deteriorated after the arrival of another girl, a resident of Buckie, with whom she was involved in most abscondings, offending and solvent abuse incidents. (see attached incident sheet).

Eventually it was acknowledged that the level of concerns being expressed about Donna, not only in terms of her absconding and offending, but also the very self destructive nature of her solvent abuse and her threats of suicide would best be addressed by looking beyond open settings. It was hoped that a secure placement might impact more successfully on the anti social behaviour, the self destructiveness of her feelings and help Donna confront the difficulties in the past which underpin these present symptoms.

### Aims of Care

The aims of Donna's reception into care were as follows :-

- a) ensure that Donna was safe and did not constitute a danger to herself.
- b) ensure that Donna had a stable base.
- c) ensure that Donna attended school regularly.
- d) ensure that Donna has the opportunity to reflect upon the issues dominating her life at the moment.
- e) develop appropriate therapeutic strategies to assist her in mending any conflicts she may have.
- f) after Donna an opportunity to be heard re. what is important in her life.
- g) work with Donna as far as possible and practical to assist her in achieving her own ambitions and objectives.
- h) consider what supports would be required to maximise Donna's attempts re. independence at an appropriate stage.
- i) ensure that Donna has the opportunity to maintain/resurrect contact with her family and friends.
- j) allow Donna the opportunity to develop in all areas of her life; personal, social, educational, spiritual and aesthetic.

Donna's refusal to accept the rules of her various placements or to accept the help and support of the many people who have been involved with Donna coupled with her outward rejection of the rules of society in general has led to a failure to meet nearly all these stated aims.

Donna's current placement is able to meet some of these aims by providing a secure setting within which to contain Donna and ensure her safety and it is hoped that from that basis Donna can be moved on and further aims be accomplished.

### Professional Involvement

There had been a brief involvement with [REDACTED] when Donna was still at home but Donna refused to see him.

A referral made to [REDACTED] at the Young People's Unit in Aberdeen was not picked up prior to Donna's move to Forres as a result the referral was passed to [REDACTED]. Donna co-operated briefly with [REDACTED] but refused any ongoing support and would not indicate anything other than the most superficial of information. As a result [REDACTED] suggested that whilst Donna continued to react in this manner nothing could be done to help Donna address the underlying problems and that all that could be done would be to address the presenting behaviour.

[REDACTED] Educational Psychologist, followed on from the earlier referral to [REDACTED] Psychologist, based in Peterhead. [REDACTED] as unable to secure Donna's co-operation.

In short Donna has a history of involvement of considerable professional expertise.

Social Work has proved no more successful in helping Donna. Donna had refused to speak to her previous Social Worker. It was interpreted as Donna rejecting him because of his involvement with her family and the present author was identified as a change of worker for Donna with no particular association with the family and also a female should that prove more helpful to Donna. Donna varies in her response to the author ranging from speaking fairly superficially and in derogatory tones through to mere nods or monosyllables. At present Donna identifies the author as the person responsible for her present situation finding that much easier and far less painful than looking to her own behaviour as the underlying cause.

Family Contact

*When Donna's case transferred in October 1993, Donna was indicating she wished no contact with home. My understanding of the family situation was that whilst Donna no longer had a permanent place at home at that time the family still wished contact and still wished that circumstances could change to allow Donna to return. Donna's mother, however, did not wish to make anything worse and respected Donna's expressed wish for no contact.*

*Contact with the family as been discussed with Donna and whilst she has never acknowledged any change in terms of family contact she did in fact instigate contact her eldest sister who lives in Aberdeen and from these things have progressed to the point that before her move to Rossie Donna was visited by her younger sister, [REDACTED] who has indicated her intention to visit Donna at Rossie.*

*Contact has been reinstigated between Donna and Mrs Coutts by Donna though she would not initially admit this.*

*It is hoped that Donna can perhaps become more open about what she really wishes.*

Future Plans

*Donna herself has been unclear about exactly what she wants for the future, the only indication she has given being an intention to move to England.*

*With her sixteenth birthday a few weeks away it is difficult to know how best to plan towards Donna's move towards independence when she seems, as yet, in so much need of help and support.*

*During my most recent contact (3.2.94) Donna refused to discuss the subject of what she wishes for the future, immediate or long term. She would not look at options for a homebase outwith Rossie.*

*It was my opinion having met with Donna that her basic attitude had not yet moderated and that she was making no progress at this time.*

MEGAN CAMBRIDGE  
Social Worker

MC/AF/COUTTS.PAC  
4 February 1994

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Tel. No. 0888 62427  
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Address: Towie House,  
Manse Road,  
TURRIFF, AB53 7AY.

Report by ..... Christine Lambert, Social Worker ..... for ..... Child in Care Review .....  
to be held in Banff on 8th April 1993 at 10.00 am.  
concerning ..... DONNA COUTTS (d.o.b. 28.3.1978), 5 Idoch Cottages, Cuminestown .....

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Donna is the second of five children living with Mr. and Mrs. Coutts. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mrs. Coutts initially contacted me in November 1992 as she was having difficulties with Donna at home and understood Donna was truanting occasionally. Mrs. Coutts described that Donna often seemed generally angry and argumentative. There had been occasional stealing of small amounts of money from home. Sometimes Donna would be "her old self" and would be sociable and chatty. Usually Donna had accepted sanctions imposed on her by her parents - not being allowed out in the evenings. Donna could not identify to Mrs. Coutts what it was that caused her unhappiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Coutts felt the situation with Donna had improved over Christmas and arranged for her to spend alternate weekends with [REDACTED] in Aberdeen as a reward. Unfortunately, this arrangement did not last because of illness on the part of [REDACTED]. The situation with Donna at home deteriorated again in February and Mrs. Coutts described Donna as being moody and argumentative. Mrs. Coutts blames a lot of Donna's problems on a fellow pupil, [REDACTED] whom she feels is a bad influence on Donna.

CONTACT WITH OTHER PROFESSIONALS/

### CONTACT WITH OTHER PROFESSIONALS

Following a self-referral by Mrs. Coutts last summer, Donna saw [REDACTED] in November 1992 but told Linda Smith she would not see her again. Donna has been offered the choice between seeing [REDACTED] or myself and refused both options. In February 1993 she told Mrs. Coutts that she would like to see me and I wrote offering an appointment. Donna failed to keep the appointment. As I believed that she was seeing me as being too closely aligned with her parents and school, I asked Jane Robison, I.T. worker, if she would meet with Donna at school to see if any relationship with Donna could be established. Jane has successfully met with Donna on one occasion. She found it very difficult to get information from Donna but felt that Donna had changed in the year since she last met her. Jane Robison felt Donna was a sad girl but could not identify any particular problems. Jane tried to identify with Donna whether any particular approaches might resolve some of the school difficulties. Jane also agreed that she would continue to have informal contact with Donna.

Donna's difficulties at Turriff Academy were presented <sup>to</sup> the Banff and Buchan Educational Assessment Team on 26th April 1993. It was agreed that Donna would be formally referred to the school Psychological Service for a possible placement at the Adolescent Unit and that Jane Robison would be asked to become re-involved with Donna.

### CIRCUMSTANCES OF ADMISSION TO CARE

This took place whilst I was on leave and was dealt with by Mike Hebenton. Donna was admitted to Scalloway Park on 29th March after going missing from home and refusing to return when picked up by the Police. Donna is being referred to the Reporter since she had a Bowie Knife in her possession when she was picked up by the Police. Information from the Out-of-Hours Service was that Donna felt that she had too many problems around her at home to face and she made it clear that if she was returned home she would simply run away again. When I spoke to Scalloway Park on Thursday 1st of April, Damion Bradley told me Donna was still saying she did not want to go home but wanted a fresh start. Although reluctant to do so, Mrs. Coutts has telephoned Donna several times and they have spoken on the phone. Mrs. Coutts is not sure what she wants to happen in the future. She does think it might be a good idea if Donna stays at Scalloway Park during the week and comes home at the weekends. However she says she still loves Donna and does not want to lose contact with her. Mrs. Coutts does not believe that this brief admission to Scalloway Park will have resolved any of the problems/

the problems at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Coutts are aware that I will not remain their Social Worker and it is likely that Mike Hebenton will take over this role in the near future.

*Christine Lambert*

CHRISTINE LAMBERT (Ms.)

7th April 1993



SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Child or Young Person Missing to Police

Children's Home Flaserburgh 11<sup>A</sup> Sparroway Park

Child's Name Donna Cows

Date of Birth 98-3-78

Date and time reported missing 2-5-94 - 11:15<sup>pm</sup>

Date and time found/returned

Tick one of following:

- Failed to return on time
- Absconded - to own home
- to friend or relative's home
- no fixed address
- not known

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- Was the return
- (a) voluntary
- (b) as a result of action by S.W.Dept Staff
- (c) as a result of action by Police Dept Staff
- (d) as a result of action by family
- (e) other (please state)

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Other comments which may explain absconding or late returnn.....

[Redacted] \* Donna off in a giggly mood after 9 pm.  
on 2/5/94 handed selves in at F. burgh police str. at  
7:15 am on 3/5/94.

Note: Purpose is to distinguish between nuisance and situations of real concern



SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Child or Young Person Missing to Police

Children's Home ..... ~~Fraserburgh~~ ~~Clayton~~ ~~Clayton~~

Child's Name ..... Donna ..... Co. Hs

Date of Birth ..... 28/3/78

Date and time reported missing ..... 10.30 pm 26/6/94

Date and time found/returned ..... 4/k 27/6/94

Tick one of following:

- Failed to return on time
- Absconded - to own home
- to friend or relative's home
- no fixed address
- not known

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Other comments which may explain absconding or late returnn.....  
Found in house in Dundee by Social Worker  
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Note: Purpose is to distinguish between nuisance and situations of real concern



SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Child or Young Person Missing to Police

Children's Home ..... *1/2 Scalloway Park* .....

Child's Name ..... *Donna Coult* .....

Date of Birth ..... *28/3/78* .....

Date and time reported missing ..... *2:30 am 22/7/94* .....

Date and time found/returned .....

Tick one of following:

- Failed to return on time
- Absconded - to own home
- to friend or relative's home
- no fixed address
- not known

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Other comments which may explain absconding or late returnn.....

*This was purely a nuisance situation.*

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Note: Purpose is to distinguish between nuisance and situations of real concern

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
ADMISSION FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

Division: BANK BUCHAN  
Social Worker: C. Lambert  
Case No.: 1744194

CONFIDENTIAL

This form should be held on the case-file and is not for circulation. A copy of Form C 1 should be provided for the Officer-in-Charge of the establishment in which the child is placed. (If applicable)

Full Name of Child DONNA COURTIS

Date of Birth 26.3.1998 Male/Female (delete)  Male  Female

Place of Birth NINEWELL, DUNDEE Religion (Practising/Nominal) PROTESTANT - NO CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Date and Place of Baptism NO

Date of Admission 30.3.93

Usual Home Address 5 JEDDAH LANE, CUMMERSTOWN, TURKIE Address of First Placement SCALLOWAY PARK, FRASERBURGH

Address from which Admitted (if different) AS ABOVE

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO ADMISSION

DONNA FOUND BY POLICE AFTER BEING REPORTED MISSING - REFUSED TO GO HOME.

Purpose and Aims of Admission (Social Workers Assessment)

(a) For the Child  
TO HAVE SOME BREATHING SPACE & SO POSSIBLY DECIDE WHAT SHE WISHES FOR THE FUTURE

(b) For the Family  
TO EASE TENSIONS WITHIN HOME AND ALLOW TIME TO REFLECT ON WHAT THIS WISH TO HAPPEN IN REGARDS TO THE CARE OF DONNA

Type of Placement Preferred CHILDREN'S HOME

Expected Duration of Care NOT KNOWN

STATUTE USED (Please tick as appropriate)  
S 15 Social Work Act   
Compulsory Supervision Requirement   
Other - please give details (see Section 2.1 of the Procedures Manual)

**PARTICULARS OF CHILD**

Last School Attended

(Name and Address, class details if appropriate)

Name and Address of Doctor

TURBIE ADAMS  
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[REDACTED]  
TURBIE HEALTH CENTRE  
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Details of any Court or Children's Hearing Order on the Child (Past and Present)

NONE  
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Record any Documents or Belongings given to Social Worker relating to Child (e.g. Medical Card, Birth Certificate)

NONE  
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**PARTICULARS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS**

Date of Parents Marriage

Place

Father's Full Name

Date of Birth

Religion

Telephone No.

Occupation and Emp

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

IRADOLA COTTIS  
LUMINISTOWN

Mother's Full Name

ALEXANDRIA COTTIS

Maiden Name

Date of Birth

12.5.1954

Address

AS ABOVE

Religion

Telephone No.

Occupation and Employer

HOUSEWIFE



FORMAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO CARE

I, as the parent/legal guardian of the child DONNA COVATTS CERTIFY that the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge, and hereby request Grampian Region Social Work Department to receive this child into their care.

- (a) I understand that the Social Work Department will place the child in a Foster Home or Children's Home at their discretion.
- (b) I understand that I am liable to contribute toward the costs of maintenance of the child.
- (c) I understand that I must inform the Social Work Department of any change of my address forthwith.
- (d) I have been given a copy of the leaflet "Your Child in our Care".

Signatures of persons applying ..... (1) A Covatts  
Relationship to Child ..... (2) MOTHER  
Date 31.3.92 ..... Witness (Social Worker's) Signature [Signature]

[Signature]

NOTE - The leaflet "Your Child in our Care" is printed on facing page. This leaflet must be given to the parents or guardian, as stated in (d) above.

Countersigned ..... Designation .....

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
INFORMATION FOR CARE STAFF

Division: BANK BULLOCK  
Social Worker: C. LAMBERT  
Case No.: 1744144

Social Worker's Office: IVARICK  
Telephone No.: 62427  
Senior Social Worker: JOHN STURTH  
Telephone No.: 0261 515097

Full Name of Child: DONNA COVITS  
Date of Birth: 28.3.1978 Religion (Practising/Nominal):

Name: [Redacted] Mother Name: ALEXANDRIA COVITS  
Address: 5 JODDOLH COTTES Address: AS OPP.  
CUMINGSTOWN Telephone No.: 0883 458 Telephone No.:



Last School/Nursery/Playgroup attended: IVARICK ACADEMY  
Most recent G.P./Health Clinic: IVARICK HEALTH CENTRE

Please enter relevant medical information, including details of any current medication, and regular or pending hospital appointments

Please note briefly the arrangements for contact with family (e.g. expected frequency whether Social Worker is to arrange all visits, whether children can be taken outside home, etc.) AS DONNA - FAMILY WISH

**NAMES**

- 1. What is the child usually called ..... DANNA
- 2. What does He/She usually call Father /Guardian/Relative ..... STEP [REDACTED]
- Mother/Guardian/Relative ..... MUM
- 3. What are the familiar names, and actual relationship to the child, of the people He/She is closest to ..... MOTHER
- 4. Please identify anyone outside the family who is a special friend of the child .....

