

# Person Details - Confidential

## S1744194 : MISS Donna COUTTS

<u>Family Name</u>	<u>First Name(s)</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Initls</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Gender</u>
COUTTS	Donna	MISS		28-03-1978	47	

<u>ADDRESSES: (most recent first)</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
11a, SCALLOWAY PARK, FRASERBURGH, AB43 9FB	MAIN	30-07-1997	

<b>Current Role(s):</b>	Closed Client
<b>File Location:</b>	Long Term Storage ,Destruct on 28-03-2078
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<b>Ethnicity:</b>	
<b>Warning Indicator:</b>	
<b>Current Client:</b>	Y

<u>Telephone Numbers (MAIN shows first)</u>	
<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Type</u>
544458	Home

<u>CLASSIFICATIONS:</u>			
<u>Top Category</u>	<u>Sub Category</u>	<u>Notified Date</u>	<u>Classified By</u>
Primary Client Group	Former Swindex Code	01-01-1900	No such person

<u>OBSERVATIONS:</u>			
<u>Started</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Information Source</u>
22-03-1999		Casual Notes (converted from CF5)	Converted From Casual Notes Record (xxx Casual Notes (converted from CF5))
		021192 HOME VISIT AS REQUESTED BY FAMILY. EXPERIENCING BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS WITH DONNA WHO IS DUE TO BE SEEN BY ██████████ - ED. PSYCH. 300393 DONNA ADMITTED TO SCALLOWAY PARK AFTER GOING MISSING AND REFUSING TO RETURN HOME.	
22-03-1999		Casual Notes (converted from CF5)	Converted From Casual Notes Record (xxx Casual Notes (converted from CF5))
		080493 DONNA RETURNED HOME AFTER ADMISSION TO CARE REVIEW. CASE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO MIKE HEBENTON, TURRIFF. 160493 DONNA TOOK OVERDOSE AND ADMITTED TO ARI - ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY UNIT	
22-03-1999		Casual Notes (converted from CF5)	Converted From Casual Notes Record (xxx Casual Notes (converted from CF5))
		040593 CASE TRANSFERRED FROM CHRISTINE LAMBERT 021192 HOME VISIT - BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS CAUSING FAMILY PROBLEMS. ED. PSYCH. INVOLVED. 300393 DONNA ADMITTED TO SCALLOWAY PARK AFTER RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME - DISCHARGE 8.4.1993.	
22-03-1999		Casual Notes (converted from CF5)	Converted From Casual Notes Record (xxx Casual Notes (converted from CF5))
		160493 DONNA ADMITTED TO ARI AFTER O/D OF 50 PARACETAMOLS. 200693 DONNA ADMITTED TO ANDREW THOMSON HOUSE, ELGIN AFTER RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME. - DISCHARGED 25.6.1993 280793 CHILDRENS HEARING - DONNA REQUESTED RIC - HEARING ISSUED 21 DAY	
22-03-1999		Casual Notes (converted from CF5)	Converted From Casual Notes Record (xxx Casual Notes (converted from CF5))
		200797 PROPOSED ADOPTION BY DONNA'S MOTHER. NO DATE FOR BIRTH	
22-03-1999		Casual Notes (converted from CF5)	Converted From Casual Notes Record (xxx Casual Notes (converted from CF5))
		CONTINUED FROM FIRST ALLOCATION 030993 FOSTER PLACEMENT BREAKDOWN - MOVED TO EMERGENCY FOSTER PARENTS 060993 MOVED TO ANDREW THOMSON HOUSE, ELGIN - 44(B) 080993 MOVED TO FORRES CHILDRENS HOME - 40(7) 220993 MOVE MADE PERMANENT AT HEARING	
22-03-1999		Casual Notes (converted from CF5)	Converted From Casual Notes Record (xxx Casual Notes (converted from CF5))
		181093 DONNA ABSCONDING FROM FORRES - REVIEW TO BE CALLED 251093 CASE TRANSFERRED TO MEGAN CAMBRIDGE	

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22-03-1999		Casual Notes (converted from CF5)	Converted From Casual Notes Record (xxx Casual Notes (converted from CF5))
26.8.94 PLACED IN BED AND BREAKFAST BY STAFF - SCALLOWAY PARK.			
22-03-1999		Casual Notes (converted from CF5)	Converted From Casual Notes Record (xxx Casual Notes (converted from CF5))
280894 CASE ALLOCATED TO VAL SHRIMPTON FROM MIKE HEBENTON 310894 DISCHARGED FROM CARE. 240596 CASE CLOSED			
22-03-1999		Casual Notes (converted from CF5)	Converted From Casual Notes Record (xxx Casual Notes (converted from CF5))
WARRANT UNDER 40(7) PLACED WITH [REDACTED] ON 29.7.1993			

ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL FOSTERING ALLOWANCES  
(PARTS A, B & C)

NAME OF CHILD: DONNA LOOTS

NAME OF FOSTER PARENT

D.O.B.: 26.3.1976

ADDRESS

DATE PLACED IN THIS FOSTER HOME: 29.7.93

CHILD CURRENTLY SUPERVISED BY:

NAME: MIKE HEBERTON

DESIGNATION:

SOCIAL WORKER

BRIEF SUMMARY OF CHILD AND CURRENT SITUATION:

DONNA PLACED AT SHORT NOTICE FOLLOWING  
A CHILDREN'S HEARING ON 26.7.93  
WHICH ISSUED A 21 DAY WARRANT UNDER  
SECTION 40(7)

Date of last assessment of allowances:

N/A

Date of this assessment:

6.8.93

Payments made under Parts A, B & C of this assessment do not affect any separate agreement with foster parents who act as  
Emergency Placement resources or as Family Placement Carers.

pd wk 13  
1-9-93

ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL FOSTERING ALLOWANCES

**PART A - REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS**

The basic fostering allowances include an element for the cost of food (40%); clothing (18%); fuel, light, household goods - TV washer, telephone etc (approx 25%); pocket money, gifts, clubs, magazines etc. (approx 10%) and travel (7%). This part of the assessment seeks to identify the additional costs which are incurred in caring for a particular child. Some additional costs (eg equipment such as a musical instrument, or foster carer's loss of earnings attending eg a case conference) may require a lump sum one-off payment, other (eg special diet) will require an additional weekly allowance. Some items of equipment (eg cot, pram) may be supplied on loan - indicate if this is the case.

	Is extra cost incurred	Specify Amount		Give details
		Lump sum payment	Additional weekly allowance	
<p><b><u>Additional Household Costs</u></b>                      Consider eg:                      - extra laundry (enuresis, encopresis)                      - wear &amp; tear on bedding, furnishings, decoration                      - extra heating (asthmatic child)                      - items of equipment - bed, bedding, furniture etc.</p>	Yes/No  No	£ .	£ .	
<p><b><u>Additional Food Costs</u></b>                      Consider eg: special diet for                      - obese child                      - vegetarian                      - diabetic</p>	No			
<p><b><u>Additional Clothing Costs</u></b>                      Consider eg:                      - heavy wear and tear                      - destructive child                      - unusual sizes                      - poor self image</p>	No			
<p><b><u>Extra Self Care/Personal Equipment</u></b>                      Consider eg:                      - visits to hospitals, psychologist etc.                      - attendance at reviews, hearing, case conferences                      - travel to keep links with family, friends                      - additional insurance costs</p>	No			
<p><b><u>Educational</u></b>                      Consider eg:                      - special toys                      - tuition fees                      - playgroup fees</p>	No			
<p><b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>                      Consider eg:                      - hospitality for friends, relatives                      - disturbance allowance for emergency placements                      - loss of earnings</p>	No			
Totals				



ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL FOSTERING ALLOWANCES

**PART E - THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD (TIME, ENERGY, SKILL REQUIREMENTS)**

TICK ONE BOX ONLY FOR EACH QUESTION

BOX 1

BOX 2

BOX 3

Normal for age  
or N/a

Moderate  
Problem

Severe  
Problem

**CHILD'S SELF CARE AND MOBILITY**

1. <u>Dressing</u> : Needs adult help?	✓	Needs help but could manage taking a long time	Totally dependent.
2. <u>Feeding</u> : Needs adult help, cutting food, feeding?	✓	Sometimes : perhaps once a week.	Totally dependent or needs encouragement at every meal
3. <u>Going to toilet</u> : Needs adult help?	✓	Sometimes.	Always.
4. <u>Washing/Bathing</u> : Needs adult help?	✓	Needs help but could manage taking a long time.	Totally dependent.
5. <u>Enuresis</u> : Wets bed or clothing?	✓	Sometimes : perhaps bi-weekly.	Daily or almost.
6. <u>Encopresis</u> : Soils bed or clothing?	✓	Fortnightly.	Weekly or more often.
7. <u>Uses wheelchair or confined to bed or chair</u> :	✓	Can propel by self. Sometimes needs help.	Cannot propel by self. Always needs help.
8. <u>Mobility</u> : To play active games/run? Lacks co-ordination, balance?	✓	Limited or easily tired.	Cannot
9. <u>Climbs stairs alone</u> :	✓	Slowly or with help.	Cannot.