**BEDTIME**

- 5. About what time does the child usually go to bed ..... 9 PM
- 6. Does He/She usually sleep alone, or share a room, or a bed ..... SHARES A ROOM
- 7. Is the door usually left open, or a light left on ..... NO
- 8. Does the child take a toy, or blanket, or other comforter to bed .....
- 9. Is there a special routine at bedtime (e.g. story, game, etc.) ..... NO
- 10. Does the child have a troubled sleep pattern (e.g. nightmares or sleepwalking) ..... NO
- 11. Does the child ever get up at night ..... NO

**TOILET**

- 12. What words does the child use for the lavatory .....
- 13. Does He/She ever wet the bed .....
- 14. Does the child wear a nappy at night .....
- 15. Does He/She like having a bath, or having His/Her hair washed .....

**FOOD**

- 16. What foods or drinks does the child particularly dislike ..... EGGS, MACARONI
- 17. What foods or drinks is the child specially fond of ..... CARROTS, BEEF CHEVILES
- 18. What sort of eating habits is the child used to -  
 e.g. 3 regular meals per day .....  Main meal and snacks .....  No regular pattern .....
- 19. Within this pattern, is He/She a good or poor eater .....
- 20. Does the child usually take school meals ..... YES

**BEHAVIOUR**

- 21. Please describe briefly the child's usual manner and behaviour (e.g. confident, shy, etc.) ..... CONFIDENT, SHY
- 22. What are the signs when the child is anxious or bothered about something ..... NONE
- 23. What is the best way to cope with the child when He/She sulks or is in a temper ..... SEND TO ROOM
- 24. Does He/She get on better with older or younger children ..... OLDER
- 25. Does the child get on well with adults ..... NO
- 26. Does the child have any nervous habits ..... BITE NAILS, RUBS HANDS

**GENERAL**

- 27. Can the child dress by him/herself .....
- 28. Is there anything (e.g. buttons, laces) which the child cannot manage .....
- 29. Is the child frightened of or allergic to any animals, or other things or circumstances (e.g. the dark, thunder, etc.) ..... SPIIDERS
- 30. Please note any toys or possessions, and the name and type of any pet, to which the child is specially attached ..... RABBIT
- 31. What games does He/She like to play .....
- 32. Please describe the child's leisure activities including any regular clubs or groups attended (including playgroups and Sunday School)  
LIKES WIIALIFE - ANIMAL PROTECTION - HORSE RIDING
- 33. What has the child been told about why He/She has to leave home ..... YES

Source of Information Above ALEXANDRIA LUTTS - MOTHER

Social Worker's Signature [Signature]

Date 31 3 98

Please file in J. Coutts file

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**GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

**REVIEW OF CHILD IN CARE**

**Division:** Banff/Buchan  
**Full Name of Child:** Donna Coutts  
**Date of Birth:** 28/03/78  
**Social Worker:** Megan Cambridge

The review took place within Rossie School, Montrose on Tuesday 17 May 1994 at 1.30 pm.

**Those Present:** Megan Cambridge, Social Worker  
Donna Coutts, Subject  
Damian Bradley, Prin Res Social Worker  
Audrey Craig, Residential Social Worker  
[REDACTED] Keyworker, Rossie School  
[REDACTED] Independent Unit, Rossie School  
Ian Crockatt, Senior Social Worker (Child Care)

**Apologies:** [REDACTED] Senior Psychologist

**Reports:** Received from Megan Cambridge, Social Worker  
Education report and Social report from Rossie School  
Written statement by Donna Coutts

**WHY DOES CHILD REMAIN IN CARE?**

Donna has been in Rossie School since January 1994, and in the Open Unit since April 1994, she is subject to an order under Section 44 (1) (b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. Reports of Donna's progress within the Independent Unit at Rossie School indicate that she has been co-operative and has not presented management problems. However, owing to being returned to Rossie School by the Police from a weekend leave Donna had spent the night previous to the review back in the secure unit.

**EDUCATION**

Educational reports indicated good progress by Donna in most subjects. She has done some of her exams but due to lack of confidence not others. It was commented that she has the capability to go on to further education if she chooses.

**HEALTH**

Donna's general health is good, but she has had problems with asthma of late. She has received medical treatment and been issued with the appropriate inhalers.

### CONTACT WITH HOME

Donna's home base from Rossie School has been Scalloway Park. This arrangement dates from 12 March 1994. It was reinforced by a Panel decision on 12 April 1994. Between then and this review Donna had had four weekends at Scalloway Park. Unfortunately three out of these four weekends had seen Donna unable to maintain the success of the first weekend. She has been involved, with others, in absconding from Scalloway Park, an incident of vandalism, and of theft. Staff at Scalloway Park have been concerned about her influence on other young people resident there, some of whom may not have been involved in some of these incidents had Donna not been there. Damian Bradley therefore indicated to the review that for the moment Scalloway Park did not feel they could continue to offer to have Donna at weekends.

### FUTURE PLANS

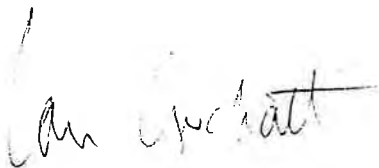
Given that Scalloway Park felt unable to continue to offer weekend leave to Donna, and no alternative resource had been identified, the review was unable to continue planning for Donna's future. Donna herself made no verbal contribution to the review, although in her written contribution she had expressed regret for her actions at Scalloway Park and hoped that she would be able to continue to go there at weekends.

### RECOMMENDATION OF THIS REVIEW

1. Donna will remain at Rossie School under the terms of Section 44 (1) (b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.
2. She will continue to reside at Forth house, the Independent Unit.
3. She will not be able to spend weekends at Scalloway Park, although a bed is being kept available for her should the future plans change.
4. Rossie School and Scalloway Park will liaise regarding Scalloway Park's future role with Donna.
5. Donna will be involved in the independent living programme at Rossie School.
6. The review will reconvene within four weeks, during which time other resources available to Donna at weekends will be sought, and Scalloway Park's role clarified.

### DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

Date of the next review will be Friday 10 June 1994 at 11.00 am within Rossie School.



IAN CROCKATT  
Senior Social Worker  
(Child Care)

IC/DC  
20 May 1994

**GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT****REVIEW OF CHILD IN CARE**

**Division:** Banff/Buchan  
**Full Name of Child:** Donna Coutes  
**Date of Birth:** 28.03.78  
**Social Worker:** Megan Cambridge

This meeting took place at Seafield House, 37 Castle Street, Banff, on Thursday, 16 June 1994.

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| <b>Those Present:</b> | Megan Cambridge<br><div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Damian Bradley<br>Audrey Craig<br>Ian Crockatt<br>Alastair Macphail | Social Worker<br>Fourth Unit, Rossie School<br>Principal Residential Social Worker<br>Key Worker, Scalloway Park<br>Senior Social Worker (Child Care)<br>(Chairman), Social Work Manager |
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**Apologies:** None

**Reports:** None

**REASON FOR MEETING**

This meeting was called by Alastair Macphail, following the inability of the child in care review held at Rossie School on 10 June 1994, to agree plans for Donna's future. See minute of that meeting.

**FUTURE PLANS**

This meeting acknowledged that in the short term there may be a role for both Rossie School and Scalloway Park in Donna's future, but subject to clear conditions. In considering the longer term the following options were discussed:-

1. Supported accommodation
2. A further residential setting
3. A private tenancy, plus input from a support worker
4. The leaving care project, Clifton Road, Aberdeen
5. Donna returning to her mother's care
6. Live-in job at a stables
7. Donna's sister and father in Aberdeen

It was acknowledged that no proposed plan was likely to work unless Donna had decided it was what she wished. The meeting also acknowledged that Donna has deep-seated difficulties and has consistently refused offers of professional help to address them in the past.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS MEETING**

After considerable discussion, the following recommendations were made from this meeting:-

That Donna should be offered the option of spending the next weekend ie the weekend 17 - 19 June at Scalloway Park. Damian Bradley will draw up a contract concerning the fairly liberal boundaries which will be offered for that weekend. Should Donna be able to make this work, the next weekend would also be offered. In particular any assault on any member of staff, or offending behaviour, particularly that involving other children from Scalloway Park, would result in Scalloway Park being unable to offer any further assistance to her.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CHILDREN'S HEARING ON 27 JUNE 1994 SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:-**

- a. That the Hearing should make Donna the subject of a further Secure Order requiring her to live at Rossie School, but that a date for a further Hearing should be set for not more than 4 weeks after 29 June 1994, with a view to the Order being terminated at that point.
- b. It should further be recommended to the Panel that Donna should be discharged from supervision.
- c. The above recommendations would be on the basis that from the date of that Panel Donna would take up residence at Scalloway Park, on the basis of her wishing this to happen and being prepared to negotiate a contract concerning her behaviour while there with staff at Scalloway Park.
- d. The application which has been made to the Leaving Care Project, Clifton, Aberdeen should be proceeded with.
- e. That Megan Cambridge should make enquiries about the possibility of a private tenancy being made available to Donna, and should also make enquiries with Langstane Housing Association.
- f. That Donna should maintain contact with her own home, subject to her families wishes.



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Senior Social Worker  
(Child Care)

IC/ML  
23 June 1994

Donna Corliss - Contract 27/7/94

- 1) Donna is living here at Scalloway Park under a Section 15, also known as "voluntary care". This means that Donna is no longer within the Children's Panel system, therefore she is much more responsible for her own life and actions. Any offences will be dealt with through the Criminal Justice System, so Donna will need to think carefully before getting involved in any trouble.
- 2) Donna can stay at Scalloway Park until she is eighteen, if she so wishes. Like any other young person she will have to live within the rules and work with us rather than against us.
- 3) If things should go badly wrong between Donna and Staff at Scalloway Park, there will be a 48 hour "cooling off" period before a review is called and decisions taken.
- 4) Bedtimes :- during the week <sup>Sun-Thurs</sup> (Term-time), 10:45 pm.  
weekends - Staff discretion
- 5) Time-out :- 10:30 pm. through the week, and midnight on Friday + Saturday. These can be extended if there is a special occasion and Donna's behaviour and attitude to others has been appropriate.
- 6) Pocket-money - Donna will receive £8.45 pocket-money, less the £3 which goes towards replacing the damaged window at Butlers.

P.T.O.

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7) Donna will follow the school leavers' routine.

8)

Donna

Audrey Craig

27/7/94.



tell us about her evening's excitement, with Donna as interested spectator although denying actual involvement.

Donna did her job, + joined in the talk about flat (Donna has decided against moving in with them). Off to bed.

P.S. Donna's two friends, presumably [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were upstairs in [REDACTED] along with [REDACTED] room, while Donna was in conversation with me in the office.

24.8.94 am

Down up this morning, missing breakfast. Donna in kitchen prior to going down the road with [REDACTED] who was advised she could not come in after last night's incident. Donna said she would not be in for lunch <sup>earlier</sup> visit from Mrs Kinnon, who spoke pleasantly to Donna about her disruptive behaviour when she visited with [REDACTED] (Care [REDACTED] yesterday; Mrs Kinnon was suggesting Donna visit properly and have lunch or something like a proper guest.

Donna seen ~~##~~ beside the school, in the company of [REDACTED] + numerous others, at 2pm. when I dropped off [REDACTED]

24/8/94 PM

[REDACTED] Donna was charged with breach of the peace. this was

up at Fraserburgh Academy, where Donna had  
let off the fire alarm. Bed : Breakfast  
was found for Donna 472616 Peterhead at  
99 ~~Glendale~~ Merchant Street 440967. Some of Donna  
clothes were packed and Joe picked her  
up from the police station at 6.30 and  
took her through to Peterhead a very  
tearful Donna who wants another change.  
Alistair McPhail, mother Terribusak, Rossie has all  
been informed. M.B.

25/8/94 am. Phone call from Keith, S.W. Dept Peterhead  
Donna had been in recanting what had  
happened last night. Steve Hathersall phoned given  
B+B no. [redacted] ~~phone~~ also informed, as  
a courtesy. Further TC from Keith, S.W. Peterhead, saying  
Donna had left the building in tears this am, & had not returned.  
pm. shift:- Donna has been seen in Fraserburgh today, with  
various others including [redacted]. Despite this,  
Donna phoned pretending to be in Peterhead. A phone-call  
to Glendale confirmed that Donna has not been there  
since this morning. A visit to Donna in Peterhead  
was therefore not possible! a.c.

Donna was later <sup>(11:20pm)</sup> seen by Joe in company with [redacted]  
[redacted] Still in Fraserburgh. Apparently  
she was put out of [redacted] house a.c.  
earlier in the day.

25.8.94.

a.m. NO word of Donna today

1pm. phoned call to

[redacted] Glendale - Donna has not returned to her room

gina yesterday, although some of her belongings are still there. [redacted] is keeping the room for Donna until Monday, and the money (£30) should be taken through over the weekend. I left another message asking Donna to phone us here when she does return to the B. & G.

a.c.

Friday 26th August. pm.

Phone call from Donna's sister [redacted] given the B & B phone number.

Phone call from Donna at 11.30 pm saying she had missed the 9.30 pm bus to Peterhead and what was she to do. Advised that we could not take her in and that she would have to try & sort something out for herself. Donna said she had been with [redacted] to Aberdeen to have a scan done. Phone call at 11.40 pm from [redacted]

[redacted] saying that Donna had phoned Ken and was asking to stay the night. We said we could not advise her on whether to take Donna in or not she would have to decide that for herself. [redacted] said that Donna had stayed in Gallowhill Road last night with [redacted]

Swjame.

Saturday 27th August am

Phone call from [redacted] at 11.30 am Donna spent the night at her house. Donna was told to go Peterhead lodgings. [redacted] said that [redacted] had promised Donna could stay at his Gran's a [redacted] when "apparently" she had spent the previous night but at the last moment had said she had to go.

Donna arrived at SP with [REDACTED] to get some jeans. Bill accompanied her to her room when she couldn't find the jeans and then accompanied her to the laundry where she found the desired items. [REDACTED] lent her a bag. Donna very non-committal about where she would be spending tonight. Spent a short while chatting with [REDACTED] U

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Sunday 28-8-94 AM

Audrey visited Donna in Peterhead with some food and yet again more advice. Donna intimated that she'd been offered a home with her sister in Aberdeen. I retrieved S.P.'s rucksack, + told Donna we would look after her stuff until she lets us know her new address.

a.c.

Sunday 28/8/94 AM.

Donna called about 11.30 AM and would only speak to Bill. She sounded quite tearful. She was asking for a loan of money to go to see her dad [REDACTED] to see if she could stay there. Bill told her no way. She had food + accommodation. Anything else would have to be negotiated with DSS in Peterhead on Monday morning. Donna hangs up! After 6 AM Donna's Mum called. [REDACTED] told Mum Donna was without accommodation or food in Peterhead. Bill apprised Mrs Coutts of the REAL situation. Her only comment was that this was yet another pack of lies from Donna. Mrs Coutts said she would tell [REDACTED] Donna was OK for tonight. L.



in Fraserburgh tonight. After her departure I phoned Mrs Coult to keep her up to date and to check if Donna is welcome there. Mrs Coult said Donna was not welcome there, as her attitude & behaviour is destructive to the rest of the family. Furthermore Mrs Coult does not think either [redacted] father, or [redacted] or Donna's grandparents will take her in. It seems that supported lodgings in Perthroy will be Donna's only option.

a.c.