TICK ONE BOX ONLY FOR EACH QUESTION

BOX 1

BOX 2

BOX 3

Normal for age  
or N/a

Moderate  
Problem

Severe  
Problem

CHILD'S MEDICAL CONDITION

10.	<u>Regular Medications/Injections:</u>	✓	Daily over extended period, simple to administer.	Complex, frequent, or essential to life.
11.	<u>Child has to use appliance, personal or medical aid:</u> (eg. Brace, Colostomy, Artificial Limb.) Needing special attention by adult.	✓	Every few weeks.	Weekly or more often.
12.	<u>Regular Hospitalisation:</u>	✓	Every 3 - 6 months.	Average of 1 day per month or more.
13.	<u>Regular Medical Visits Needed:</u> (eg. to GP, Out-patients, Educational Psychologist, Physiotherapist or Speech Therapist, etc.?)	NOT YET BUT WILL BE	Average once a fortnight.	More than once a fortnight.
14.	<u>Child has Condition:</u> (eg. Asthma, Diabetes Migraine.) Needing special care, extra attention.	✓	Every few weeks.	Weekly or more often.
15.	<u>Life Expectancy:</u>	✓	Prognosis - Limited to young adulthood.	Prognosis - Not expected to reach adulthood.

CHILD'S SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR/DEVELOPMENT

16.	<u>Child is destructive:</u> Damages property (deliberately or unintentionally)	✓	Every 1 - 2 months	More than once a month.
17.	<u>Child is hyperactive:</u> eg. hyperkinetic child (marked over-activity problem focusing attention)	✓	Moderate problem requiring extra time and patience.	Severe problem involving specialist help.
18.	<u>Child "Acts Out":</u> Attention seeking	✓	Every 1 - 2 months.	Weekly or more often.
19.	<u>Child is liable to harm himself:</u> (eg. head banging, glue sniffing, drugs).	✓	Every 1 - 2 months.	Weekly or more often.
20.	<u>Child steals:</u>	✓	Every 1 - 2 months.	Weekly or more often.

TICK ONE BOX ONLY FOR EACH QUESTION

BOX 1

BOX 2

BOX 3

Normal for age  
or N/a

Moderate  
Problem

Severe  
Problem

CHILD'S SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR/DEVELOPMENT CONT'D

21.	<u>Child is aggressive/Violent:</u> May need physical restraint.	✓	Every 1 - 2 months.	Weekly or more often.
22.	<u>Child has sexual identity problems/Sexual behaviour inappropriate:</u> eg. dresses up in clothing of opposite sex; worrying incidents of flirtation with foster parent.	✓	Moderate problem requiring extra time and patience.	Severe problem involving specialist help:
23.	<u>Child is withdrawn:</u> Lacks confidence, needs much encouragement and reassurance.	✓	Occasional extra time.	Regular extra time.
24.	<u>Child has difficulty Forming Relationships:</u> Needs adult help.		Moderate problem requiring extra time and patience. ✓	Severe problem requiring much extra time or specialist help.
25.	<u>Communication Problems:</u> eg. deafness, speech defect.	✓	Can be understood with time and patience.	Can only be understood with extreme difficulty.
26.	<u>Child is considered to be mentally handicapped:</u>	✓	Requires extra support.	Requires specialist help.
27.	<u>Child has school problems:</u> (Truants, etc.)	SCHOOL HOLIDAY AT MOMENT	Every 1 - 2 months.	More than monthly.
28.	<u>Child has learning difficulties:</u>	✓	Requires extra support.	Requires specialist help.
29.	<u>Child runs away from Foster Home:</u>	✓	Every 1 - 2 months.	More than monthly.
30.	<u>Child requires continuous or almost continuous supervision:</u>	✓	Can be left with teenage babysitter.	Continuous supervision by mature adult essential.

Conversion Table

<u>Points</u>	<u>%B/O</u>
1	15%
1½	20%
2	25%
2½	30%
3	35%
3½	40%
4	45%
4½	50%
5	55%
5½	60%
6	65%
6½	70%
7	75%
7½	80%
8	85%
8½	90%
9	95%
9½	100%
10	105%
10½	110%

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**CONTACT BETWEEN CHILD AND NATURAL FAMILY**

<p>31. <u>Causes Problems:</u> Severity of problems depends on frequency, amount of conflict/dependency and degree of disturbance and distress to child and foster family.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>Contact every 2 - 3 months/slight conflict or distress.</p>	<p>Contact monthly or more frequently/sever conflict or distress.</p>
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**OTHER PROBLEMS**

<p>32. If the child presents a problem that is not covered by the form, write it in here, and rate it.</p>	<p>✓</p>		<p>REFUSAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE</p>
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EXISTENCE OF  
HER MOTHER

Number scoring 2 1 x ½ = ½ points

Number scoring 3 1 x 1 = 1 points

Total number of points (add) = 1½ points

Converted to % of Boarding  
Out Scale = 20 %

ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL FOSTERING ALLOWANCES

PART C - ASPECTS OF THE CARING TASK

Aspects of the caring task (not covered by parts A & B) arising from the context of placement should be specified in the contract. Enhancement is at the rate shown unless a higher rate is authorised.


<p>Caring for sibling group. Details:</p>	<p><del>Yes</del>/No</p>	<p>25%</p>
<p>Direct work with child. (eg. Life storybook; written assessment; rehabilitation) Details: EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOUR, RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILY &amp; AUTHORITY FIGURES</p>	<p>Yes/<del>No</del></p>	<p>25%</p>
<p>Direct work with child's family. (eg Parenting skills; Bonding issues; very frequent access; rehabilitation) Details:</p>	<p>2 <del>Yes/No</del></p>	<p>25%</p>
<p>Teenage Placement. Details: EMERGENCY PLACEMENT, SCHOOL TRIUMPH IN PAST NOW IN SPECIAL EDUCATION WHICH MAY CAUSE UPHEAVAL</p>	<p>Yes/<del>No</del></p>	<p>25%</p>
<p>Caring for more than one foster child (allowance for second and subsequent children only)</p>	<p><del>Yes</del>/No</p>	<p>25%</p>
<p>Other aspects. (eg. extra stress in placement; child sexually abused or HIV+). Recommend % increase Details:</p>	<p><del>Yes</del>/No</p>	

Total enhancement under Part C

50%

ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL FOSTERING ALLOWANCES - SUMMARY

Assessment completed by:-

  
..... Social Worker

  
..... Foster Carer

Date 6-8-93

Recommendation

PART A

Lump Sum

Weekly Rate

Lump Sum Payment

Additional Weekly payment

PART B

20 % increase as  
additional weekly payment

PART C

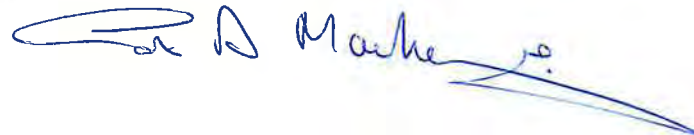
50 % increase as  
additional weekly payment

TOTAL 70%

Observations of Senior Social Worker:

Placement made on 'emergency' basis as Donna refused to go home. Placement to proceed pro-tem.

Decision of Social Work Manager:

Approved 

12/8/93

Admin. use

19-8-93 — 18-2-94

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## 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.

**Those Present:**

✓ Megan Cambridge	Social Worker
[REDACTED]	Fo rth Unit, Rossie School
✓ Damian Bradley	Principal Residential Social Worker
✓ Audrey Craig	Key Worker, Scalloway Park
Ian Crockatt	Senior Social Worker (Child Care)
Alastair Macphail	(Chairman), Social Work Manager

**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.



IAN CROCKATT  
Senior Social Worker  
(Child Care)

IC/ML  
23 June 1994

Denise (F)

Our Ref ADM/EM  
Your Ref

Please ask for Alistair D Macphail  
Direct Dial 146

13 June 1994

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Dear 2~

**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)

Sent to [redacted] Rossie School  
Steve Hothersall  
Megan Cambridge  
Iain Crockatt  
Damian Bradley

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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 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:** [Redacted] 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

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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  
 [REDACTED] 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

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Dear Alister

report please find enclosed Donna's  
for her last review.



## REVIEW.

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Our Ref IC/DC  
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23 May 1994

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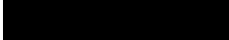

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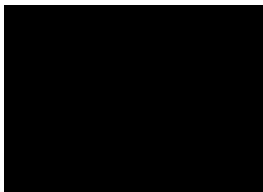
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Report by Audrey Craig for a Review re. Donna Coutts (d.o.b. 28/3/94),  
to be held at Rossie School on 17th May 1994

### Introduction

Donna's present involvement with Scalloway Park dates from March 12th 1994. She was also with us for a short time before being admitted to secure accomodation, and it was always our intention to offer something to Donna as soon as her high-risk behaviour had been controlled. She was also with us very briefly earlier in 1993.

Since March 12th. Donna has been spending weekends with us. The decision of Donna's Panel on April 12th 1994 was that this would continue, with Donna continuing to reside at Rossie School. Donna indicated agreement with both aspects of this decision. A further plan was that Donna would move into the open unit at Rossie. This involved her in spending every weekend at Scalloway Park, normally from Friday afternoon until Monday morning.

### The Weekends

Since her Panel Donna has had four weekends at Scalloway Park, one curtailed at Scalloway Park's request as a sanction for bad behaviour the previous weekend. The first of these four visits was a complete success; however on the Monday evening of the following holiday weekend Donna reverted to her earlier pattern of absconding and putting herself and others in high-risk situations. Since then Donna's time with us has been very mixed, with small moves forward taking place alongside further abscondings and involvement in incidents of vandalism and theft. On occasion Donna seems to understand and appreciate the care and opportunities offered at Scalloway Park (usually in one-to-one discussions with adults), and her behaviour can be very appropriate. A short time later her behaviour can be completely delinquent and her attitude extremely negative and destructive. When confronted with her behaviour Donna states that she has not chosen to be at Scalloway Park and she wishes an immediate return to Rossie.

### Detailed Record

22nd.-24th April:- A successful weekend, including contact with Donna's sister [REDACTED]

29th April-2nd May:- This began as a succesful weekend, with Friday, Saturday and Sunday going well. On Monday Donna was taken to Forres to visit her friend [REDACTED]. After this, Donna absconded along with two other girls and all three were out all night, handing themselves in to police at 7am. the next morning. Donna was returned to Rossie by Mr. Bradley.

7th May:- Donna arrived for the weekend but absconded at 10pm. along with others. Was returned by the police at 1:30am., verbally abusive and refusing to settle. Rumours of involvement in vandalism and theft at

local shop, which were vehemently denied by Donna. Returned to Rossie by bus as planned.

13th May-16th May:- Donna collected from Rossie by Mr. Bradley, very withdrawn on arrival, although talkative and relaxed on journey. The next morning Donna came to the shop to choose paint for her bedroom. In the evening Donna went to the local off-licence and attempted to buy vodka. When refused she became very abusive of the shop assistant, and in the course of this tirade admitted to vandalism and theft the previous weekends. Donna later returned to Scalloway Park smelling strongly of drink, and refused to go to bed. On the Sunday Donna busied herself painting her room, but in the evening absconded along with two others, was returned at 2:30am, was later questioned by police and taken to the police station. She admitted theft and vandalism the previous two weekends at the local shop/off-licence. Was again returned to Rossie by Mr. Bradley.

#### Conclusion

It seems that at this point Donna is not ready for the freedom offered at Scalloway Park. She is unable to work within the relatively loose controls placed upon her, and persists in unacceptable, risky and criminal behaviour. Furthermore she has no scruples about involving other young people in her escapades and no concern at all about the damaging effects her acts of vandalism and theft have on other residents and Scalloway Park's reputation in Fraserburgh. Donna is unwilling and/or unable to accept any responsibility for her decisions and actions. This remains the case despite intense efforts to work with her on these issues. The situation is now so bad that at present Scalloway Park feels unable to continue to accommodate Donna at weekends; however this does not necessarily imply the end of our involvement with her.

*A. Craig (C. Q. S. W.)*

16th May 1994.

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Alistair D Macphail  
Social Work Manager  
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Sent to:

[REDACTED] Rossie School  
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Megan Cambridge, SW, Banff | STEVE  
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[REDACTED]



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REPORT BY

FOR  
Post Admissions Case Conference 10.2.94

concerning  
Donna Coutts (28.3.78)

Present : [redacted] and Megan  
Cambridge.

Reports Submitted by [redacted] Psychologist  
[redacted] Key Worker  
Mrs Cambridge, Social Worker

Decisions of Meeting

1. After running through possible options for "home base" for Donna and explaining the reasons why they were not available the offer of Scalloway Park as a home base was put to Donna. Donna's decision was to reject this.
2. The decision of the meeting remains that Scalloway Park has been identified as a base for Donna and she was asked to take time to consider this. If/when Donna is ready to accept this Scalloway Park would be the next stage for her. Should Donna continue to reject this a further meeting will be convened.
3. Further contact with [redacted] would be available to Donna.
4. Rossie School will continue to pursue their work with Donna.
5. There will be regular communication between Rossie School and Social Work Department, Megan Cambridge and [redacted] to action.

*[Handwritten signature]*

MEGAN CAMBRIDGE  
Social Worker

MC/AF/DONNA.PAC  
11 February 1994

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**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 MACPHAIL  
Social Work Manager  
(Children and Families)

cc - Damian Bradley

Of Meeting

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**Grampian**  
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25 January 1994

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Dear Steve

Donna Coutts (Born 28.3.78)  
Currently c/o Rossie School, Montrose, Angus

A Post Admission to Care Conference is to be convened on the above named on Thursday 10 February 1994 at 3.00 pm within Rossie School, Montrose, and you are invited to attend.

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Colin D Mackenzie  
Divisional Officer.

Colin - As yourself, Megan & (I believe), Donier  
are attending, do you need me there?

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BF  
Meeting at Rossie

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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 Chris Reed 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] was 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*

MR MACKENZIE  
FOR DONNA COULTS  
REVIEW.

- 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, deoderant 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.

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other papers  
for  
Kenia

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

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, 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 due to the latter's recent illness, 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.

Ms Strathdee 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

Our Ref: CDM/EM  
Your Ref:

4 February 1994

[REDACTED]  
Rossie School  
Montrose  
Angus  
DD10 9TW

Dear [REDACTED]

Review on Donna Coutts at Rossie School, Thursday 10 February 1994 at 3.00 pm.

Please find attached a copy of a report and a statement of abscondings and offences sheet for your perusal prior to Donna's review.

Yours sincerely

COLIN D MACKENZIE  
Divisional Officer

CC (DM  
Darius)

3 -> ROSSIE

Sent 4-2-94.

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

**SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

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**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) offer 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] was 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

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L. STEWART  
3-7 ROSSIE SCHOOL

- 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, deoderant 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.

Our Ref: CDM/EM  
Your Ref:

4 February 1994

[REDACTED]  
Educational Psychologist  
Psychological Services  
16 Prince Street  
Peterhead

Dear [REDACTED]

Review on Donna Coutts at Rossie School, Thursday 10 February 1994 at 3.00 pm.

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Yours sincerely

*CDM*  
COLIN D MACKENZIE  
Divisional Officer

CDM/EM

25 January 1994

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Miss Donna Coutts  
c/o Rossie School  
Montrose  
Angus  
DD10 9TW

Dear Donna

A Review is to be held on yourself on Thursday 10 February 1994 at 3.00 pm within Rossie School, Montrose, and you are invited to attend.

If you do not wish to attend the Review then someone from the meeting will make arrangements to meet with you in order to advise you of the outcome. This information will also be communicated to you in writing.

If you have any queries about the contents of this letter then please do not hesitate to contact me at this office.

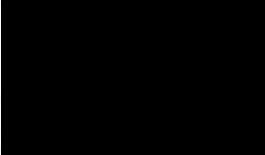
Yours sincerely

Colin D Mackenzie  
Divisional Officer

CDM/EM

25 January 1994

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*not intending to come to review -  
as per Megan on  
27.1.94*

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Yours sincerely

Colin D Mackenzie  
Divisional Officer

Megan said not to invited Mr Coutts as Donna would not want him to be there.  
25.1.94

*Megan to supply report 17 days before Review.*



ADM/EM

25 January 1994

[REDACTED]  
Forres Academy  
Burdsyard Road  
Forres  
Morayshire  
IV36 ODG

Dear [REDACTED]

Review due to be convened on Donna Coutts on Thursday 17 February 1994

As you may well be aware, the above Review on Donna Coutts, has now been cancelled due to her move from the Childrens Home, Forres to Rossie School, Montrose.

Yours sincerely

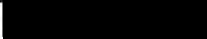
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ALISTAIR D MACPHAIL  
Social Work Manager  
(Children and Families)

**GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

**BANFF AND BUCHAN DIVISION**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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From	<i>Megan Cambridge</i> <i>Social Worker</i> <i>Winston House, Banff</i>	To	 <i>Secretary</i> <i>Seafield House, Banff</i>
Our Ref.		Your Ref.	
<i>MC/AF</i>			<i>Date</i> <i>20 January 1994</i>

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**Re: Donna Coutts**

*In light of recent difficulties Forres Children's Home are no longer able to offer Donna a place. It is anticipated that the Children's Panel 21.1.94 will place Donna at Rossie School. I would therefore request that the review date set at Donna's review in November be cancelled.*



**MEGAN CAMBRIDGE**  
**Social Worker**

File 24.12.93 Am

[Redacted] Social Work Manager  
Moray Division  
JS/JS

Mr A McPhail, Social Work Manager  
Banff/Buchan Division  
20 December 1993

Donna Coutts  
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]

c.c. [Redacted] Officer-in-Charge, Forres Children's Home  
Mr S Hothersall, Senior Social Worker, Turriff

Alutair - as mentioned to you, a planning meeting is to be covered in the New Year! Scalloway; The major obstacle at present is Education related.

  
23/12/93.

RECEIVED  
23 DEC 1993

ELAINE, copy of THIS TO DAMIAN BLADY ✓ 23.12.93  
for his information

thanks Alistair 23.12.93

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From [redacted] Social Work Manager  
Moray Division  
Our Ref. JS/JS

To Mr A McPhail, Social Work Manager  
Banff/Buchan Division  
Date 20 December 1993

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c/o Forres Children's Home

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[redacted]

c.c. [redacted] Officer-in-Charge, Forres Children's Home  
Mr S Hothersall, Senior Social Worker, Turriff

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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 Monday 13th December 1993 at 2.00 pm.

Those Present: [redacted] Forres Childrens Home  
[redacted] Forres Academy  
✓ Mr Hothersall, Senior Social Worker  
Mr Macphail, Social Work Manager

Apologies: [redacted] Social Work Manager, Moray Division  
[redacted] Officer In Charge, Forres Childrens Home  
✓ Mrs Cambridge, Social Worker  
[redacted] Consultant Psychiatrist

It should be noted that Donna refused to attend her review.

Reports: Verbal, received from participants.