Tuesday 30th Jan. Donna up this p.m. and spoke with Alan who reiterated to her what Audrey had said. Phoned up to speak to [redacted] who had broken her granding. This

Thursday 1/9/94 m.

Donna Reported By THE POLICE AS SLEEPING AT [redacted]

R.

2/9/94 Donna up briefly with [redacted] others, but didn't speak with staff. a.c.

4/9/94 Donna seen in Marconi rd with [redacted] who has been missing for several days now; otherwise [redacted] L.a.c. no word.

5/9/94 T.C. from Val Shrimpton, Donna's new social worker. Val informed of the current situation. I saw Donna along with [redacted] and [redacted] - no meaningful conversation. L.a.c.

Weds. 7/9/94 pm shift:-

Donna visited along with [redacted] Both became involved in compiling a list of clothing etc. Stolen by [redacted] Donna spoke to me about the possibility that Mum would look after her things, and I said I would take them through tomorrow if that turned out to be OK with Mum. I also offered Donna a lift to Mum's if she wanted to go. Donna was asking if I'd taken her razor, as I'd thought it was probably stolen; in fact I didn't confiscate it, it's with her other belongings. Donna was very calm and relaxed during this exchange, after which she went out with [redacted] returning later speaking about a fight in which [redacted] had been hurt. At 9:30 ish Donna left with [redacted] - ostensibly both off to see [redacted] Persistent rumours informed us that Donna and [redacted] were planning to O.D. on paracetamol. At 2 am. Donna phoned from a call box, pretending to be [redacted] saying that they had overdosed; it was suggested they come to Scalloway Park but Donna hung up. This reverse charge call came from Broad Street, and the police were informed. a.c.

Thurs. 8/9/94

No sign of Donna. I phoned Mum at 8 am. and informed her of the situation. She was upset & anxious, & will phone at lunch-time. Dad will be in this a.m., if Donna phones there he will let us know. [a.c.]  
Scuff s.w. office also informed of the situation. [a.c.]

At 11 am Donna [redacted] were at the hospital with

however. Donna refused treatment. The doctor planned to section her but Donna ran away. I phoned Mrs Cutts to inform her of all this at 12:30.

A phone call to the hospital at 1:00 pm [a.c.] discovered the information that in fact Donna is at ARI receiving treatment. Mrs Cutts was informed, also Steve Hoggall.

a.c.

P.M. Donna is receiving treatment at A.R.I. Isabel has phoned Mrs. Cutts.  
S.A.H.

In 09.09.10.

a.m. I phoned the hospital, who said Donna is OK and will be seen by a doctor. She is not being very cooperative regarding to do with all the details. Let us know please.

Dr Anderson, Colville Hospital spoke to Damien re Donna's reason for suicide attempt.  
S.A.H.

Please file

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REPORT BY  
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FOR  
Children's Hearing Report 29.6.94

concerning  
Donna Coutts (d.o.b. 28.3.78), c/o Rossie School, Montrose

At Donna's last hearing on 28.3.78 her secure unit order was continued to allow her return to Rossie School. It was anticipated that progress would be made towards Donna's reintegration into the Community by her transfer to the open unit within Rossie and the increase in time spent at Scalloway Park.

Since that time Donna has moved in circles showing an ability to motivate herself and to succeed for a limited period of time, but an inability and unwillingness to sustain this.

After a positive start with the weekends at Scalloway Park she then, after causing a lot of problems for other residents in Scalloway Park, re-offended. This caused another break in the programme which has now been renegotiated.

Whilst initially the break in this programme was seen as a very negative thing for Donna, it did force Donna's hand in terms of home contact and Donna managed to visit her mother and to cope with two weekends, though again she could not sustain this.

Donna has made a fresh start towards her integration into Scalloway Park which has initially started well but which requires time to build up.

As a further "string to Donna's bow" we are pursuing an application to Clifton Road, leaving care project in Aberdeen, though preliminary decisions did not give any indication of how successful this might be.


At present these plans have been discussed with and agreed by Donna. Historically Donna has often agreed to plans but has, throughout, avoided working with any of the professionals involved with her.

On the basis the plans outlined for Donna are there for her to accept if she wishes, but there is little in the way of alternatives that we can provide and the motivation for their success must come from Donna.

Recommendation

The recommendation being made to the hearing is that Donna transfers to Scalloway Park, though there is a requirement for more time and that at the point of transfer Donna's supervision requirement should be terminated and Donna be allowed to attend Scalloway park on a voluntary basis.

*We would request the suspension of the termination of Donna's order from today's date until 27th July (4 weeks) and Donna be allowed to return to Rossie School as her base meantime.*

  
*MEGAN CAMBRIDGE*  
*Social Worker*

*MC/AF/COUTTS.CH1*  
*24 June 1994*

Monthly Summary - Donna Courts, March '94. - April '94.

- 12/3 - 14/3 ~~##~~ Successful weekend at Scalloway Park, inc. short visit for [redacted]  
18/3 Unsuccessful visit, with Donna absconding very soon after her arrival at S.P. apparently to Aberdeen with [redacted]. Handled herself in at Ellen & was returned to Rossie.
- 2/4 - 4/4 Successful weekend, inc. time with [redacted] and short time spent at home en route back to Abdn.
- 9/4 - 10/4 Successful weekend, inc. time with [redacted]  
12/4 Donna's Panel: Donna indicating wish to stay at Rossie and continue spending weekends at S.P. ~~##~~ Move to Semi-Independent Unit at Rossie in the near future, this involving a commitment from S.P. to accommodate Donna every weekend.
- 22/4 - 24/4 Successful weekend, inc. contact with [redacted]  
29/4 - 2/5 This began as a successful weekend; Friday, Saturday and Sunday were fine. Monday included a visit to Forres to see Donna's friend [redacted]. After this, Donna absconded along with [redacted]; all three were out all night, handing themselves in at F. burgh police station at 7:10 am. Tuesday morning. Donna returned to Rossie by Damian.
- 4/5 Donna moved into Forth House, the open unit at Rossie.
- 7/5 Arrived for weekend. Absconded at 10 pm, with [redacted] [redacted]. Returned by the police at 1:30 am., verbally abusive, refusing to settle until 4 am.
- 8/5 Vehemently denying involvement in breaking of Butler's window and attempts to steal a car. Returned to Rossie by bus as planned.
- 13/5 Donna arrived for weekend, <sup>collected by Damian,</sup> very withdrawn, not communicating at all with staff.
- 14/5 Out in the morning choosing paint for her bedroom.

\* In the course of this tirade Donna admitted to vandalism + theft the previous weekends.

Incident in the evening, when along with [redacted] + [redacted] Donna went to Butlers. Donna attempted to buy vodka, shouted abuse at shop assistant when refused.\* Later returned to S.P. smelling strongly of drink, refused to go to bed.

15/5 am. ~~with me and [redacted]~~ <sup>Will me and [redacted]</sup> ~~ate another room, then~~ <sup>ate another room, then</sup> painting her <sup>own</sup> bedroom.  
afternoon - Absconded along with [redacted] returned

2:30 am., later questioned by police and taken to the Station. Admitted theft + vandalism (previous 2 weekends) at Butlers. Returned to Rossie by Damian. To return to the closed unit at Rossie.

A sad mixture of small moves forward together with a return to absconding and other delinquent and criminal behaviour, <sup>also</sup> pulling other y.p. along with her. Donna seems unable to make much <sup>positive</sup> use of the opportunities offered by S.P. When challenged she retreats into the "I've got no choice about coming here" pose; (not strictly true, as Donna freely consented <sup>to</sup> this arrangement on 12/4, and has the opportunity <sup>to</sup> to rescind this on 17/5). ~~Donna~~ ~~When~~ When in difficulties at S.P. Donna attempts to evade responsibility by demanding <sup>an immediate</sup> return to Rossie. When asked to make decisions re. her future life Donna says she "doesn't care", which leaves adults in the position of making decisions which Donna then rejects. Although mature in age, Donna ~~can't~~ isn't able to make decisions and stand by them. For days at a time she seems to be coping + moving forward, but then she falls into a delinquent pattern, putting herself +

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REPORT BY  
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RE  
*Children's Hearing to be held on 27.7.94*

CONCERNING  
*Donna Coutts (28.3.78) c/o Rossie School, Montrose.*

*At Donna's last hearing on 29.6.94 her secure unit order was renewed to allow a further transition period between Rossie School and Scalloway Park.*

*Whilst Donna's leave at Scalloway Park has progressed reasonably well there have been hiccups, but it is anticipated that Donna's supervision requirement will be varied to name Scalloway Park as her place of residence from 27.7.94 in line with the discussions of 29.6.94.*

*It would still be the department's view that Donna should in fact move to Scalloway Park without a supervision requirement, but it was the decision of the Panel on 29.6.94 that the requirement would remain in place.*

**MEGAN CAMBRIDGE**  
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**MC/AF/COUTTS.CH3**  
*20 July 1994*

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30.3.93

CONTRACT FOR DONNA

1) For the duration here at S.P. Donna will abide by the Rules, as age appropriate.

2) TIMES OUT:

Donna will be allowed out, for 2 hourly blocks checking in, in person.

Time 10.30 pm during the week.

(b) Weekends 11.00 pm

(c) School days 9.00 pm

Sundays will be classed as weekdays!!

These times are not negotiable.

3) Donna will be expected to carry out one job per day as per the Rota. During the Holidays she will do one other job each day.

4) Donna will not abscond whilst she is in S.P.

5) Donna's bed time will be the same as each other 15 year old. 10.30 pm.

6) Donna will receive £6.20? pocket money each week.

7) Donna will spend at least one night per week in the house.

8) If Donna complies with this contract for 2 weeks, she will be taken horse riding by Joe.

9) If Donna fails to keep within the contract she will:

a) have her pocket money frozen

or b) lose her pocket money, 75%

or c) miss out on her trip.

or ~~2) Be allowed to BUILDING.~~

10) This contract will be reviewed, two weeks from today, unless stated otherwise.

11) Donna will be allowed to participate in any trips organised by S.P. during her stay.

J. Brice

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Donna

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# DONNA COUTTS.

12/3/94 Donna arrived with [redacted] from Rossie, at lunch-time. Personal info. is in the red book, contract is made out, info. booklet given to Donna. Hopefully she is set for a good weekend. Has had £2 pocket money from us, and £2.50 from Rossie. After lunch, into the quiet room with others. Sister [redacted] visiting late morning tomorrow, brought through from Turriff by taxi, & picked up again after an hour. If all goes well & Donna decides to come to us again next weekend, we'll arrange a longer visit for [redacted].

Unfortunately we can't find the key to Donna's bedroom door a.c.

12/3/94.

Donna had tea, telling everyone about her stories of running away and sniffing. ~~was~~ I spoke to her about this and the importance of not making up her time here. Went out with [redacted] briefly. Spent the rest of the evening watching T.V. Spoke with her again about Rossey, solvent abuse and running away. - Donna again recounting stories about this and saying that she is still ~~is~~ sniffing - This really worries me Donna. Had a cigarette and a chat then went off to bed.

Ruth

13/3/94.

Donna up and discussed at length her job. Her sister arrived and the visit seemed to go well although both were annoyed by the brevity of the visit. Donna had lunch & spent time talking to Audrey & going through her log. Donna would like to come here again next weekend.

Ruth

Thursday 14/3/94 m.

DONNA BACK AT ROSSIE HAVINGS HAD A GOOD TRIP TO STONESTOWN WHICH INCLUDED A VISIT TO DONNOTAR CASTLE.

[REDACTED] CALLED TO ASK HOW THE WEEKEND HAS GONE FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW AS DONNA HAS BEEN VERY POSITIVE WITH THEM AND WANTED ANOTHER VISIT.

S.P. TO ADVISE [REDACTED] OUR PARAMETERS FOR THE COMING WEEKEND VISIT. — ANDREW!

Friday 18/3/94 m.

DONNA'S VISIT HAS BEEN VERY SHORT LIVED. SITE GOT £2.00 OUT OF P.C. ADVANCE ON POCKET MONEY AT 4-30 AND WENT TO THE SHOPS. SITE DID NOT RETURN AND WAS REPORTED MISSING AT 20-45 PM. [REDACTED]

DONNA'S BAG IS STILL IN THE ROOM. POLICE CALLED TO PIN TO SAY DONNA AT [REDACTED] OF ROSSIE WILL SCHEDULE 19/3/94 AM. TAKE HER BACK TO ROSSIE.

DONNA'S MUMS PHONED AND [REDACTED] UPDATED HER RE HER DAUGHTER'S SITUATION. DONNA TAKEN BACK TO ROSSIE BY O-G-HOUSE FROM [REDACTED] AT ELLERS.

[REDACTED] PHONED AT 1015 AM TO SAY HE WAS STILL TRYING TO CONTACT MEGAN. 15.

pm. shift: [REDACTED] CALLED BY TO RETURN DONNA'S BEDROOM KEY. EFFORTS CONTINUE TO CONTACT [REDACTED] I PHONED ROSSIE 9 PM TO ENQUIRE HOW DONNA WAS. SHE IS APPARENTLY FINE, BUT WOULDN'T SPEAK TO ME AS SHE WAS EXPECTING A ROW (I SUPPOSE). I ~~WENT~~ ASKED THE ROSSIE STAFF MEMBER TO TELL DONNA WE'RE NOT GOING TO GIVE HER A ROW, AND WE'LL BE IN ~~THE~~ TOUCH AGAIN SOON. a.c.

# Donna

21/3/94 T.C. from [redacted] at Rossie. General discussion re. Donna's expedition on Friday with [redacted]

[redacted] seemingly Donna had been upset earlier in the week after a TC with [redacted] to which [redacted]

Donna did not know until I met her at Ellen that [redacted] would be visiting her on Sunday.

A date of 29/3 was set for me to visit Donna at Rossie - to be confirmed.

a.c.

31/3/94 <sup>Thursday</sup> I was unable to visit Rossie this Tuesday.

Phone conversation with [redacted] re. Donna coming here this weekend: it seems Donna is undecided whether to visit here or not. Scalloway Park are offering Donna a visit from Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon. Rossie will hopefully ring us with a yes or a no in the afternoon.

a.c.

1/4/94 Friday.

4:00 pm No word from Rossie so far.

4:30 pm T.C. from [redacted] at Rossie - arrangements made that we'll meet Donna at Ellen at 12:30 tomorrow, and hand her back to Rossie Staff at 2:30 on Sunday afternoon beside Calkbank school. Rossie had no word from [redacted]

a.c.

2/4/94 Saturday.

am. Audrey off to collect Donna at 12 pm. Bank 3 had lunch. Donna speaking very positively in the car about staying another 3 months at Rossie to complete standard grades and Solvec modules.