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) Mr Macphail explained that todays precipitated Child In Care Review on Donna had been convened in the wake of her deteriorating behaviour.
- (b) Todays meeting noted that during the period between Child In Care Reviews Donna's behaviour had deteriorated. Since the 23rd November 1993 Donna had absconded from Forres Childrens Home on at least five different occasions, two of which involved overnight absences. She had been sniffing petroleum and other substances, and has become involved in the commission of offences. One of the offences relates to Donna attempting to break into a sports pavilion in order to steal petroleum. Another offence relates to Donna stealing aerosols which she later abused, entering a church, spraying a T-shirt with aerosols and then setting fire to it. Another offence relates to Donna stealing a can of petrol from the back of a lorry. Donna's most recent absconding occurred last Friday when she and a fellow female resident walked to Elgin. On reaching Elgin they caught a bus to Buckie and eventually surrendered themselves to the Mother of Donna's fellow resident. Both girls were returned to Forres Childrens Home the following day apparently not having committed any offences. Donna's outstanding offences include vandalism, breach of the peace and wilful fire raising. In response to a question [redacted] confirmed that staff at Forres Childrens Home have witnessed Donna being under the influence of petroleum and other substances. Donna has also made recent threats to commit suicide.

Donna Coutts continued..

Today's review concluded that Donna does not seem able or willing to commit herself to Forres Childrens Home. The other options discussed by today's review are contained elsewhere within this Minute.

- (c) Today's review noted that Donna is not eating. She was diagnosed by her General Practitioner as being anaemic, was prescribed iron tablets which she refused to continue taking after the first week. With the exception of the aforementioned Donna appears to enjoy good health.
- (d) With regard to school today's review noted that during the first few weeks of her enrolment at Forres Academy Donna's behaviour had been satisfactory. However, after the arrival of [REDACTED] the fellow female resident referred to in (b) above, Donna's behaviour started to deteriorate both within school and in the Community. She has been truanting, and had been attending lessons on a selective basis. She cried recently, admitted that things weren't going well, and agreed to be removed from classes and to attend the S.E.B.D. Unit for two weeks. The following day, however, Donna was involved in the wilful fire raising incident in Church already referred to. Staff at Forres Academy have tried to accommodate Donna in anyway they can, she has been offered work experience but she has made it very clear that she doesn't care about her schooling. [REDACTED] confirmed that Donna is a Summer 1994 leaver.
- (e) Today's review noted that Donna has not seen [REDACTED] since her last Child In Care Review convened on the 23rd November 1993. Today's review also noted that Donna could make a request to see [REDACTED] but, to date, had not done so.
- (f) Today's review noted that Donna does not relate to anyone at any meaningful level. Her "friend", [REDACTED] visited Donna last Saturday in order to bid her farewell - ie it appears that [REDACTED] is returning to live in England.
- (g) Today's review noted that the only member of her natural family whom Donna has had recent contact with is her sister [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- (h) Today's review discussed future care plans for Donna as follows:

Return Home: Donna has recently said that she doesn't like the constraints placed upon her by staff at Forres Childrens Home and that she wants to return home. Mr Hothersall/Mrs Cambridge to discuss this option with Donna's Family.

Remain at Forres Childrens Home: Today's review acknowledged that Donna, and [REDACTED] her fellow resident, have an adverse influence upon each other. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Whilst Donna and [REDACTED] adversely influence each other in their behaviour today's review did note that Donna's behaviour had been satisfactory for the five to six weeks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Staff at Forres Childrens Home are concerned about the adverse influence which Donna and [REDACTED] have upon each other, and the amount of staff time which has to be devoted to them to the detriment of the fellow residents. Staff at Forres Childrens Home have also expressed the view that they consider they could work successfully with Donna if [REDACTED] were to be removed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr Macphail will discuss this matter with Mr Sullivan, Social Work Manager.

Secure Accommodation: Today's review was advised that preliminary discussions had already taken place with staff at Rossie School, Montrose. They have a vacancy for a female, information on Donna has been faxed to them and their response is awaited. Today's review wondered whether Donna would receive any therapy if she were to be admitted to Rossie

Donna Coutts continued...

School. The Review also wondered how long Rossie School would keep Donna beyond her sixteenth birthday, and where her home base would be. Today's review agreed that Donna's application to Rossie School should continue to be processed.

Transfer to Another Childrens Home: Given Donna's wish to return to her home area on leaving care today's review wondered whether there was any merit in investigating her transfer to a Childrens Home within Banff/Buchan Division. Such a move would also remove her from the adverse influences of [REDACTED]. Mr Hothersall/Mrs Cambridge will discuss Donna with Mr Bradley, Officer In Charge, Scalloway Park Childrens Home Fraserburgh.

Referral to a Psycho-Therapist: Mr Hothersall will explore this further with appropriate staff at Royal Cornhill Hospital, Aberdeen.

Referral to Principal Social Work Officer (Drugs, AIDS, HIV): Mr Macphail intimated that he was endeavouring to contact [REDACTED] in order to ascertain whether he could provide any specialist advice in relation to Donna.

- (i) Staff at Forres Childrens Home to advise Donna of the conclusions reached at today's review.
- (j) Today's review to be reconvened as soon as possible. Mr Hothersall/Mrs Cambridge to liaise with Mr Macphail in relation to this matter.

*Alistair D. Macphail.*

ALISTAIR D MACPHAIL  
Social Work Manager  
(Children and Families)

ADM/EM  
14 December 1993

was advised but has another appointment time.

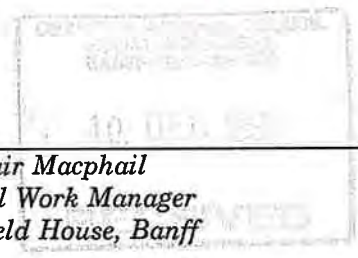
FROM FORRES HOME  
TO INFORM [redacted]  
OF MONDAY 13/12/93 AT 2.00 AT RONAN  
ON FRIDAY 10/12/93

CIN E  
MON. 13/12/93  
SCHOOL - WILL ATTEND  
FORRES ANYTIME  
UP THERE.  
2.00

**GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

**BANFF AND BUCHAN DIVISION**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**



From **Megan Cambridge**  
Social Worker  
Winston House, Banff

To **Alistair Macphail**  
Social Work Manager  
Seafield House, Banff

Our Ref.  
MC/AF

Your Ref.

Date  
9 December 1993

Visit to Forres Group home today :-

I am very concerned for Donna's welfare at this time.

Donna saying very little to me. Very flat and quiet.

Conversation with Staff

Donna's now stating daily her intention to kill herself. Donna presently being kept at the home and not allowed out as the only means of trying to prevent further absconding. Donna indicating her intention to abscond again and steal more petrol to sniff again.

It would appear impossible to ensure Donna's safety or to prevent her from doing serious harm if not killing herself at present.

Her present placement is no longer a suitable one for Donna.

Recent Absconding 5

Thursday 2.12.93 - Charged with wilful fire raising. Had been sniffing hair spray believed to have been stolen.

Friday

Absconded.  
Tried to break into football pavilion for petrol to sniff. Charged with vandalism, Breaking and Entering, Breach of the Peace.

Saturday (Jumped from upstairs window)

Absconded - came back, no charges on Sunday.

Monday

Absconded - returned by Police.  
Absconded again - stole petrol - charged with theft, returned because Co-absconder was very ill from petrol they had been sniffing and was vomiting - otherwise Donna had no intention of returning.

Megan Cambridge  
P.P. MEGAN CAMBRIDGE, Social Worker

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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  
 [redacted] 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) Todays 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 todays 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.

Todays 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

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.

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OUTSIDE CONTACTS INCLUDING HOLIDAY PLANS

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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.

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*

DONNA COUTTS

- 10-10-93 Absconded from house at 8.25pm in company of [REDACTED]  
Returned by police 12.45pm. Statement given, no charges.
- 17-10-93 Absconded from the house 8.20pm in the company of [REDACTED]  
Returned by police at 11.30pm. Found outside Andrew Thompson House, no charges.
- 18-10-93 Absconded from the house at 10.45am. Picked up by police 10.50am at Buckie. Returned by Mike Hebbington 3pm - 19/10.  
Charged with Vandalism, Breaking and Entering with intent to steal (at Buckie High School porta cabins).
- 15-11-93 Absconded from the Academy 8.45am with [REDACTED]
- 18-11-93 Returned by O.O.H. 4am. Found by Police at [REDACTED] house. Mum had informed police when they turned up at the house at 12pm. Returned by OOH and escort due to behaviour at the police station. Latest charges - Charged with Theft, Breach of the Peace and Vandalism (at Buckie High School).

**Grampian Regional Council - Education Department**

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Alistair

**James G. Graham  
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**PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE  
Old Infant School  
16 Prince Street  
Peterhead, AB42 6PL**

19.11.93

12 November 1993

**Mr MacPhail  
Social Work Manager  
Social Work Department  
Seafield House  
Castle Street  
Banff.**

Dear Mr MacPhail

**REF: DONNA COUTTS (28/3/78) 5 CULBIN ROAD, FORRES**

Thank you for the invitation to Donna's review. In view of the distance involved from Peterhead I have asked the Moray Psychological Service to accept Donna as a transferred case and have forwarded her file to [REDACTED] Area Principal Psychologist.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
**EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST**

Alistair/Alaine

ADM/EM



**Grampian**  
Regional Council

10 November 1993

**Social Work Department**

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Dear Steve

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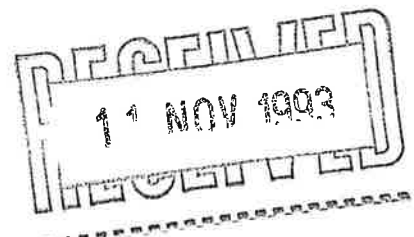
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Yours sincerely

Alistair D. Macphail

My apologies

ALISTAIR D MACPHAIL  
Social Work Manager  
(Children and Families)



cc Steve FAO Megan  
15/11/93

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11 NORTH GUILDRY STREET

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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.