Arrangements made that Donna will phone her sister [redacted] and arrange that I pick her up for a visit tomorrow - Staff to inform me.

2<sup>RD</sup> APRIL.

Donna was around all evening - enjoying the peace! Phoned her sister who is coming through tomorrow. Watched T.V. then went out with [REDACTED] to the shops. Spent time with [REDACTED] in the queer room. Off to bed. This was a nice night for Donna who was really chatty  
Koto

3<sup>RD</sup> April.

Donna up in good form. Her sister ~~was~~ visited and they seemed to have a nice time together. Off with Audrey to Aberdeen.  
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3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL pm.

Audrey called to say Donna had excellent visit home with siblings. Collected by Rossie. Staff staff and left in good humour. R.

Wed April

Call from Rossie asking if a visit next weekend is OK as Donna told them there was a staffing problem at S.I.

We advised that a visit on the same terms as last weekend. They will speak to Audrey on Thursday  
R

9/4/94 Jenna was collected from Aberdeen by Roba & arrived here in OK form. Went down to tea with [REDACTED] & was back for tea time but didn't eat. Went out to the dunes with [REDACTED]. Watched a bit of T.V., spoke with [REDACTED] on the phone, & off to bed. Farber phoned home & made arrangements for tomorrow.  
a.c.

## Donna.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>/4 am. Donna up and off to Turiff with  
Nicky to collect sister. Phone call from [redacted]

and Donna around the building off down to the  
shops a couple of times.

*Phin*

Sunday 10/4/94

AFTER A TERRIFIC WEEKEND WITH NO ISSUES DONNA  
WAS TAKEN BY RESSIE TO CONTACT WITH ROSSIE STAFF  
AT OAKBANK. [redacted] returned with me to Mum's  
in good form. a.c.

Tuesday 12/4/94 Donna's Panel in Macduff, attended by myself,  
Megan [redacted] from Rossie and Donna - chaired  
by [redacted] with [redacted] and [redacted]. After  
much discussion, the panel's decision was that Donna  
should return to Rossie to take her exams,  
continuing to spend weekends at S.P. [redacted]  
intimated that if S.P. can provide a home base for  
Donna (that is, accommodate her every weekend),  
then Donna can move into the Open Unit at  
Rossie. As we can't manage, to take Donna  
this weekend, she will ~~probably~~ <sup>hopefully</sup> move into the  
Open Unit next week.

Donna didn't manage to speak during the  
meeting, but seemed satisfied with the result.  
Arrangements will be made for Donna [a.c.]  
to spend the weekend of 23/24<sup>th</sup> April with us, [when  
Maki, Gaira + Steven will be on shift], and every  
subsequent weekend

Thurs. 14/4/94 T.C. from [redacted] at Rossie. When Donna  
moves into the open unit next week, she will have long

weekends with us - Friday to Monday. This will start on Friday 22nd/4. - exact arrangements to be made later. Donna may need quite a bit of help to make this weekend a success, ~~was~~ because of the longer time, the charges at Rossie and the interfering weekend when she wasn't able to come to us. Donna has been making the arrangements for us to collect her sister [redacted] on Sunday mornings. Could someone go through Donna's contract with her when she arrives, + make any necessary amendments. Thank-you!

Tues  
21/4/4

[redacted] from Rossie ring to speak to Robin re transport arrangements for next weekend. He will ring back - have a.c.

Friday

April 22nd am.

Spoke to Esther -

[redacted] phoned re Donna visit for her sister [redacted] Sunday arriving 11.30 am pulsed up 3.30 pm. Saturday no use.

Friday 22nd April pm. Donna picked up outside Oakbank. Donna's been on great form all right headed off at 10 to fair with [redacted] - returned before home, watched the video and headed off to bed.

Saturday 23rd am. Donna up and did jobs - heading off to Peterhead with [redacted] to return of bus between 6pm - 1pm

pm Back with others 4-7.30 ish, had <sup>this</sup> potatoes + ketchup for tea, out again, checked in back on furber, had a settled ok - have -

Donna  
Sun 24th April Am Donna's sister brought by  
friend at 12:00 to be returned when taking  
is collected, watching TV with others - her -

Sun 24/4 pm Spent afternoon and early evening in the  
company of her sister. They spent some time outside  
skipping with rest of girls and also went down the  
road in [redacted] car. Remainder of evening spent  
between quiet room and watching TV with others - good  
shift Donna

Mon 25/4 am. Up and was very helpful, setting tea and  
toast table - particularly as she didn't want any herself.  
Off to Aberdeen with me to be collected by member of  
Rosie's staff at Oakbank

Friday 29th Apr. - Phone call from member of staff  
from Rosie saying that her and Donna had  
missed the bus as they'd been given the wrong time  
Should be in Fraserburgh at 1:30 pm.  
thru

Friday 29/4/94 pm.

DONNA ARRIVED AND CALLED S.P. FOR A LIFT FROM THE  
BUS STATION. AUDREY COLLECTED HER.

DONNA HAS A NEW CONTRACT WHICH GIVES HER £3.00  
POCKET MONEY AND IN TIME OF 10M FRIDAY  
AND SATURDAY. NOW ON 2 HOUR CHECK-INS.

DONNA HAS BEEN COMPLAINING, FEELING GENERALLY UNWELL  
AND SHORT OF BREATH.

COLLECTED HER POCKET MONEY AND OFF OUT WITH  
[redacted] TO THE FAIR (PROBABLY VIA [redacted] AT ABOUT  
6-30 pm.

CHECKED IN WITHIN TIME SLOT THEN OUT AGAIN  
WITH [redacted]. BACK AGAIN JUST NEAR 10 pm.

SETTLED WITH THE OTHERS TO WATCH "POLTER II"  
THEN OFF TO BED.

30/4/94 Saturday pm.

Downa up ABOUT 1030 THIS MORNING. NO BREAKFAST DID HER  
SAB - living Room and SPENT THE REST OF THE MORNING  
WITH [REDACTED]

AFTER LUNCH SETTLED DOWN IN THE QUIET ROOM WITH [REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED]

DOWNA ASKED IF SHE COULD GO TO KEITH WITH [REDACTED]  
WAS TOLD SHE MUST CONFORM WITH THE CONDITIONS IN  
HER CONTRACT I.E. CHECK IN EVERY 2 HOURS.

DOWNA WAS NOT HAPPY AT THIS BUT DID NOT ARGUE  
EITHER.

pm. Downa spent the rest of the afternoon in S.P.  
close with [REDACTED]. After being excused  
from tea Downa went to Aiken Park with [REDACTED]  
Isobel and Rodney. On good form all evening  
complaining about her diet but totally  
unwilling to visit the doctors.

John

Sunday 1.5.94

Good morning for Downa, did her job, spent  
rest of morning before/after lunch around SP

Sabel

Sunday 1/5/94 pm.

DOWNA AROUND GENERALLY WITH THE OTHER Y.P. SOMETIMES  
IN THE QUIET ROOM, SOMETIMES AT THE T.V. AFTER DINNER  
ASKED IF SHE WAS GOING TO FERRIS TOMORROW. YES!  
CALL FROM FERRIS HAS CALLED ABOUT 4 PM TO SAY IT WAS  
OK FOR DOWNA TO VISIT. DOWNA SPOKE TO [REDACTED] ON THE  
PHONE JUST AFTER 9 pm, [REDACTED] RETURNING HER CALL.  
OFF TO BED, NO PROVISION R.

Monday 2/5/94

Donna J. just after 9.30. Bright and cheerful and looking forward to her trip to Ferris. Did not have breakfast and is anxious to see Damian come in.

Off to Ferris with Damian and [redacted] at 12.15 p.m.

pm. shift:- according to Damian the Ferris visit went very well, but Donna was not in the mood for telling Staff about this. She spent time with [redacted] making a trip out to the swing park early evening, then "to the shops" at 9.20. Unfortunately the trio has not returned, and at 1.03 am. we are very worried about their whereabouts and welfare. We reported the three missing at 11.15. This is very disappointing at the end of a really good weekend. We had hoped that [redacted] and Donna would be good for each other, not lead each other into danger. a.c.

Tuesday 3/5/94 Donna [redacted] handed themselves in at F.burg police station at 7.15 am. Donna, as she is out on licence from Rossie, was locked up separately. After numerous phone calls it was arranged that Damian would take Donna to Stonehaven + meet with Rossie Staff there. He left to collect Donna at 11.40 am. [redacted] has been informed of the weekend's good points + disappointing finish. L.A.C.

Wednesday 4/5/94.

[redacted] at 11. Donna moves into Forth House today. Could Murray call and discuss S.P. sanctions on Donna. Also call [redacted] afterwards and bring her up to date Thurs. am. Tried to contact Donna's new key-worker, [redacted] who won't be in until 3 p.m. a.c.

Successful phone call with [redacted] later, re. Donna's shorter weekend this weekend; this seems to be OK. Donna wasn't happy at first in her new unit, but has settled now and is her usual talkative self. [redacted] is planning to phone [redacted] re. ~~engagement~~ L.A.C. the weekend.

Sat 7th May 96 pm Donna arrived during changeover, looking good. Asked to go out in the afternoon with others told of her restricted times (2 hrs at a time) returned on time, had a little supper was fine all evening until 10 pm when she disappeared with [redacted]. Returned by the police at 1:30 am, totally different side came through - verbally aggressive, refusing to go <sup>saying she wanted to return to Rossi</sup> Damian appeared just before 2:30 am <sup>and only bed until</sup> even fuzzly - <sup>settled</sup> ~~having~~ an hour or so later. Not quite sleeping when [redacted] checked at 4 am.

Sun 8th May 96  
Woken by [redacted] at 3:30 am still saying the same, she wants to go back to Rossi. Expedition to the shop with [redacted] to get cigarettes, returned vehemently denying that it was them who had broken (shattered) windows & attempted to steal a car told neither Rossi or E.D.I. had staff to collect her, she would have to return on bus as originally planned. Damian phoned & informed of this - Mr McPhail informed. Donna put ~~down~~ on 2:10 bus by Mabel.

Sun 8th May 96 pm. Donna in cab to bus by Mabel at 2 pm -  
[redacted]

## Donna Coult's

Thurs. 12/5/94 Lengthy TC. with Heather McDowell re.

Donna's present + future plans. Donna sat her English exam this week, did part of her maths exam and has science still to come. Is to be collected by Damian on Friday (en route from Crieff), and to return to Rossie by bus + train on Monday, Rossie to pay for travel both ways. Donna has been saying she does not feel that we want her here and I assured [redacted] that this was not so. a.c.

Friday 13/5/94 Donna collected from Rossie by Damian. Kept a low profile all evening, playing cards with other young people and socialising. Off to bed, doing some colouring along with [redacted] a.c.

Sat. 14/5/94 Donna up + around along with [redacted] + came to town to choose paint for her bedroom. Good company, but hasn't managed to talk to Suzanne about last weekend. Joined in the pic-nic lunch, + now having a look at the videos along with [redacted] a.c.

14/5/94pm Donna very much keeping herself to herself. Spawning early part watch TV. Donna asked for her pocket money it was explained that she had lost 75% for last week's going ons. Donna recently what pocket money she had left they went down to the shops with [redacted]. Returning shortly with crisps. Donna asked to go out, they went out with [redacted] along with one of the young friends who visited. During her time out a shop keeper from Brothers warned saying one of the young girls from SP which was Donna had become verbally abusive when refused drink and

also unwilling to the breaking any vandalism  
Donna eventually however smelling of drink.  
Donna eventually taken to task about the events of  
the night and her drinking, Donna not happy  
at all about this. Eventually told to go  
to her room as this was the procedure for  
any young person smelling of drink. Donna  
refusing to do this. Donna continued in this frame  
of mind for about an hour, when she eventually  
went to room. Along with her inhibitor when she  
asked for but would not return to the  
suite. Inhibitor eventually returning to the suite  
without Donna's consent. Police arrived at the moment  
to interview Donna about the weapons at  
Butlers. Donna was uncooperative and the  
police left, saying the work call again when  
she prepared to talk. Donna still in her room.

15/5/94am Donna of this morning in OK form.  
Donna done her job. Spending most of  
the morning talking to Audrey.  
RE ISSUES SURROUNDING HER RECENT  
BEHAVIOUR, MISUSE OF SP. HAD LUNCH  
AND CHATTING TO OTHERS,  
\* POLICE HAVE STATED TO DONNA THAT SHE  
IS NOT TO GO NEAR BUTLERS.

15/5/94 pm

Donna painting her bedroom with [REDACTED]  
assistance. Later stenciling hearts on some part of  
the wall and making a good job. Later Donna  
being vulgar at tea time along with [REDACTED] told  
off and this stopped. Donna stirring things with

Sunday  
15/5/94 pm

others at different times during the evening. Asking to go out to look for supposedly missing keys but <sup>at 8.30pm approx</sup> actually left in the company of [redacted] whom she knew was grounded. Briefly they separated but met up at Lockport end of the Terk. Donna returned on her own saying she had told [redacted] to go home? Donna joining in with the debasing of [redacted] and actually keeping it going at different times. Donna refused along with [redacted] to go to bed. Soon after was seen in [redacted] back stairs holding her jacket retrieved from [redacted] room in the company of [redacted]. Denied any intention of running away. Again soon after met up with [redacted] in Glass House and proceeded to be abusive verbally and laughing and encouraging [redacted] to be likewise. Soon all three left the building at 10-~~45~~pm. Reported missing at 11.00pm. Police wish to question Donna re events of last weekend and the preceding weekend re damage and theft from Butlers. They have said they will probably hold her for questioning when and if they trace her tonight.

Suzanne.

P.S. Donna being vague about her travel arrangements for tomorrow and was trying to push for us to allow her [redacted] to an earlier bus so she could see her sister in Aberdeen. This was refused. She spoke with her mother earlier on the phone.

S.

16/5/94 Donna and [redacted] arrived back without explanation of where they had been at 2<sup>30</sup>am. Donna told Police would be informed of this and not to go to bed as Police had intimated earlier that they wished to question her. Police arrived at 3.30am. Questioned Donna re events of the night - Donna saying they had been walking around Trasher Dingle all evening. Police then cautioned her re break-in to Butlers Shop on the night of 2/5/94 and then stated they were taking her down to the Police Station for questioning. 4.20am [redacted] telephoned to say that Donna had admitted to breaking into Butlers and had been charged with that offence. He also stated he would be returning Donna to S. Park after she had been seen by C.I.D and finger-printed. He said that they would also be wanting to question the other 2 girls missing on the 2/5/94 [redacted]. Donna also admitted to being party to the windows being smashed at Butlers on 8/5/94 but that [redacted] was the culprit.

Donna collected by Damien to be taken back to Rossie, Rossie and saying Donna to be placed back in secure unit. [redacted] contacted.

Suzanne.

Janna Courts.

30-3-93 am. Janna admitted at 3pm. Apparently she had run away from home earlier in the day. She refused to go home quite angrily, claims she is fed up with father (step) knocking her around and constant slagging from Mum, about friends etc. Janna very nervous about things in general. Off to bed 3-30. AS

30-3-93 a.m. Janna bewildered by going on this morning saying still she does not want to go home. [redacted] still as above, saying further (step) plus Mum question <sup>ing</sup> her friends etc. Janna saying she would like to make fresh start new sch., new friends etc. Her friends into drugs, although she claims she has not touched them. Police wanting to interview her about Bowie knife, she will be charged for carrying this. AS

30-3-93pm. Donna very withdrawn and quiet for most of the evening. I tried to talk with her but Donna saying that she needs time to think. Police wanted to talk about Donna's absconding and to charge her for being in possession of an offensive weapon. Donna ~~quite~~ quiet throughout this - later was crying but again was not able to engage. Went out for an hour with [redacted] returned on time. Chatted to the others (mainly [redacted]) and went off to bed. ~~AS~~ Ruth

31-3-93 am. Donna up early. Did her job. Round the building with the others appearing a bit more relaxed. Off Shimminie on Peterhead with [redacted] Ruth.

31.3.93 pm. Donna spoke to Robin for a short  
time in the afternoon re: the issues which  
she is facing now and what they mean  
for her future, and filled in the M.P.  
book. Donna went speaking this  
evening fairly coming out of her shell"  
headed off to bed sharing with [redacted] and  
[redacted]. Mum phoned this  
evening, asking how Donna was feelin  
and what the score was. Donna did  
not want to speak to her.

Donna bolts

Friday with June pm Following meeting at Ross, which Damian attended today, Mrs bolts phoned to say Donna was home & angry at Damian for making her do an extra 3 months. Asked her to keep in touch over weekend - haw

Set with June Mrs bolts phoned to say Donna hadn't returned home last night as she'd "lost her money" & had stayed at [redacted] - haw  
phoned to say Ross were collecting her & didn't no feel she'd be able to persuade the rest of the family to accept her home for future well-being. She was quite upset - haw -

17/6 Am.

Rosie contacted to say Donna was to catch the 11-25 am bus from Aberdeen. If Donna was catching a later bus she was to phone here. No phone call as yet. Arrived at lunch time to frosty reception, from peers. Suzanne.

17/6 pm

Damian clearly spoke Amy Ring out to Donna her contact regarding her weekend. Donna was OK about this. Donna was given ~~permission~~ bus FREE Amy taken Donna to bus station, catching the 4.5 pm bus to Aberdeen. TC from mum asking if Donna had been given permission to go to Aberdeen to meet her sister. TC from Donna around 7 pm saying she was staying the night at her days Amy will return tomorrow afternoon. Out of ours was continuing regarding Donna's weekend plans, etc.

18/6 am Donna arrived back at 11:50 am having had a  
nice night at Jays. ~~They have~~ just had lunch  
morning about Kenny Borer. etc.

Sat 18/6 pm Boredom continued for a while then  
after supper [redacted] got involved in wrapping presents  
for [redacted] birthday (which she did very well)  
at speaking to Suzanne Bear that she doesn't  
see her future in Baserburgh, has an application  
in for Bluffon Rd, speaking about her family  
particularly her younger sister. Nice to  
see Donna smiling. In quiet room for a  
while then off to bed - again

Sun 19/6 am Donna up didn't have any breakfast  
watching TV with others, talking about  
how hard life at BSSI can be a <sup>up</sup>start  
mistreatment of kids there - not a <sup>up</sup>start  
as Darwan had said it was - again

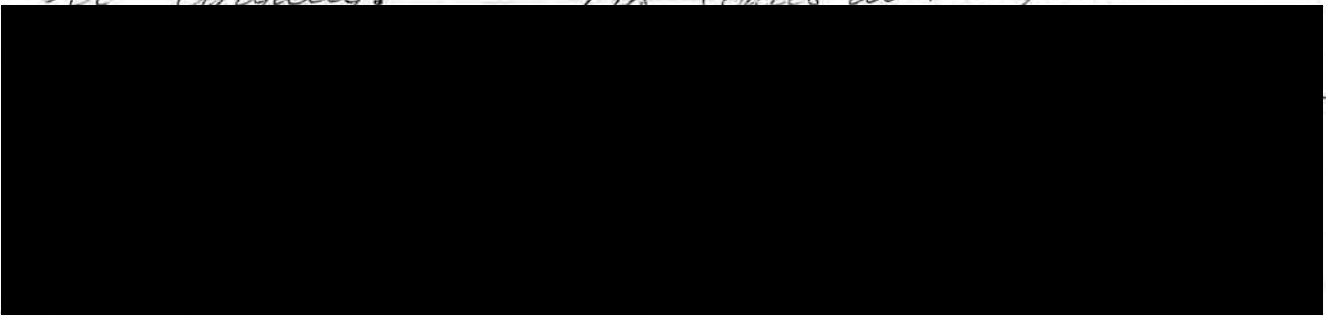
19/6 pm Donna very much being kept at  
arms length by the other young people,  
they tea, Donna taken up to [redacted]  
by myself to ~~deliver~~ deliver birthday presents  
Donna says how well she's done this  
weekend. Donna spending rest of evening  
watching TV and popping in and out her  
bedroom. Eventually off to bed. etc.

20/6 am Donna up early this am keeping a low  
profile. Asked if she could get an earlier bus  
which was okayed. - asking if she could spend  
next weekend at dad's. ~~She will~~ [redacted] re Clifton  
road and the school.

# DONNA.

23/6/94 Phone conversation with [redacted] in she has confirmed that Donna visited [redacted] (last weekend), and plans to visit again this weekend - probably a day visit on Saturday. This information came via Mrs Coutts. Donna's contract this weekend is as [redacted] A.C. (last weekend).

24/6/94 T.C. from Donna saying she was at [redacted] house and would catch the 9pm. bus to Fraserburgh. [redacted] also spoke, checking if it was OK that Donna was there. Donna called again at 8.15 pm saying she wanted to catch the 10.30 bus; [redacted] not at all happy with this; Donna advised that the 10.30 bus is not very nice, but Donna said she would catch it anyway. T.C.s from Rossie and from A.C. Mrs Coutts at this point.



BUS. BILL PHONED AT 1155 TO ADVISE DONNA WAS NOT ON THE BUS. [redacted] MISSING, SOON AFTERWARDS.



0030 DONNA AT [redacted] O.O.H. informed me pick up arranged at ELLAN RUE 1.30. Rossie informed of the current situation. A.C. Donna successfully conveyed home by O.O.H. and Bill. Brought up to bed. Apparently the boy [redacted] didn't appear to meet [redacted] Donna. A.C.

25/6/94 Donna lying low until after lunchtime, appearing just after the rest of the crowd left. Read through her Panel report and her last week's contract, which is to stand for this weekend also.

Donna phoned her sister [redacted] to arrange a visit tonight - not possible to confirm that an overnight is O.K., as Dad not in at the moment. [redacted] to phone back at 4:30.

Donna says the others are calling her a prostitute etcetera; Donna "doesn't care", and anyway [redacted] is to "get her lights punched out" by a pal of Donna's who attends Cadets. I suggested this wasn't the way to deal with the problem.

Donna can have bus fare through to Aberdeen for her overnight at Dad's; if it's not to be an overnight the last bus back is at 10:30 pm., the no. 268. A.C.

26/6/94 Donna watched the tennis then spoke to her sister on the phone. I then spoke to her dad who said it was fine that she have an Op. Donna went off to catch the 5:30 bus but missed it. Phoned from the bus station saying she had missed it but would get the next one. Given £5 and asked to come back with bus ticket and change. Said I would phone her tomorrow to arrange a bonie for her return home. Ruth.

26/6/94 TC from Donna saying she was going out for lunch with her dad and returning early evening. SC

26/6/94 Reported missing 10:30 pm after several calls for [redacted] AL

Monday 27/6/94 m.

Still no word from Donna. [REDACTED]

AND Rossie all informed. Please inform Mrs Courts of any development. Police (Aberdeen/Bearsden) think she may be in Newcastle). R.

21/6/94m Phone call from Rossie around 6:30pm - pm saying that Donna was in a house in Dundee, whereupon a social worker was visiting this house, so I spoke to Donna, Donna admitting she ~~was~~ was missing from Rossie and was taken back. etc.

11/7/94 T.C. from Rossie saying Donna will be catching the 10:56 am. train. I spoke to Donna on three points

- 1) she must come <sup>straight</sup> through to Scalloway Park today, and negotiate here re. time in Aberdeen, rather than doing this over the phone.
- 2) I will be on holiday for 3 weeks. During this time I'll be asking Bill to act as Donna's keyworker.
- 3) paint has been returned to Gavin's office, but Donna can carry on painting if she wishes.

Other points to be borne in mind during the next few weeks are: - ① on the night before Donna's return to Rossie she must return to S.P. by 11 pm., or will be reported missing. This is to try to ensure an appropriate return to Rossie. in the run-up to her Panel on 27/7.

②. after this weekend, Donna is to have longer weekends here, from Friday to Tuesday - Bill to negotiate this with Rossie.

③. Donna to be fore-warned re the school-leaving routine, which will apply to her when she comes here

full-time.

④ pocket money - Donna's pocket money, £3 per week at the moment, is being paid into the Butlers fund. When Donna comes here full-time, £3 will continue to be taken off her £8.45 pocket money.

Donna Bonitz  
~~Saturday~~ Friday 1st July pm Donna arrived  
during diahgeover looking good - couple of phone  
calls from her sister & had some tea then out  
with [redacted]. Back briefly at supper  
then out again back just after 11 speaking  
with [redacted] & [redacted] in quiet room until  
hurried to bed. Settled ok. -Gavin

Sat 2nd July am. Up this am complaining  
of sore arm where she had injection & that  
she couldn't sleep last night & said it was best  
to leave it uncovered during the day. Donna  
says my eye needs to register with a pt here  
watching the furniture with [redacted] -Gavin

2/7/94 PM Watched video and [redacted] in really  
chatty form. Nice to see her in with the  
others. Off out with [redacted] returned but  
back out to 11.30 pm. and in and off  
to bed. Excellent! Had discussion earlier with  
[redacted] about neuro, etc. AL

3/7/94 AM. Up in continued good form, still a  
part of the group well done Donna  
Threatened by [redacted] "friends". AL

SUNDAY 3RD JULY AM.

DONNA STAYED CLOSE TO THE BUILDING ALL EVENING. DONNA HAS DONE EXTREMELY WELL THIS WEEKEND AND HAS, APART FROM THE UPSET WITH [REDACTED] FRIENDS, INTEGRATED WITH THE GROUP.

DONNA RECEIVED A CALL FROM [REDACTED] AND HAS ARRANGED TO MEET WITH HER IN ABOARDGEM BEFORE CATCHING THE TRAIN TO MONTROSE.

DONNA ATE WELL AT TEA TIME, WATCHED THE VIDEO WITH THE OTHERS AND WENT TO BED WITHOUT PROBLEMS. P

Monday 4/7/94 AM

DONNA UP IN GARDY FROM JUST AFTER 9 AM. HAD WITH TEA N TOAST. AND GOT READY TO CATCH THE 1150 BUS.

\* DONNA WILL HAVE AN EXTRA DAY NEXT WEEKEND, CARING HERE ON FRIDAY AND LEAVING TUESDAY. [REDACTED] HAS BEEN INFORMED. BILL SPOKE TO [REDACTED] & PULSED ON DONNA AND [REDACTED] GETTING TOGETHER. THIS WILL BE ARRANGED AFTER DONNA IS AT S.P. FULL TIME, SUPERVISOR AT FIRST.

DONNA TAKEN TO CATCH THE BUS AT 1150 BY BILL. P

7/7/94 AM [REDACTED] phoned to say that Donna application to lift load has been unsuccessful. P

8/7/94 pm Donna arrived at S.P. at 1:25pm. Did not want any lunch. J

8/7/94 pm DONNA IN FINE FORM, WALKED [REDACTED] DOWN TO THE FACTORY, RETURNING IN TIME FOR TEA. WENT OFF TO PICTURES WITH [REDACTED] RETURNING JUST AFTER 10:00pm, SPENT REST OF TIME IN QUIET ROOM WITH OTHERS

Donna

07 To 8:30 AT 11:30pm Saturday with [REDACTED]

9/7/94am Donna up this morning, spending a lot of time in quiet room. Eventually done her job properly. Had lunch, of down the town with [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] SC.

Sat 10/7/94 pm Donna basically around the building all am & evening. Pleasant company watched the film - in quiet room had a settled of [REDACTED]

Sun 10/7/94 am Donna [REDACTED] first up had <sup>hair</sup> frizzy Donna very happy with [REDACTED] (my dog) talking about how her dad had killed their dog years ago. Asked about Butler's break in kid visited Donna indignant that anyone should suspect S.P. residents. Has been complaining this shift. I got throat needs new wholen Is she registered here or more Rossie banana am [REDACTED]

10/7/94pm Donna assisted [REDACTED] in reprimanding the gate. Had tea, Donna just get involved in the argument with the other young people, very much a passive observer. Spent a lot of time in the quiet room with [REDACTED] Had supper, watched a little of Kinky Kenny before going to bed. ~~Donna~~ Donna received a TC from sister Amy then phoned [REDACTED] SC.

11/7/94am Donna up this morning. Had tea & toast. Spent morning painting her room.

Angela [redacted] in Lounge Room watching video  
with [redacted] & [redacted]

11/7/94 pm

Donna in this pm watching TV, chatting with others.  
After tea phoned sister. Watching video after spending time  
in Quiet Room. After supper told Clare she was  
going out up the road, when asked said she would be  
back at 10-3pm. Prior to Donna's stated return, it was  
realised that Donna had absconded with [redacted]

~~Donna~~ Reported missing at 10-30pm. Police phoned  
at 12-25am to say Donna had been found with the  
others on the roof of Ladyfets School & would be charged  
~~Donna~~ with being on enclosed premises.  
Gavin collected Donna later in the morning,  
off to bed.

Clare

12.7.94 am

Donna up before Tea + Toast although did not  
have any. Taken to bus station by Gavin to  
catch 11-50am bus

Clare

13/7/94 pm Wednesday.

[redacted] From Rossie called at 9.30 am to get our  
version of Donna's workday. DONNA WAS ACCUSING  
THE POLICE OF RIPPING HER TUNIC DURING A SCUFF  
ON THE SCHOOL ROOF ON MONDAY NIGHT. ADVISED [redacted]  
WE KNEW NOTHING OF THIS. DONNA IS BEING POSITIVE  
ON SAYING TO S.P. TELLING ROSSIE STAFF SHE WANTS  
TO PACK UP HER ROOM READY FOR THE MOVE.

ROSSIE WAS SUGGESTING THURSDAY AS THE START OF THE COMING WEEKEND. P. DONNA, [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED WE WOULD DISCUSS THIS AT CHANGSEWER BUT THAT I COULD SEE NO REASON WHY NOT. [REDACTED] TO BE ADVISED TODAY - P.