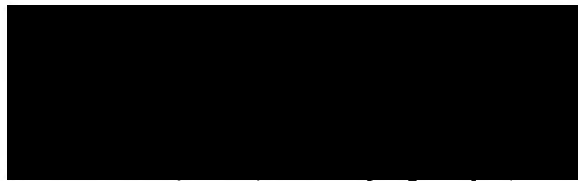
I attempted, as you know, to interview Donna today in order to make her acquaintance and to help with the design of an educational programme which might meet her needs. We were aware that she has a history of refusing to talk to professional people such as psychologists and social workers, and I was 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 Mr A.D. MACPHERAL

S.W. DEPT., SEAFIELD HOUSE, 37 CASTLE ST., BANFF.

ADM/EM

10 November 1993

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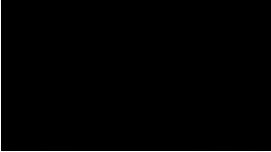
Sent to: Megan  
Steve Hothersall  
[redacted] OIC, Chick Dorrان and Cathy Marshall, Forres Childrens Home  
[redacted] Educational Psychologist  
[redacted] Guidance Teacher, Forres Academy  
[redacted] Consultant Psychiatrist, Dunbarny Offices, Dr Gray's Hospital, eLGIN  
IV30 1SN.

[redacted] has another appointment that day, but on her only visit Donna refused to speak to her. She will try again & become involved if possible.

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9 November 1993

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Dear Mr & Mrs Coutts

A Review is to be held on Donna on Tuesday 23 November 1993 at 10.30 am within Forres Childrens Home, 5 Culbin Road, Forres, and you are invited to attend.

If you are unable to attend the conference then someone from the meeting will make arrangements to meet with you in order to advise you of the outcome. This information will also be given to you in writing.

If you have any queries about the contents of this letter, then please do not hesitate to contact me at this office.

Yours sincerely

ALISTAIR D MACPHAIL  
Social Work Manager  
(Children and Families)

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10 November 1993

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Miss D Coutts  
c/o Forres Children's Home  
5 Culbin Road  
Forres

Dear Donna

A Review is to be held on yourself on Tuesday 23 November 1993 at 10.30 am within Forres Childrens Home, Forres, and you are invited to attend.

If you do not wish to attend the Review then someone from the meeting will make arrangements to meet with you in order to advise you of the outcome. This information will also be communicated to you in writing.

If you have any queries about the contents of this letter then please do not hesitate to contact me at this office.

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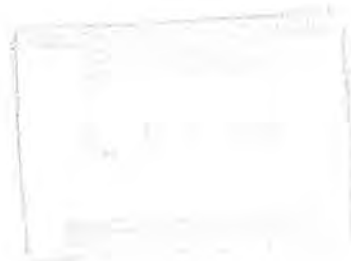
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From [REDACTED] Social Work Manager  
Moray Division  
Our Ref. JS/JS

Your Ref.

To Mr A Macphail, Social Work Manager  
Banff & Buchan Division  
Date 25 October 1993

Donna Coutts (d.o.b. 28.03.78)  
Forres Children's Home



As you will be aware this young person was admitted to Forres Children's Home on 8th September 1993. This was effectively an unplanned placement following the breakdown of her fostering arrangement in Buckie. Given her present difficulties and recent pattern of abscondings I would wish a formal Child in Care Review to be convened as a matter of urgency - I think we need some clarity about plans for her future given that she is currently somewhat reluctant to commit herself to Forres Children's Home. There is also an outstanding issue regarding psychiatric involvement. I would ask that arrangements for such a meeting be put in place as soon as possible.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Officer-in-Charge, Forres Children's Home

*Megan - S.W.*

**MINUTE OF POST-ADMISSIONS CASE CONFERENCE CONCERNING DONNA COUTTS  
(DOB 28.3.78), C/O FORRES GROUP HOME, FORRES HELD ON 22.9.93**

Present: Miss Donna Coutts - Subject  
[REDACTED] - OIC, Forres Group Home  
Mr Steve Hothersall - SSW, Banff/Turriff Team

Apologies: Mr Mike Hebenton - SW, Banff/Turriff Team

**Why is this Child in Care?**

*Historically, there have been a number of difficulties in evidence surrounding Donna's relationships with her family. Prior to this placement, Donna had spent periods of time in foster care and at one other residential establishment.*

*Donna herself has expressed her view that she does not wish to return home to her family. Her mother is aware of this position and accepts this. With this in mind, the Social Work Department and the Children's panel have stated quite clearly that her wishes on this will be respected, as far as possible and practical.*

*Donna also made allegations recently of a sexual nature which were the subject of an initial Police and Social Work inquiry. These matters may well be developed in time and may form some basis from which therapeutic work with Donna may develop.*

*Donna began her residence in Forres on 8.9.93.*

**Current Legal Status**

*Donna is now the subject of a Supervision Requirement under the terms of Section 44(1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, her named place of residence being Culbin Road, Forres.*

**Health**

*Donna is in good health. She has agreed to be seen by a local GP for a check-up. She has a dental appointment shortly.*

**Education**

*Donna has stated clearly that she intends to attend Forres Academy regularly and to pursue a curriculum appropriate to her needs and interests.*

*A clothing allowance is being made available to ensure that Donna has appropriate attire.*

*It was mentioned that concerns had been evident earlier when Donna was in Turriff and Buckie with regards to non-school attendance. It was made clear to her that school attendance was as important an element in terms of the current placement/care package as was her residence at Culbin Road.*

**What are the aims of the current Social Work Package?**

*It was agreed by all that the aims of the current social work package were, broadly speaking, to:*

- : 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.

**Family Contact**

Nil at present. Donna's wishes are being respected re this. It has, however, been pointed out that until such time as Donna reaches the age of 16, the Department is under a legal obligation to advise her parents of any significant developments concerning her care. Donna's wishes will be taken into account and she will be informed of such family contact by the Department.

**Current Placement**

██████████ expressed her pleasure at Donna's recent behaviour and commented favourably on her attitude. A discussion ensued re Donna's rights whilst in the care of the Department. Further discussion then considered her responsibilities, particularly in relation to herself and other residents at Culbin Road.

Donna agreed to abide by the rules and expressed her belief that her rights were not being infringed. Donna was informed of her right to have reasonable access to a telephone.

**Future Plans**

It was agreed that a 'settling in' period would be allowed to pass before a review of the placement took place. It was further agreed that Mrs Cambridge would be allocated as Donna's Social Worker. Mr Hothersall did point out though that this would not likely be until the end of October. Meantime, Donna could, either herself or through the staff at Culbin Road, make contact with either Mr Hebenton or myself.

STEVE J HOTHERSALL  
Senior Social Worker

SJH/CD

22.9.93

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Admission

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Minutes of a Post Admission to Care Conference held within the home of [redacted] Foster Parents, on the 6th August 1993 at 2 pm.

Subject of Post Admission to Care Conference:

**Donna Coutts (born 28.3.78)**  
**Home Address: 5 Idoch Cottages, Cuminestown**  
**Current domicile: [redacted]**

**PRESENT:**

- Mr Hebenton, Social Worker
- Mrs Coutts, Donna's mother
- Donna Coutts, Subject of Conference
- [redacted] Donna's foster mother
- Mrs Lumb, Social Worker (Adoption & Homefinding Team)
- [redacted] a friend of Donna's
- [redacted] Educational Psychologist
- Mr Macphail, Social Work Manager (C & F)

**APOLOGIES:**

Mr Hothersall, Senior Social Worker

**REPORTS:**

Received from Mr Hebenton (dated 5.8.93)

**WHY WAS CHILD ADMITTED TO CARE?**

Donna's case was brought to a Children's Hearing on Wednesday, 28th July 1993 as she had been referred to the Reporter by the Police in March of this year for having a Bowie knife in her possession. The Hearing also considered all the other circumstances relevant to Donna at this time. Donna brought an adult friend, [redacted] along to the Children's Hearing to speak on her behalf. She requested to speak to the Hearing members on her own with [redacted] and Mrs Coutts agreed to this. During this time with the Hearing members, Donna had requested that she was not returned home and her reasons for this appear to be related to her difficulties in relationships with her mother and stepfather. The Hearing members felt that Donna did need some time away from her family and requested that a small family foster home be found. Unfortunately no such place was available throughout the Region and so a 21 day warrant was issued to allow the Department time to find a suitable place. The Hearing members also requested that Donna sees [redacted] Child & Family Psychiatrist, and Donna agreed to this request. Donna was placed with [redacted] on 29 July 1993 as an interim measure.

**CONCLUSIONS**

- a) Todays conference noted that Donna appears to be appropriately placed with [redacted] and that this placement is meeting her needs. In view of the aforementioned Donna's placement with [redacted] to remain in place until further notice subject to conditions contained elsewhere within this minute.
- b) Todays conference noted that Donna is enrolled at the Centre Class, Fraserburgh.
- c) Todays conference noted that Donna remains in good health.
- d) Todays conference discussed Donna's immediate future and this is summarised as follows:

Donna Coutts contd.

Return to parents' care. Donna is not prepared to consider this option.

Remain with [REDACTED] Donna would like to remain with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] are prepared to continue fostering her. [REDACTED] are also willing to prepare Donna for independent living if this is required. If Donna does remain with [REDACTED] then there will be an adult member of the [REDACTED] in the house at all times. [REDACTED] to ascertain what educational provision would be available to Donna if she remains with [REDACTED].