BILL TO CALL ROSSIE AFTER CHANGSEWER TO CONFIRM. R

12/7/94 pm Donna appeared around lunchtime making plans for getting her gear up to Fraxburgh.

14/12/94 PM Out in the afternoon with others, returned on time. Out with [REDACTED] <sup>this</sup> Told about the attack on [REDACTED] by [REDACTED]. After the Police had seen [REDACTED] she was put in the van and taken to the Police Station for "checking" then returned by the Police with a warning as she had only said "Childspeak" reference to her being forced off the school roof the other night. She agreed that she would have handled things differently a few months ago. WED

DONNA DONNA

Spoke to Police re-accusation that [REDACTED] gradad had made to her and [REDACTED] off to bed, feeling good with herself. Ah.

15/7/94 am Donna up, Hay tea & toast, spent  
time in quiet room chatting to others about  
last night. of town with [redacted]  
and [redacted] supposed to be back for dinner.

15/7/94 pm

Donna in quiet room + around building once  
back. After tea out down to shop with  
[redacted] in building rest of evening  
watched video. Received phone call from  
[redacted] re: [redacted] threats made  
to herself from [redacted] + that  
this situation had been dealt with  
later in evening keen to go on expedition  
to the 'Four Corners'. Had a good laugh  
mainly due to [redacted]  
off to bed sharing with [redacted]

Car

16/7/94 am

Donna up this morning, had breakfast.  
After spending time in quiet room got  
dressed, did job. watching TV + after  
lunch watching 'Free Willy' on video.

Car

SATURDAY 16/7/94 m.

DOWNNA OUT TO THE LOCAL SHOP WITH [REDACTED] AND  
~~STAYED~~ BACK SHORTLY BEFORE CHANGEOVER COMPLETE.

ARRIVED WITH OTHERS ON A TRIP TO PETERBORO TO SEE  
"BEETHOVEN II".

DOWNNA [REDACTED] TO BRUFF FOR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THEN BACK TO S.P. AT 5.45 AM T.M.

DOWNNA ATE WELL.

AFTER TEA WATCHED TV WITH OTHERS.

JUST AS THE GROUP WAS LEAVING FOR THE CINEMA, DOWNNA  
REFUSED TO GO, SAYING SHE WANTED TO CALL HER  
STEPDAD TO TRY TO ARRANGE AN OVERNIGHT. DOWNNA  
USED A LAKE EXCUSE OF "NOT BEING INVITED" AS  
HER REASON FOR NOT JOINING THE OTHERS WHO LEFT  
JUST AFTER 7.30 PM.

DOWNNA CALLED HER STEPDAD SHORTLY AFTERWARDS BUT  
RECEIVED A VERY COLD RESPONSE. DOWNNA WAS  
VISIBLY HURT BY HIS REJECTION.

DOWNNA CALLED HER MUM AND SPOKE TO HER AND HER  
BROTHERS AND WAS PLEASED THAT MUM WAS SPEAKING  
TO HER AGAIN.

DOWNNA SPENT THE REST OF THE EVENING TALKING  
TO BILL AND WATCHING T.V.

WHEN THE OTHERS RETURNED AT ABOUT 10.30, DOWNNA  
JOINED THEM IN THE QUIET ROOM AND FOR THE  
NEXT HOUR WAS A PART THE LAUGHING AND  
GIGGLING THAT WAS GOING ON. DOWNNA WENT  
OFF TO BED ABOUT 11.30 SHARING HER ROOM WITH  
[REDACTED]. AT JUST AFTER 12.15 AM A BED CHECK  
SHOWED BOTH SHE AND [REDACTED] WERE OUT OF  
THE BUILDING. THE POLICE WERE INFORMED AT  
12.35 AM.

17/7/94 am.

No sign of Donna this am. Police called at 11 am. Still no word. Donna's mother advised at the same time. She has asked to be notified when we have any news.

Donna and [redacted] returned to S.P. at 11:45 am, completely unharmed. Refused to say why or where she had gone. Donna's mum informed of her return. Donna was interviewed by the police at 12:15. Nothing to say.

Donna in conversation over her failure to do a proper job in the quiet room. She has refused to do so, and the quiet room and the lounge is locked until it is ready. R.

17/7/94 After some reluctance [redacted] came with me and the others to Aiken "Fair" joined in discussion in the car re "night of responsibilities". Enjoyed two vids we could afford. Gradually more related back & had a little supper, watched videos (mostly one free will) but soon lost interest in the former. Bed & settled. No problem - yavin.

18/7/94 Donna up reasonably early doing her 'old hand' bit for the benefit of the new admission. Still angry at Isabel saying she's going to stay out to avoid her. Spoke again about staff's responsibility re: regard to young people but it fell on deaf ears. Donna but with [redacted] returning lunchtime - yavin.

## Donna Louitto

18/7/94 pm Donna in and around 3.0. most of evening with other young people. Did not join in trip to Aden Park preferring to stay with [redacted] Off out to park about 10.30 returning about 11.05pm Off to bed about 11.30pm. Settled quickly.

Tuesday 19/7/94 pm. Up, didn't do her job, spoke briefly to Bill on the change of residence from Rossie to St. Donna not saying anything except she wants to get a job. Donna reluctantly speaking to me as I said goodbye and it was nice that she too said 'cheers' properly.

Thursday 21/7/94 pm Donna arrived back with her [redacted] before lunch. Keyworker from Rossie. Donna refused offer of lunch. Donna around building in the afternoon. After tea

1 making friendship bracelets with Audrey. Off out with [redacted] at 7.30pm. Returned at 10.30pm.

Chatting with others in the Quiet Room. Off to bed sharing with [redacted].

About 2pm Donna with [redacted] left the building and was reported missing at 2.30pm. Police visited, + later returned Donna with [redacted], having been picked up on/near West Road at approximately 3.30am. Off to bed.

22/7/94

Donna up this morning, had a shower. Off down road with [redacted]. Donna has lost £1 pocket money due to last night. After lunch + before lunch, threads being wrapped round hour. Care

Friday 22/7/94 pm.

THE LATE PART OF THE AFTERNOON AND EARLY PART OF THE EVENING SPENT IN THE QUIET ROOM, TO THE SNAPS AND WATCHING T.V. AT 7.30 DONNA AND THE OTHER TAKEN BY BILL TO THE CINEMA IN PEPERHAY. IT'S A SHOW TO BE MISSED. ON RETURN TO S.P. SETTLED FOR A WHILE THEN ASKED AT 10.50 IF SHE AND THE OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE COULD GO FOR A WALK. DONNA WAS TOLD OK BUT TO BE BACK BY 11.30 PM. - 11.45 PM. ALL BACK BY 11.40 PM LAST SMOKE AND TEA AND IN BED BY 12.30. SETTLED OK.

Friday 23/7/94 am.

Donna up and in GOOD FURN AT 11.30. HER JOB IS THE DOWNSTAIRS CORRIDOR.

TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO CALL [REDACTED] TO HAVE HER COME HERE FOR A VISIT.

AFTER LUNCH OFF WITH [REDACTED] &

pm. shift: Donna wasn't out long, + spent remainder of the afternoon + ~~evening~~ early evening around S.P., sometimes busy with the embroiders threads. Donna successfully contacted [REDACTED], who she says will visit next week, + was asking ~~if~~ when ~~she~~ she could see [REDACTED] Around nine pm. ~~AMAA~~ Donna went out along with [REDACTED] Donna was back at some point, then went out again. Her time in was 11.45 pm, but Donna returned with [REDACTED] at ~~11.45~~ 0:20 am. Was spoken to along with others about wasting ~~the~~ the police time, also about a phone call we received from the police re. clothes being stolen from washing lines. All young people denied all knowledge of this, + went off to bed.

(Donna along with others had a.c. been reported missing at midnight)

# DONNA.

SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> a.m.

Up + about in O.K. humour. Pleased with exam results which are:- Scorec Mathematics grade 1, and Scorec Basic Cookery Skills. She thinks there are other results still to come. Donna phoned Mum with the good news, + plans going up to the college tomorrow to see about a cookery course, as well as signing on. Donna had lunch + continues o.k., maintaining that she doesn't have to steal clothes, it's a low thing to do.

a.c.

Sunday 24/7/94 a.m.

Donna has maintained a family law practice. She was a witness to the carry on between [REDACTED] BUT DID NOT GET INVOLVED.

AFTER TEA DONNA WAS IN AND OUT OF THE BUILDING AND FINALLY SETTLED TO WATCH "MERMAIDS" WITH THE OTHER AT 9 PM. THE FILM FINISHED JUST AFTER 11 PM AND DONNA, TOGETHER WITH [REDACTED] LEFT THE BUILDING AROUND 1120 - 1125 PM. THEY WERE REPORTED MISSING AT 1130 PM. DONNA RETURNED WITH THE OTHERS AT 1155 PM.

DONNA AWARE THAT SHE HAD BEEN REPORTED MISSING. SHE WAS ADVISED AGAIN THAT IF SHE LEAVES WITH THE YOUNGER KIDS SHE WILL BE REPORTED. DONNA CLAIMS AUDREY SAID THIS WAS NOT NECESSARY. OFF TO BED STRAIGHT AWAY BUT DID NOT SETTLE. STILL AWAKE TALKING TO [REDACTED] AT 1-10 AM.

Monday 25/7/94 am.

Donna up just before 10 am. In good form looking for subs list.

pm. shift:- Donna handled Damian's return and the meeting pretty well, & kept out of [redacted] running away. Gave us information re. the clothes recently stolen off clotheslines [redacted]

[redacted] Donna to & fro socialising with others; down to the post with Damian & off to bed. a.c.

Tuesday 26/7/94

Donna up & around with others, & she & [redacted] came with me to Furlayson St. to put Donna on the doctor's list. Donna & [redacted] then went down the road to meet the others. Donna was next heard of in police custody, along with others, after involvement in shoplifting. a.c.

Tuesday 26/7/94 pm. Donna requested very appropriately to visit her Mum and was taken there by Bill at 3.30pm. Collected by myself about 6.45pm. In and around the building most of the evening apart from going out with [redacted] at 9.15pm returning at 10pm. Off to bed at 11.15pm.

Wednesday 27/7/94 am

Donna up and down for breakfast by 9am. Off with Damian to her Panel at 10.30am. To issues. Back with [redacted]

Donna around lunchtime, Panel decision that she be discharged from supervision.

Donna is now at S.P. under Section 15. 14

Donna remained silent at her Panel, yet again.

pm. shift:- Donna's key-worker from Russia, [redacted] brought her back to S.P. and spent a little while with Donna before returning south. Donna had a doctor's appointment at [redacted]; I took her down

DONNA hoping she could, + would manage this herself.

but declined to go in with her, Donna was prescribed eye drops, and is to return at 4 pm. tomorrow.

After tea Donna and I sat down to discuss a new contract, but Donna moved into "do what you like, I'm not participating" mode, which was a pity. Donna phoned her sister and has arranged to meet her tomorrow at 1 pm. I've said I'll take her through on my way home.

Donna socialised with the others all evening, watched the film and off to bed no problem.  
a.c.

Thus. 28/7/94 Donna up and about. Not at all pleased that I had phoned Mum to let her know of Donna's plan to visit, Mum had questioned why Donna wanted to be collected from Cuminsten rather than home.

Donna couldn't, or wouldn't, talk about this at all, but just decided she wouldn't go through. ~~was~~

This remained her decision all morning, so I'll contact Mrs. Curtis to let her know. ~~WAVE~~ Another

issue was that I'd made an appointment at the Careers Office for 11 am., but Donna refused to attend this as she was going down the road with [redacted] I pointed out that this refusal is not good enough, and maybe Donna could come up with a compromise? Donna couldn't manage this, but we have arranged another appointment for 3:30 pm next Wednesday which Donna must attend.

Hopefully we will also visit Link-Up, although Donna hasn't understood the point of being involved in the project. Donna + [redacted] were out for 1 1/2 hours

this a.m., and both were reminded to be out for the full 2 hours. Donna playing cards with [redacted] a.c.

P.m. Donna watched film with [redacted] and myself - fairly talkative, and was expressing her

opinions on it - it was about adoption. She invited [redacted] to play cards, but then decided to watch us on the assault course! After a brief "chasing" game with us she returned back here, and had a last hot drink before bed.

Donna had doctors apt - got prescription for cream for athletes foot.

29.7.94

Donna up this am for breakfast. Not keen to go out but ~~with~~ <sup>got lift</sup> with Pannian as he was going to bank. Took prescription, which she collected.

Donna is asking to share with [redacted] so that [redacted]

Clare.

29/7/94pm Donna spending most of her time in the quiet room. Had supper, receiving her pocket money and down to the shops. Donna clearly ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>felt</sup> negotiating the ~~interview~~ <sup>interviews</sup> with [redacted] and the other confrontations between ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup> the young people during the night but to her credit, now when to ~~take~~ <sup>take</sup> down settled down to watch some TV, went off to Egan park with [redacted] and other YP receiving their supper. Watching some text, had last fry and off to bed.

Saturday 30/7/94am Had breakfast and lunch. no issues very nice morning with Donna <sup>has done</sup> still to do her job. ut

30/7/94 pm Donna in great form asked to accompany [redacted] to Peterhead worry our money etc. Warned about consequences re any change of plans - ie going to Boddam. Supposed to catch 8.25 pm bus back from Peterhead, phone call at 9.30 from [redacted] initially saying that

continued

DONNA

30/7/94 PM.

they had missed the 8:25 pm bus. Donna was overheard in the background for [redacted] to tell the truth which was that they had spent their bus money. Collected by Suzanne. Praised for phoning and not doing anything silly but told off for what they had done and that it of course had its consequences which would be discussed with other staff at charge over. Donna good pleasant company for remainder of evening. Off to bed settling well.

Suzanne

31/7/94 AM

Donna up missing breakfast time, has said she did not sleep well, which she also says is usual. Grumpy as a result but not a problem for others. Grudgingly did her job but successfully. Is intending to go and lie on her bed for remainder of the day. This of course remains to be seen.

Suzanne

SUNDAY 31/7/94 PM.

DONNA VERY DESPONDENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SHIFT, NOT WANTING TO DO ANYTHING AND AT THE SAME TIME COMPLAINING ABOUT BEING BORED.

AFTER TEA OFF TO ADON PARK WITH [redacted]. DONNA GOT CHANGED TO GET WET BUT DID NOT JOIN IN THE SWING OVER THE WATER. DONNA EXCHANGED BLOWS WITH [redacted] OVER THE WAY HE GOT INTO THE CAR AND THERE WERE MORE THREATS OF VIOLENCE ON THE WAY BACK TO S.P.

DONNA TOOK PART IN THE GENERAL [redacted] WHICH PREVAILED IN THE HOME ALL EVENING. DONNA DID NOT CONTRIBUTE MEANINGFULLY IN THE GROUP DISCUSSION, PREFERING

To Joke and giggles and make insulting comments at



off to bed after the meeting was disbanded and eventually settled.

Monday 1/2/94 m

Danna up just before 1030m received a call from her mum.

Danna has been somewhat anxious all morning - R.

1/3/94 pm

Danna shopping with award building in afternoon before going shopping with clothing money. Returned [redacted] clothing after children's meeting request. Spoke to Danna re this.

Off on outing to Aden Park with [redacted] [redacted] did not get involved in swinging across the river.

Although this ~~outing~~ outing had its good parts, Danna involved in stirring things with [redacted] + other young people who were making comments at the group. However did not get involved in any discussions when [redacted] returned to the car. Lent money for phone

to myself, was helpful in this situation. In good <sup>from on return</sup> Spent time in quiet room after supper. Talking of going to visit her sister tomorrow afternoon in Aberdeen. Off to bed settled quickly.

Clare

2/3/94 am

Danna up this morning, out job-hunting p.m. Ok, but rightly aggrieved about waiting a while. Says

Donna went out to the shop with [redacted] a shot while.  
12:50 a.m. - Donna denied hiding [redacted] in  
her room when they were there. Sanction - she loses 50% of  
her pocket money. Slow to settle down. (3rd Aug.)

Sarah

Wednesday, 03.08.94

a.m. Donna was up at 9:30, but was unco-operative when  
Joe suggested she job-hunt - became quite aggressive. She was  
in the quiet room for a while, and Bill had to do her  
job of cleaning the wall cupboard in the kitchen.

Sarah

Donna was offered redemption of her pocket money,  
provided she goes to bed appropriately; without fuss,  
for tonight and tomorrow.

Sarah

p.m. Her job wasn't done by 1 p.m., and [redacted] offered to  
do it.

Sarah

p.m. shift:- Donna left her apartment at the  
Careers office, and spoke to Mr. [redacted] who was  
helpful while leaving a lot of responsibility with Donna  
(to keep appointment next week, to think about both  
short and long-term plans, and to list previous ~~work~~  
work and/or experiences ready to make up a C.V.)  
After this Donna & I went to Link-Up, and  
Donna met [redacted] the Volunteer Co-ordinator, who  
invited Donna to visit, to discuss possibilities, at  
11:30 am. tomorrow. Donna was very keen with  
the idea of running the cafe. All in all a  
successful afternoon.

Early evening however saw Donna in a disturbance with [redacted]. This arose because [redacted] had been asking who had spoilt her clothes with bleach. ~~AA~~ - Somehow Donna became absolutely furious, <sup>with</sup> [redacted] fight ensued (no staff witnessed the beginning of this). The fight was broken up by staff, and Donna left the building along with [redacted]. On her return Donna refused to speak with staff (myself) about the incident. She was aware she could be charged with assault. Later on Robin discussed the incident with Donna, stressing that she cannot get physical in this way, regardless of whether [redacted] deserves it or not. Donna's situation, being <sup>over 16 and</sup> under a section 15, puts her in a very different position from the other young people.

After an uneasy evening Donna headed off upstairs, and I covered the same ground with Donna, pointing out that Donna at age 16 does not need to get involved in disputes with [redacted]. She will get more respect if she walks away from any nonsense, ~~and it's not~~ being 'hard' in Scalloway Park isn't ~~any~~ the best way. ~~AA~~ Possibly Donna heard some of this. [redacted] is not charging Donna, but Donna could not show any relief, going back to the "I don't care if she does or not" line. <sup>L.C.</sup> Donna didn't settle well, and at 1:15 am [redacted] was found hiding under Donna's sink.

Thurs. 4/8/94 Donna up and ready for out at 10 am, but had to wait for [redacted] until 10:20 am. Bath

# DONNA

off to Danescott but couldn't find the way in. Later I met Donna + [REDACTED] at Link-Up, and they both spoke to [REDACTED] re. voluntary work. Apparently they are both working on Monday at the cliche. Nice one Donna, well done for organizing this. a.c.  
Donna tried to phone Mum but no reply.

THURSDAY 4/2/94

Donna and [REDACTED] Back from Job Hunting again, just before the end of candidature. Application forms from DANSCOTT filled out for return tomorrow.

After tea Donna said her exam results were at Adam Mothers and could she be taken to collect them. Bill countered by saying Donna should call Mum and arranged to go for lunch and be collected in time for tea. Donna refused this.

Earlier in the day [REDACTED] had called, Donna called several times before making contact. [REDACTED]

Donna and [REDACTED] and Bill off to Adam Park at 8 o'clock  
Donna and [REDACTED] has a really good time with a lot of laughs.

Back to S.P. for supper, around the quiet room with the others. At bedtime, while the others went upstairs (11A) Donna and [REDACTED] left the unit ignoring calls from Sue to return. Sue went out in his car to look for them but they returned within 10 minutes.

Off to bed by 1130 but Donna later caught in [REDACTED] Room along with [REDACTED] off to her own room by 1210. Slow to settle. f

Friday 5/8/94 m.

Donna UP JUST AFTER 9.30. Very Grumpy, complaining ABOUT EVERYTHING; FOOD, USE OF PHONE, THEIVING, - PARTICULARLY HER SHOES, HAVING TO GO JOB HUNTING ETC. HER LANGUAGE TO BILL HAS BEEN APPALLING AND HER ATTITUDE WORSE. SET OUT WITH [REDACTED] AT 12.10 BUT BACK AGAIN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. SHE IS STILL ANGRY.

R.

pm. shift:-

After tea Donna went down the road with [REDACTED], both were seen at the bus station in the course of the evening. Donna came back to S.P. with [REDACTED]

bus. Donna had supper, then off for a walk with [REDACTED] back, socialising with a.c. others, and off to bed sharing with [REDACTED]

Sat. 6/8/94 Donna didn't have a comfortable night, trying to share a bed with [REDACTED] Donna up & about, but only waking up slowly. Had a thought about visiting her sister in Aberdeen, but didn't pursue this. Has been trying to phone the police liaison officer who was helpful to her at Forns - may want to try on the office phone after 3 - may also like to phone [REDACTED] at Rossie. Donna at a bit of a loss, but not wanting to go to the rock wall or on a picnic. Also negative towards the idea of picnics or visits tomorrow. Donna had lunch, and is around the building. a.c.

6/8/94 P.M.

Donna out to the shop during change over stayed in for the rest of the evening in a nice frame of mind watched the

Donna Leoutta.

Sunday 1/8/94 pm.

Donna settled quickly after this. VA

Monday 8/8/94 am. Donna very slow to get up. Left the building with [redacted] and [redacted] at 10:30 am

returning 11:40 am after being told by Suzanne quite specifically that they should not be back until 12:20 pm. Donna has done her job. Donna

rude and abusive to both Suzanne and myself after lunch. Prior to lunch Donna saying

what a dump SP is and that staff have no right to check up on what the school-leavers do in the mornings. (See Sanctions sheet) TH

Donna overheard saying [redacted] will join them downtown in the afternoon quite aggressively.

Monday 8/8/94 pm

Donna and [redacted] out to the shop briefly during classwork.

After tea Donna accompanied by [redacted] and

[redacted] were all out in very high spirits.

Just after 7 pm, in response to a request from the police, Ben went to the top of Scammony Lane with

Donna's Ventolin. Donna was in considerable distress, hyperventilating, disoriented and barely conscious.

Ventolin used without success. Donna brought first to Scammony Lane and taken to the casualty ward.

The doctor said the attack was NOT asthma but was the result of alcohol and probably another substance.

[redacted] returned to S.P. in a semi-conscious state and put straight to bed. R

Tuesday 9/8/94

Donna First of nursing + heard me + Stannah + others, asking  
for pain killers, but refused.

Angry about job, about going out, and anything else  
she could think of.

Back about 12 asking if the police was near here.

She remembers nothing of the events of last night.

Says she took no pills. [REDACTED]

Donna asked if her room had been searched and  
this was confirmed. 12

Tuesday 9/8/94 PM.

Donna not taking ~~an~~ an active part in  
meeting and denying point blank that she had  
taken any pills along with the alcohol yesterday  
even after the medical evidence was that she  
had brought up a pill when sick at the hospital.  
Donna looking and behaving as if she was taking  
no responsibility, what so ever for ~~the~~ her actions.

Spoke with Damian + Suzanne about her  
punishment and about her future at Scalloway  
Park. Donna has been told that a review  
will be requested in 6 weeks time if Donna  
continues to show no commitment to working  
now at Scalloway Park. This review would be to  
say that we would be preparing and helping  
Donna move from Scalloway Park in the near  
future rather than the distant. Donna has also  
been told if she does not want to remain at  
Scalloway Park and wants to move on now, that  
we would help her with this and that she does  
not need to get herself into trouble to move on,

Donna

Tuesday 9/8/94 PM  
~~at~~. continued.

Later Donna apologised to Suzanne for being a "bitch" (Donna's words.) which was accepted fully, given medication and more foot cream at bedtime. Settled well.

Suzanne.

10/8/94 am

Donna up first this morning, talking with [redacted] over 'breakfast'. Out with [redacted] buying toiletries. Donna returned with others, [redacted] and 2 men one of whom she initially claimed was her uncle after 12 noon. The 2 men were asked to leave. New Social Worker Val Shrimpton.

10/8/94 PM.

Donna in all afternoon had tears when told to wash pots & she became angry and abusive towards [redacted]. Donna doesn't think that trays etc are classed as pots so as far as Donna is concerned this is slave labour. Donna went out with others at 6.30. Returned late 10.25. Not happy at being asked her reason for being late. off to bed at 10.40  
MS

Thursday 11/8 pm

Down up by 8.45 -> off out at 10

No issues

Down back at about noon. No issues

R

Thursday 11th p.m.

Danna around at tea time. and found it difficult to understand why she should help do [redacted] job with [redacted] and [redacted] as it would be nice for [redacted] being her birthday, but eventually helped with making up juice. After tea Danna headed out with [redacted] but soon returned.

Danna remained in the building for the rest of the evening, declined the offer of pretty cake and played cards for the remainder of the evening in the quiet room. off to bed.

Fin

Friday 12th am.

Danna up and headed off with [redacted] down the road, both returning just after 12. lunchtime. Danna managed at the lunch table to relax which was great to see instead of feeling that people were always having a go. Did job.

Fin

12.8.94

Danna around building this afternoon. Had tea, did jobs ~~soon~~ soon after tea. went out with [redacted] + [redacted] returning after an hour at 8.30pm as observe they were

DONNA

12-8-94 p contd

going to see was not there. out with  
some of the others + [redacted] to get sweet  
in town after supper. Watched wet wet wet  
concert, off to bed, settled fine

Dave

13-8-94 am

Donna off mid-morning. Watching TV. Donna  
have her jobs, getting annoyed as others  
not doing jobs + holding up her pocket money.  
After get pocket money, after lunch get  
medication - Watching TV down to  
sleep with [redacted]

Dave

pm. shift:- Donna phoned Rossie, to speak to [redacted]  
and phoned [redacted] is doing some baby-  
sitting for cousins in Aberdeen, + Donna asked if  
she could go throughs on Thursday, to help.

Donna went out to [redacted] and for  
a walk with [redacted] + then she +  
[redacted] were out around the school (or a mysterious  
cavanan) for a while. Donna was back for  
supper, then spent the rest of the evening in  
the quiet room. After bed time Donna + V  
played cards for a while, + Donna seemed L.A.C.  
to settle fine.

14-8-94.

a.m. Donna up at about 10 o'clock. She spent time  
in the quiet room, and then went out before lunch,

with Audrey and [REDACTED] No words.

Sarah:

Danna would have liked to adopt a stray sheepdog on the trip out - she was really sorry for it.

Sarah:

14.8.94 pm.

Danna went out with [REDACTED] her [REDACTED] phone call from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Danna on return, would only speak with myself briefly about the matter, not taking any responsibility for her involvement in the incident.

Danna had tea after tea out with [REDACTED] and Gail a couple hours later. Danna spending time in quiet room.

At 10-3pm it was noticed that Danna had just left the building with [REDACTED]

The police have been notified that Danna is with [REDACTED] although has not been reported missing.  
Dave

Monday 15/8/94

Aviemore Police called to say they had Donna and the others. We advised them that Donna was technically not "missing" and that they could release her.

Donna called from the S.W.D. Aviemore, very worried about how she was going to get back to Scrimshaw Park. I told her that it was her own responsibility to get back. However, as someone was coming to get the other two she would probably get a lift with them. R

Donna phoned back twice afterwards wondering when [redacted] would be arriving [redacted] Donna arrived back here with [redacted] at 3pm, and P.M. / Donna was spoken to <sup>after tea</sup> briefly about events in

Aviemore. Donna is maybe beginning to understand what we mean about dodging responsibilities, we'll have to keep <sup>trying to make the point</sup> Donna had supper and spent time with the others: <sup>After bed-time she + Sarah had a game of "Cheat", after which Donna seemed to settle.</sup>

Audrey advised Mrs. Goutts of what had been happening.

Sarah + A.C.

Tuesday 16.08.94

Donna was up at 8.15, and had a coffee. She then went off down the road with [redacted] She came back at about 1 with [redacted] and [redacted] looking a bit fed up, and had some lunch.

Sarah

16.8.94 P.M.

Donna out for short time before tea then again after tea in for supper then out at 9.15 to be back for 9.45. Police advised at 12.15 of events. Donna ran off when police tried to pick her up at 2.15 along with the others. at 3 AM

Donna was outside S.P. along with [redacted] shouting up at [redacted] window. Ran off again once [redacted] joined her, [redacted] outside building. Reported missing at 3:30 AM. Returned to S.P. at 5:20. shouting and making a noise eventually came in at 6 AM. changed her jacket and ran out at front door at 6:25 AM with [redacted] MB

Donna returned with [redacted] about 7:15 AM. SHE SAID VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE EVENTS OF THE NIGHT. SHE WAS LOOKING FOR FOOD BEFORE GOING TO BED. THEY WERE TOLD BREAKFAST WOULD BE AT 8:45 AM. DONNA, ALTHOUGH NOT AS VOCAL AS [redacted] AIDED AND ABETTED THEM IN THE VERBAL ABUSE SUSTAINED AT [redacted] RATHER THAN BILL. DONNA CONTINUES TO BE DISAPPOINTED IN HER LACK OF WILLINGNESS TO MAKE ANY SORT OF COMMITMENT TO EITHER HERSELF OR SCARLETT PARK. AUSTIN McPHAIL HAS BEEN ADVISED.

Donna has not been allowed to sleep the morning away. SHE IS, AT LUNCH TIME LOOKING THE WORSE FOR WEAR.

Donna's sister [redacted] CALLED AND SPOKE TO HER. [redacted] HAS BEEN ADVISED BY BILL THERE HAD BEEN A PROBLEM WITH DONNA BEING OUT ALL NIGHT. [redacted] WAS EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS.

pm. shift: - Donna sleeping in the quiet room after change-over, slightly disturbed by [redacted] removing the door. Was told after tea that if she behaved badly tonight she will find herself in a bed + breakfast place tomorrow night - Donna quite subdued. I spoke to Mrs Coult on the phone, saying we would use the money we would have given to Donna for a trip to Aberdeen, to British Rail, [Ticket Irregularity Dept.]. ~~Donna off to bed + returned to~~

DONNA.