Other foster placements. [REDACTED] to ascertain whether [REDACTED] foster parents, Macduff, would be prepared to offer Donna a placement. This option would meet the "small family foster home" criteria and should allow Donna the opportunity of continuing to attend the Centre Class in Fraserburgh.

- e) Today's conference noted that if Donna wishes contact with her natural family then she must make the first move. The conference also noted that Donna has access to private telephone facilities.
- f) Today's conference noted that if Donna continues to remain in Buckie or moves to Macduff then she may have to see [REDACTED] rather than [REDACTED].
- g) A contract and an enhanced fostering allowance agreement to be completed between [REDACTED] and the social work department in respect of Donna's placement.  
**MR HEBENTON TO ACTION**
- h) Today's conference noted that Donna will require some items of clothing and that appropriate arrangements will be made between Mr Hothersall and [REDACTED].
- i) An initial child in care review to be convened on Donna as soon as possible. Mr Hebenton to liaise with Mr Macphail in relation to mutually convenient arrangements for this meeting.

*Alistair D. Macphail*

ALISTAIR D MACPHAIL  
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18.8.93




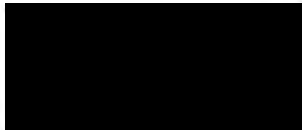


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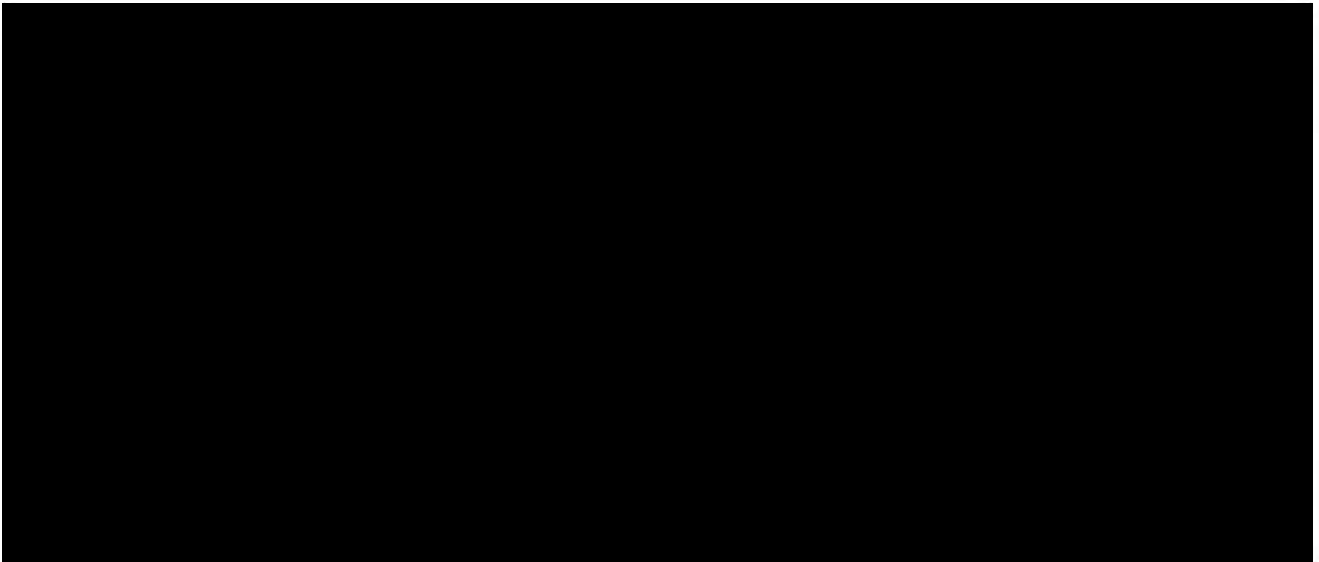
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TURRIFF, AB53 7AY.

Report by ..... Mike Hebenton, Social Worker ..... for ..... Post-Admission to Care .....  
Conference to be held at 36 Low Street, Buckie on Friday 6th August 1993 at ..... 2.00 pm.  
concerning ..... DONNA COUTTS (d.o.b. 28.3.1978), 5 Idoch Cottages, Cuminestown .....

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Alexandria Coutts	-	Mother (12.5.1954)	-	Housewife
	-		-	
Donna Coutts	-	Subject	-	Turriff Academy
	-		-	

The family live in a four apartment semi-detached District Council house situated approximately two miles from Cuminestown. It is one of six such houses originally built for agricultural workers. They have been in this property since 1988, having moved from Aberdeen. The home is suitably furnished.



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/

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 someone, she was 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 right 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/

FILE 5.8.93. Aam



# Grampian Regional Council

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ADM/EM

2 August 1993

Mr S Hothersall  
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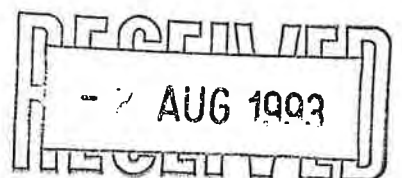
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*Apologies tendered.*



**Grampian's Going Places**

**Seafield House, 37 Castle Street, Banff AB45 1DQ**



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ADM/EM

2 August 1993

Dear

Donna Coutts (Born 28.3.78), Currently [REDACTED]

A Post Admission to Care Conference is to be convened on the above named on Friday 6 August 1993 at 2.00 pm within the home of [REDACTED] and you are invited to attend.

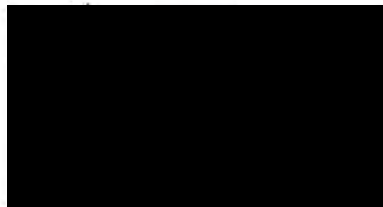
If you are unable to attend the Review but are in a position to provide information pertinent to the deliberations of the meeting then this should be forwarded to myself at this office under Private and Confidential cover. Any information provided by you will be shared with other conference members unless you state otherwise.

Can I take this opportunity of thanking you for your help and co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

*Sent to Mike Hekerton.*

ALISTAIR D MACPHAIL  
Social Work Manager  
(Children and Families)



*REPORT WILL BE TABLED.*

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

ADM/EM

2 August 1993

Dear 

This is just to confirm that a Post Admissions to Care Review is to be held on Donna Coutts on Friday 6 August 1993 at 2.00 pm within your own home. I look forward to seeing you then.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

ALISTAIR D MACPHAIL  
Social Work Manager  
(Children and Families)



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)

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Grampian Regional Council - Banff/Buchan Division

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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]

in the past. 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] sister in Aberdeen as a reward. Unfortunately, this arrangement did not last because 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 Rhoda Dunbar in November 1992 but told Linda Smith she would not see her again. Donna has been offered the choice between seeing Rhoda Dunbar 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 Hebenton will take over this role in the near future.

*Christine Lambert*

CHRISTINE LAMBERT (Ms.)

7th April 1993

25.1.94

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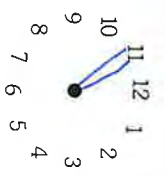
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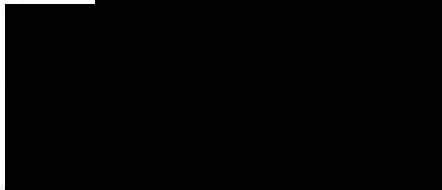
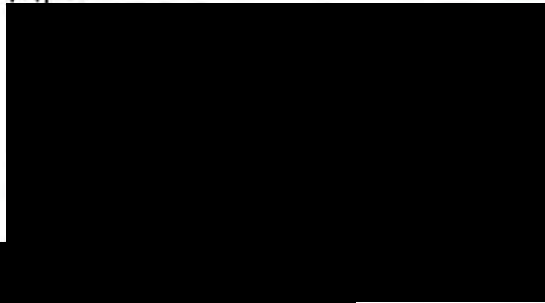
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Ed Psychologist.



Donna Coult

PATC

Rossie School.

Thurs 10/11/04 Thurs pm @ 3.00

- meagan

Mrs Coult.

[redacted]  
[redacted] (chairperson)

[redacted] - Rossie

Keyworker - Rossie.

Damian ✓

[redacted] Ed Psychologist.

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Plan mtg also before Review @  
Rossie, Damian, Steve & meagan.

CDM

- left mess for Steve suit [redacted] & spoke to  
Megan 14/12/93

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PLEASE ASK STEVE or MEGAN TO discuss

Donna centts with!

[redacted]: DOES HE HAVE ANY ADVICE TO offer  
ON our handling of Donna?

[redacted]: WOULD DONNA BENEFIT FROM  
PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT?

A.S. A.P

hanks

Alistair

14.12.93

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 1968 and is placed at Rossie School.*

*Update*

*At Donna's last hearing on 12.4.94 it was acknowledged that whilst Donna had made some progress within Rossie the indication was that she was not really consolidating this outwith the establishment. It was agreed that Donna's order would continue but that Donna would move from the secure unit she was currently placed in, to the open unit. From there it was expected that Donna would progress through regular weekend leave at Scalloway to an eventual discharge to Scalloway Park.*

*Since that time Donna has had regular weekend leaves at Scalloway Park which have not gone well. Scalloway Park have persisted with Donna's weekends but the most recent home leave ended when Donna was arrested in the early hours of Monday 16.5.94 and was charged with theft by housebreaking on May 2nd and vandalism of the same property on May 8th.*

*Conclusion*

*Donna's behaviour at present would indicate a rejection by Donna of the help and support which has been offered to her and would call into question whether, in fact, Donna's long-term interests are being served by shielding her within the hearing system.*

*It would appear to me to be inappropriate to return to a Children's Hearing looking for an extension of her placement at Rossie as Donna appears to making a clear statement as to her commitments, or more precise lack of, towards the support package presently offered.*

*Donna is now past her sixteenth birthday. She is apparently refusing to except the help and advice offered by the Social Work Department through Rossie and Scalloway Park.*

*Points for Discussion*

- *recent absconding's and offending*
- *termination of supervision requirement*
- *termination of placement at Rossie*
- *is an alternative support package available for Donna to accept on voluntary basis?*

*MEGAN CAMBRIDGE*  
*Social Worker*

*MC/AF/COUTTS.C91*  
*16 May 1994*

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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 Coultts* ..... 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. Coultts has generally been accidental and whilst trying to contact her sister* .....