Donna made several efforts to phone [redacted] through the evening, and between this and watching TV and having supper the evening passed by. Donna off to bed.

a.o.

18/8 am. Donna got pretty sharp and then headed off at [redacted] with [redacted] down the road. On return despite initial objections over helping with lunch, she came through and helped with the fish fingers. After the confrontation between [redacted] Donna quickly helped with [redacted] job. [redacted] phoned.

Phing

p.m. Donna was very verbally abusive at the kids' meeting, feeling everyone was "getting at" her. She was spoken to individually by Damian. Later, she was annoyed when she could not immediately phone Fomes. Donna went out at 9.35, with [redacted] returning at about 11.20. She was shouting at the police out of [redacted] window, and being abusive. Suzanne has told Donna that she is off to bed and breakfast tomorrow, as this has gone far enough. At 12.15, Sarah Donna is not undressed and won't do so.

19.8.94.

a.m. Suzanne got Donna up this morning, and had a long talk with her about her behaviour. She has phoned several B and Bs, but is luck so far. Donna has been quite subdued so far today. Suzanne told her she had until 12 to decide - so far Donna is still here, so who knows what

She will consider

Smith

19/8 pm Donna around about the building.  
Was involved in the accident with boys  
but at the same time kept a low profile  
due to her the reason for the stress  
when Tamison spoke with [redacted]  
and [redacted] she bore witness to what  
had happened in the park the night they  
had run off. After tea Donna looked  
out with [redacted]  
Mabel went through the contract with Donna  
which she signed. Was very much involved  
in the building up of the accident between  
[redacted] and also in "keeping the fire  
burning." Decided off to bed thinking it over  
that she couldn't sit up and speak to [redacted]

Saturday 20/8/94.

Donna around the building all morning  
repeatedly requesting "when will she get  
her pocket money?" Donna has completed  
her job.

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Sat 20/8/94 pm told her pocket money was for on until  
Monday & she would lose £1 for failing to do her  
job on Thursday - not happy about this or her  
time in of 10-30. returned at 10-15, however phoned  
her sister Tim there on, seemed a bit flat after  
flight join in with others, trying on police uniform  
hat, red shaming with [redacted] settled ok having

Sun 21/8 am Up by 4:30 am had breakfast, playing

Donna Court. 1.4.93.

Around the building all A.M. Spoken to by Joe and then again by Joe & Damian about her stay here. Joe to be Keyworker. Contract in book. Donna received a phone call from her mum she became defensive when asked by mum about her knife. Refuse to talk to Joe about this subject either.  
Case Conference to held next week, date to be confirmed.

14-93 pm

Donna busy helping [redacted] do paintings in games room. Had a good tea chatty about interests and hopes for the future. At the moment has difficulty re divided loyalties concerning [redacted]. Pleasant and cheerful spent most of evening watching tv with [redacted] while others were out. Overheard discussion running away. Not very sure when asked if she had anywhere to run away from, or too. Sharing with [redacted] tonight. Slow to settle.

2/1/93 am. Up reasonably early, h/c from mum with whom she had a lengthy conversation. Seems more settled. Relaxed & talkative. daps in the road with [redacted] reach for lunch. Admitting to having expressed a desire to overdose, to stay here rather than go home, [redacted] Suzanne.

21/4/93 pm. Donna out with [redacted] and back for tea. Watched TV. for a while. Mum phoned asking if she could visit on Sunday. Donna spoke with her saying that she would just see her at her meeting. Donna also

space to her bee boiler. Around the building. Quite quiet.  
Said she was going out to [redacted] Returned early  
Saying that she'd just been down town. Seemed really  
down and spent a while just sitting on the stairs.  
Seemed to relax a bit more later on watching T.V.  
Clt to bed. ~~at [redacted]~~ Ruth

3/4/93 am - up AROUND 9.00 am. PLEASANT all morning.  
Dove Job Amy helping with lunch. Looking  
more cheerful, is SUSAN'S complaint when she  
ARRIVED BACK. JONNA IS GOING DOWN THE TOWN  
WITH [redacted] THIS AFTERNOON. [redacted] IS NOT  
GOING OUT NOW, AS SHE HAS CHANGED HER  
MIND. IN WATCHING T.V. &c.

pm watched the alerted Grand National & really  
became quite animated (for her) about the horses  
frame through to the kitchen & was chatty, talking  
about games her mum cooks at home, helped set  
the tables, enjoyed what tea she had. Involved in  
make up session, looked really good afterwards  
taken down to Marconi Rd with [redacted] back very  
shortly as who they were going to visit wasn't in  
out again (to Beahan Rd.) then the Watermill?  
didn't return until 11.45 pm - told very clearly  
she was out of order & consequences given that  
her meeting is coming up. This week. Bed &  
settled no problem. - Gavin

4/4/93 am Back to quiet rather withdrawn self  
Spoken to by [redacted] re last night's episode -  
grounded today, time out reduced to 1/2 hours for  
a week, said she would have lunch then

Donna 4/4/93 am cont

changed her mind. To her credit  
get caught up with building - lawn [redacted] didn't  
leaving

4/4/93pm - WATCHED VIDEO UNTIL SUPPER TIME.

IN [redacted] COMPANY FOR MOST OF THE EVENING  
NOT VERY COMMUNICATIVE. WAS TAKEN TO SHOPS  
BY STEVEN AS SHE WAS GROUNDED. PHONED  
HER COUSIN. WATCHING THE FILM AND OFF TO  
BED SHARING WITH [redacted]

5/6/93am. Donna kept a pretty low profile  
around the building this morning. ~~off~~ off  
swimming with [redacted] appearing to have  
had a good time. febin

5-4-93 pm

Donna looking happier & brighter at beginning of  
shift. Did not have any tea. Complained of being  
bored. Did some drawings one is excellent and is on the  
dining room wall. Complaining in later part of evening  
of being hungry, but ~~that~~ would not have any  
supper. Had a cup of tea w/ us to bed share with  
[redacted]

[redacted] Donna initially denied having  
any pain at all to Suzanne but then said she had  
been in pain all week but "didn't feel like it"  
when asked why she hadn't said to staff. Given 2  
Disprin meantime, and advised to let us know if the  
pain had not gone in 30 mins. Mrs Conto phoned earlier

and spoke to Donna which seemed to go OK.  
although Donna only answered in short sentences.  
Suzanne


6-4-93 am.

Donna up at 9.20 am did not take  
breakfast. Had tea & toast. Did not have lunch.  
Very animated all morning in [redacted]  
company. Enjoying the fighting and banter from  
Suzanne.

6-4-93 pm. Donna didn't have tea. Watched T.V. Her mom  
phoned. This was a very quick call - Donna not really talking  
or saying goodbye. Spent a while with [redacted] making a  
collage then more T.V. Had supper and [redacted] - during which  
was quite chatty and loud. Spent the rest of the evening  
in the quiet room. Donna went off to bed sharing with  
Ruth.

7-4-93 a.m. Up 9.00, still in quiet frame of  
mind. Donna did however write a letter to  
[redacted] otherwise not very talkative.  
asked to go out at 11.00, but didn't, still in  
building watching T.V. Was a very productive  
morning with Donna.

7-4-93 Donna ~~was~~ off school reports morning 11.30.

8-4-93 am - Donna picked up on the way back  
to visit my me. Claimed she had been New South  
friends had picked her up, and their friends father  
returned her to Frankmouth. After long visit  
Donna was discharged home. Appropriate support  
to be offered by the dept. 

Donna Coutts Sunday Morning 8th May 1994 at 2.45 am.

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8/5/24

Donna Coultts.

Suzanne Hancock.

SW

915194. Phone call from Rossie to Damien re the weekend events and plans for the future.

Ruth

Donna Coulls.

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DONNA COUTTS.

film at 9.30 last evening and off to bed. [redacted] sharing in with [redacted].  
tried to phone her sister but she was not in.

M.B.

Sun 7/8/94 AM.

up in good form had breakfast  
made packed lunch and off with  
Audrey for the afternoon.

M.B.

12.15 pm [redacted] called. ASK Donna to phone [redacted]

who wish her "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" R

Sunday 7/8/94 pm Donna arrived back in good form which rapidly evaporated. She reluctantly phoned her brother and was very non-committal about the content of the conversation. Apparently Donna saying she wasn't welcome to go to the Outday party. Audrey telephoned her Mumi back and was told that Donna was very welcome. Donna, upon this message being relayed, said it was her sister [redacted] who had stated she was not welcome. Donna reluctantly did her job of setting the tea table, complaining about 'what a dump S.P. is'. When invited by Suzanne to talk about her feelings she clammed up. Later she spent time in the Quiet Room and watched the film, talking animatedly about Audrey's home. Off to bed with others but refusing to settle. In and out of [redacted] bedroom, not changing into night attire, messing around with the corridor light switch. Eventually I propped open the fire door. About 12am both Donna and [redacted] attempted to run away - foiled by Suzanne. Donna eventually standing cursing Suzanne and myself from [redacted] from assaulting us and running away. Donna complaining in the midst of everything that the door was faulty. She eventually jumped out of the ground floor corridor window. Donna returned about 1am

DONNA

Sun 21/8 am cards & [redacted] with others  
in quiet room. Out water [redacted] back  
for tea - hour -

20/8/4 PM.

Donna did not come back for tea.  
came back at 9 PM along with  
[redacted] had supper watch & some T.V.  
and played cards before going to bed  
at 10:30.

MB

22/8/4am DONNA on this morning, of out at  
10:00am with [redacted]  
RETURNED AT 12:00am. VERY LITTLE  
evidence of Jags history. Had lunch  
morning about the living room  
going locker until Jags are done.  
JK

Denna Coultis.

17/4/93.

5pm.

Concerned phone call from Mrs Coultis - Denna in hosp., following an overdose taken in Twyniff Academy in response to bullying. Mrs Coultis very concerned that [redacted] would pick Denna up from hospital, + both would disappear. Denna [redacted]

A.C.

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Report by ..... Audrey Craig ..... for ..... Children's Hearing to be .....  
held at Macduff on Wednesday 29th June 1994 at 12 noon .....  
concerning ..... Donna Coutts d.o.b. 28.3.78 .....

INTRODUCTION

The decision of Donna's last Panel on 12/4/94 was that Donna should remain at Rossie School for a further three months continuing to use Scalloway Park as a weekend base. She was to move to the semi-independent Unit at Rossie. Donna expressed herself as in agreement with these decisions.

WEEKENDS AT SCALLOWAY PARK

22/24/4 - this was a successful weekend, including contact with Donna's sister [REDACTED]

29/4 - 2/5 - Friday, Saturday and Sunday went well, and on Monday Donna was taken to Forres to see her friend [REDACTED]. In the evening Donna absconded along with two other young people from Scalloway Park. After being missing all night, the trio handed themselves in to Fraserburgh Police Station at 7.10 am. Tuesday morning, Donna was returned to Rossie by Mr. Bradley

7/5 - Donna absconded on the Friday evening, along with three other young people. Was returned by Police at 1.30 am, was very verbally abusive and refused to settle until 4 am. Rumours of delinquent and criminal activity (later confirmed). Returned by bus to Rossie as planned next day.

13/5 - 15/5 - Donna Collected from Rossie by Mr. Bradley. Busy next day choosing paint for her bedroom at Scalloway Park. In the evening Donna tried to buy vodka at the local shop, and shouted abuse at the shopkeeper when this was refused. In the course of this tirade, Donna admitted vandalism and theft at the shop the previous weekend. The next day Donna painted her room. In the evening she absconded with two other young people, returning at 2.30 am. Was later questioned by Police and admitted theft and vandalism on two occasions at the local shop. Was taken back to Rossie by Mr. Bradley.

17/6 - 20/6 - Donna's weekends at Scalloway Park resumed, with a new contract designed to give her more responsibility. This weekend went well, with Donna spending the Friday night in Aberdeen with her stepfather [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Donna kept a low profile during the time she spent at Scalloway Park.

## OBSERVATIONS

During April and May, Donna's pattern seemed to be that she made small moves towards accepting Scalloway Park as her base, but immediately and quite determinedly undermined these by absconding, delinquent and criminal behaviour, pulling other young people along with her. She basically decided against making positive use of the opportunities offered by Scalloway Park, and when challenged on any point retreated into the "I've got no choice about coming here" pose (not strictly true, as Donna freely consented to this arrangement on 12/4). When asked to make decisions about her future life, Donna would say she didn't care, this leaving adults in the position of making decisions which Donna could then reject. This is a ploy which Donna has used for a long time; as she grows older it is increasingly pointless.

The recent resumption of weekends at Scalloway Park gives Donna another chance to build a base for use when she leaves Rossie. If this is successful and Donna does come to us, we feel the only chance of Donna making good use of the Establishment would be on a voluntary basis and without a Compulsory Supervision Order. This would put Donna into an adult position as the decision to live at Scalloway Park would be her own; also any criminal behaviour would bring her into the criminal justice system which Donna might regard with some respect. Responsibility must be placed squarely on Donna's shoulders.

## CONCLUSION

Scalloway Park are willing to offer Donna a home base for weekends while she continues at Rossie, and a full-time place from late July 94. If Donna wishes to accept a place with us, we would recommend that she be placed on a Section 15, without a Compulsory Supervision Order. This would clarify for Donna that her life is now in her own hands; offers of help are made in good faith and the time for playing games within the care system is now over.

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INTRODUCTION

As part of a process of re-building bridges, Donna has been spending short weekends at Scalloway Park since March 12th 1994.

There have been three successful weekends; only the second weekend was disappointing with Donna being returned to Rossie school after an illicit visit to Aberdeen. The three successful weekends have been used to give Donna an opportunity to spend time with her sister [REDACTED] and to accustom Donna to some extent to life at Scalloway Park.

GENERAL COMMENTS

During the successful visits Donna has seemed rather more sensible than she was when she spent time with us at the New Year. She has seemed to understand that we are offering her something, but that we need some co-operation and commitment from her to enable us to continue to work with her. Donna has certainly co-operated well with us during her recent visits

FAMILY

Donna has seemed to benefit from the time she has spent with her sister [REDACTED] while at Scalloway Park and on one occasion she spent a short while in the family home speaking affectionately to her Mum and her young brothers.

THE FUTURE

Donna has stated on several occasions that she would like to stay at Rossie School for three more months in order to complete several Standard Grades and Scotvec Modules. She speaks enthusiastically about her schoolwork and her chances of success in the various subjects.

Donna appreciates that if she leaves Rossie school at this point she will have no similar opportunity to finish the courses. In the future she would like to work with animals in some way, and reasonable exam results would be a great help to her.

**CONCLUSION**

Scalloway Park is happy to continue to offer Donna a place for weekend stays, and ultimately a full-time base from which to move on into adult life. However we do feel that Donna should conclude this stage of her education before coming to us on a full-time basis.

Audrey Craig  
12/4/94