..... *has visited Donna at Scalloway Park,* .....

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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*Visited Donna.*

*Forres Home party - Donna in a happy mood, presents accepted. Donna had a present for the boys.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
29.12.93			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Police called to gain entry to Donna's room after she barricaded herself in and threatened to burn the place down. Abusive to Police - Breach of Peace charge.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
30.12.93			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Donna to Scalloway Park for respite.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
2.1.94			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Donna returned to Forres - the placement had not been successful.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
5.1.94			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Telephone call to Scalloway to update myself. Planning meeting date set for 13.1.94, Alan to attend.*

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17.1.94		Worker
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Telephone call Forres Group Home - Said I'd try to arrange something for [REDACTED] on Wednesday 19.1.94.

Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
19.1.94			M Cambridge

Took [REDACTED] to visit Donna for 1½ hours.  
Donna still not informed of recommendation to panel.  
Copy of my main report left for staff to discuss with Donna.

Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
21.1.94			M Cambridge

Children's Hearing - Donna's Supervision Requirement varied to Rossie School. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and myself took Donna down to Rossie. Donna muttering odd words of defiance but basically quiet and compliant. Shocked by the visit when she arrived and very tearful when we left.

Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
25.1.94			M Cambridge

Telephone call to Rossie school to see how Donna is.  
Moved to different unit yesterday - o.k. so far.  
Made an appointment for [REDACTED] to visit 28.1.93.

Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
25.1.94			M Cambridge

Colin wanting to sort out date for review.  
Letter to Mrs Coutts with appointment to visit Thursday.

5 ALLOCATION

Group/Div	BANFF & BUCHAN	Office	TURRIFF
Team	BANFF/TURRIFF	Review Date	
Intake Worker	MIKE HEBENTON SW	Intake Date	04/05/1993
Allocated Worker	MIKE HEBENTON SW	Date Alloc	04/05/1993
Current Involmnt	ALLOCATED	Resource Date	
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8 SERVICES (GEneral/EQUIPMENT/ADaptations/WAiting)

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Allocated Worker	MIKE HEBENTON SW	Date Alloc	04/05/1993
Current Involvmnt	CLOSED	Resource Date	
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<i>27.1.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Telephone call from Rossie.*

*[REDACTED] Donna's key worker to introduce herself. Saying Donna very quiet and almost hiding away. Seems to be happy to go to school - not happy at Rossie, saying she is going to work hard to get out.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>27.1.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Visit to mum.*

*Donna has been in touch a couple of times and spoken to mum quite civilly. Mrs Coutts will attend Planning Meeting but not the Review. She is going to organise a visit for herself and [REDACTED] I have said we will help with transport costs. She had received information questionnaire from Rossie and had filled them in.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>27.1.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Telephoned Rossie back to update them.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>28.1.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Steve visited Donna.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>3.2.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Visit to Donna - not speaking to me.*

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<i>15.2.94</i>	<i>Telephone Call</i>	<i>Rossie</i>	<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Telephone call to Rossie - spoke to [REDACTED] Donna not giving much away.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>17.2.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Visit to Mrs Coutts.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>21.2.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Telephone call to update on Donna. Donna changing her mind about Scalloway.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>22.2.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Letter to [REDACTED] asking her to write to clarify things for Donna.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>11.3.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*[REDACTED] having problems getting Scalloway to set up visit with [REDACTED]  
After much debate with Scalloway finally agree [REDACTED] could visit.*

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>22.3.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Date of hearing from Reporter's Office 12.4.94.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>5.4.94</i>	<i>Telephone Call</i>	<i>Joyce</i>	<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Telephone call to* [REDACTED]

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>12.4.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Hearing - order renewed. Moved to open unit.*  
*Memo from Alistair received 15.4.94*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>13.4.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Hearing decision notification.*

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<i>16.5.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Donna arrested - suspension of weekends.  
Telephone call from Ian Crockatt.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>17.5.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*[REDACTED] on telephone saying I had to travel with Ian who had already left.  
Review Meeting at Rossie. Nothing concluded review continued.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>20.5.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Message left for me to telephone Rossie - not received till 23.5.94.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>21.5.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Donna taken home for day visit.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>23.5.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Social Worker informed by Rossie that this had happened, had gone well.  
Notification of Review 10.6.94.*

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<i>Date</i> 3.6.94	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>
		<i>Worker</i> M Cambridge

Telephone call to [REDACTED] - nothing doing. He suggested Airy Hall?

<i>Date</i> 9.6.94	<i>Type of Contact</i> Telephone Call	<i>With Whom</i> Heather McDowel	<i>Worker</i> M Cambridge
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Telephone call to [REDACTED] Donna has not sent off forms yet.

<i>Date</i> 10.6.94	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i> M Cambridge
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Donna's Review - another failure as information shared prior to review not correct.  
Donna back for weekend part mum, part Scalloway.  
Planning Meeting to be convened.

<i>Date</i> 13.6.94	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i> M Cambridge
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Notification of next Review.

<i>Date</i> 16.6.94	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i> M Cambridge
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Planning Meeting AGAIN  
Scalloway Park back on after few more weeks.  
Megan Cambridge to get Panel to ask for few more weeks.  
Scalloway to start weekends again.

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<i>19.7.94</i>	<i>Telephone Call</i>	<i>Scalloway</i>	<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Telephone call to Scalloway Park - weekend o.k. apart from little bits.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>20.7.94</i>	<i>Telephone Call</i>	<i>Rossie</i>	<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Telephone call from Rossie - Donna going through tomorrow for good.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>21.7.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Donna through to Scalloway - will attend hearing from there.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>25.7.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Report faxed for Hearing.*

*Telephone call from Mrs Coutts - she has a letter for Donna. Said I would collect tomorrow, discussed hearing.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>26.7.94</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Asked Alison to telephone as Team Meeting over running and arrange my collection of letter for tomorrow.*

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User Name <b>DONNA COUTTS</b>	User Ref No <b>1744194</b>	Page No
Date <b>29.8.94</b>	Type of Contact <b>Phone</b>	With Whom <b>P/Head DSW</b>
		Worker <b>Steve/Val</b>

**Donna place at B/B - Glendale, Merchant Street, Peterhead - 0779-1472616 last night having been picked up by police for Breach of Peace, - setting off fire alarms. There has been contact with [REDACTED], DSW, Peterhead. Phone contact with [REDACTED] owner of B/B, who confirms Donna is still there. Donna's sister phoned this a.m. and Donna has gone to Aberdeen with sister. Cost of B/B £10 per night.**

Date <b>29.8.94</b>	Type of Contact <b>Exac</b>	With Whom <b>OOHS</b>	Worker <b>VS</b>
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**OOHs contacted 11.15p.m. 28.8.94 by Donna saying she had missed last bus. Advised of personal responsibility.**

Date <b>2.9.94</b>	Type of Contact <b>Phone x 2</b>	With Whom <b>Mrs Coutts</b>	Worker <b>VS</b>
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**Mrs Coutts phoned [REDACTED] and to ask about Donna. Spoke to Megan Cambridge and phoned Mrs Coutts [REDACTED] of current situation re Donna. She has been speaking to [REDACTED] in Aberdeen and believes Donna did not arrive in Aberdeen on Monday.**

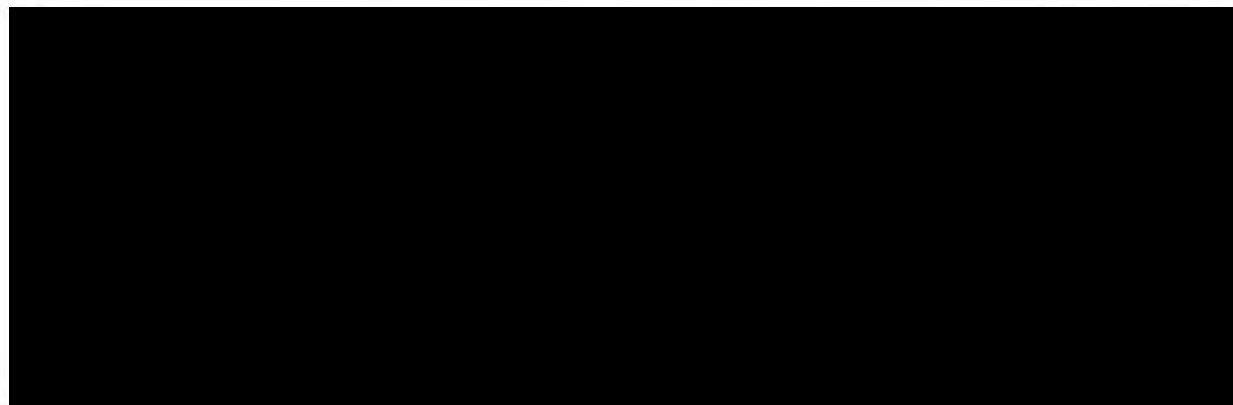
Date <b>1.9.94</b>	Type of Contact <b>Phone</b>	With Whom <b>Donna</b>	Worker <b>VS</b>
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**Donna rang from Scalloway Park. Not wanting to remain in Glendale. Advised she needs to remain in one place long enough for us to make contact. Also advised that she should sign on and make claim for benefit. Discussed need for her to co-operate.**

Date <b>5.9.94</b>	Type of Contact <b>Phone</b>	With Whom <b>Damien Bradley</b>	Worker <b>VS</b>
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**Phoned Damien Bradley, Scalloway Park to try to establish if Donna had been found B/B in Fraserburgh. Donna has not been found any alternative but Glendale is still available to her. She is reported to have been staying with other ex-residents and other contacts in Fraserburgh and turns up occasionally at Scalloway Park. Damien seems to believe that Steve is trying to obtain lodgings at Portsoy.**

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Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
9.9.94	Visit	Damien Bradley	VS

Case discussed whilst visiting Scalloway Park re other mattes. A member of staff has left already to collect the child missing from the home but will not be transporting Donna.

Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
13.9.94	Visit/Escort	Donna	VS

Donna collected from mother's home and brought to the office in Carmelite Street for interview with Steve Hothersall following discussions between myself and Steve. Steve drew up contract with Donna and financial assistance to assist mother with cost of call given.

Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
15.9.94	Visit	Donna	VS

Donna seen at home on her own. Discussed her meeting with Steve and went through the contract which they had drawn up. Donna appeared distant and sullen but was in my opinion listening, says she tried to sign on at Fraserburgh but wasn't allowed. Agreed to check procedure.

Also agreed to try to obtain her belongings from Scalloway Park and Glendale provided she found and gave back to me the key for Glendale Guest House. Agreed to call past tomorrow to collect key.

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<b>19.9.94</b>	<b>Visit</b>	<b>Donna</b>	<b>VS</b>

Called at Donna's to deliver belongings collected from Scalloway Park and Glendale Guest House. Also gave Donna her National Insurance documents. Brief discussion on visit to Careers Office and what would be expected of her.

██████████ If Donna is staying she will need a bed.

Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
<b>19.9.94</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Mrs Coutts</b>	<b>VS</b>

Mrs Coutts went to Careers Office with Donna. All went OK but Donna now has appointment with unemployment benefit office at St Nicholas Centre in Aberdeen. Mrs C feels Donna will not get there if let to travel alone. Donna is apparently very nervous in open spaces. Agreed to take her.

Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
<b>20.9.94</b>	<b>Visit/Escort</b>	<b>Donna</b>	<b>VS</b>

Donna collected from home and taken to Unemployment Benefit Office. Donna not quite as surly as usual and more sociable. Noticeably edgy. Had difficulty coping with UB Office and looked as though she might leave at one point. However, completed all the forms and paid attention, really polite in interview. Got better as interview progressed. Returned Donna home.

Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
<b>23.9.94</b>	<b>Visit</b>	<b>Mrs C &amp; Donna</b>	<b>VS</b>

Home visit Donna her usual surly and apparently disinterested self ██████████ has now taken back mattress on which Donna was sleeping. Donna now sleeping on concrete floor - bed a matter of urgency.

Sec 12 payment of £20 made. Receipt obtained.

Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
<b>26.9.94</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Link-Up</b>	<b>VS</b>

Request if they have single bed available for client in Cuminstown - confirmed yes they have but require a donation to cover cost.

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Date <b>30.9.94</b>	Type of Contact <b>T/C</b>	With Whom <b>Mrs Coutts</b>	Worker <b>VS</b>

Informed of my telephone conversation with DSS.

Date <b>3.10.94</b>	Type of Contact <b>Phone</b>	With Whom <b>Mrs Coutts</b>	Worker <b>VS</b>
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To tell me DSS visitor is to visit on Thursday next but in the meantime Donna still has no money and neither do herself [REDACTED]

Date <b>3.10.94</b>	Type of Contact <b>Visit</b>	With Whom <b>Donna &amp; Mrs Coutts</b>	Worker <b>VS</b>
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Delivered £20 to assist maintenance of Donna at home. Discussed present situation Donna withdrawn and quiet. Does not appear to like being dependent on SWD will be at home for visitor tomorrow.

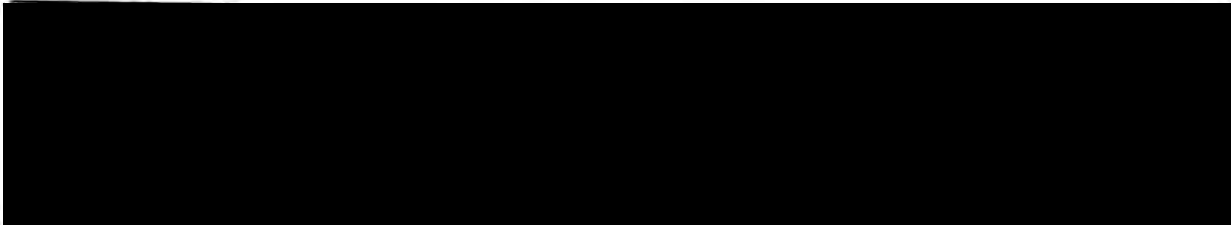
Date <b>10.10.94</b>	Type of Contact <b>T/C</b>	With Whom <b>DSS</b>	Worker <b>Steve</b>
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Spoke re allowances.

Date <b>10.10.94</b>	Type of Contact <b>T/C</b>	With Whom <b>Mrs Coutts</b>	Worker <b>Steve</b>
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To say that Mrs C to claim for Donna via Child Benefit and Income Support herself. Letter sent to Mrs C confirming date that Donna moved home.

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Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
12.12.94	Phone	[REDACTED]	V Shrimpton
		<i>Grampian Training</i>	

*To discuss Donna's placement. This has now been approved and money is promised for this week.*

Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
12.12.94	Phone	Mrs Coutts	V Shrimpton

*To pass on information. She tells me Donna is just about still hanging on in placement but is very angry with training people after all her efforts to get on her feet. She will phone if money does n't arrive.*

Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
12.12.94	Visit	Donna & Mrs C	V Shrimpton

*To discuss difficulties with Donna, provide £20 financial support and to encourage her to hold on to placement and not allow other people's inefficiency to ruin her future plans.*

Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker
20.12.94	Visit	Mrs Coutts	V Shrimpton

*[REDACTED] Donna remains at YTS placement which is all sorted out now. Agreed to write to Donna as she continues to not want me to visit. Mrs Coutts says Donna does not want me to close her file yet.*

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**Donna Coutts**

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<b>24.2.95</b>	<b>Home visit</b>	<b>Mrs Coutts</b>	<b>V Shrimpton</b>

*Donna continues in her placement at Fyvie returning home when she has a day off. She has a boyfriend [REDACTED] who spends most of his time at Idoch Cottages in the hope of seeing Donna.*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>

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Date	23. 8. 95.	Type of Contact	PHONE	With Whom
				Donna
			Worker	VALS

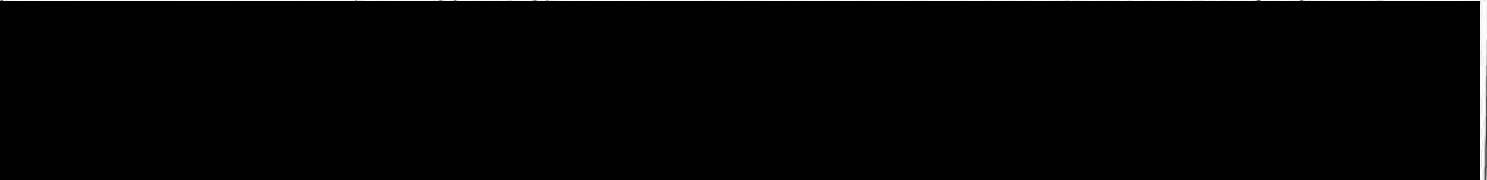
still very unsure of what she is wanting to do. Sorry she left stable and doesn't want to learn for stable skills. would like to meet me and talk to me but will see if [redacted] will allow it. advised on how to deal with that. she will think about it.

Date	24. 8. 95	Type of Contact	PHONE	With Whom	MRS COLTTS	Worker	VALS
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She is really worried about Donna in the way [redacted] is controlling her. [redacted] will not consider leaving Donna back at home. Mrs Coltt's thinks [redacted] please will I write to Donna saying I want to see her & arrange to pick her up from [redacted] CUMINGS TOWN & take her out so I can talk to her - agreed.

Date	1. 9. 95	Type of Contact	COLLECT FROM HOME & LUNCH	With Whom	Donna	Worker	VALS
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Collected Donna from boyfriend's home & took her for lunch. Wouldn't eat out. Sandra from shop & sat in car & talked. [redacted] lives with Mrs Coltt's for Donna's care, and step-father.



Date	5. 9. 95	Type of Contact	PHONE	With Whom	MRS COLTTS	Worker	VALS
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Remains worried about Donna's education. ~~She has had another letter from Education saying quite clearly they believe her & she is not satisfied.~~ She has had another letter from Education saying quite clearly they believe her & she is not satisfied.

Date	25. 10. 95	Type of Contact	PHONE	With Whom	MRS COLTTS	Worker	VALS
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She continues to worry about Donna.

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Date	21.11.95	Type of Contact	PHONE	With Whom	MRS COULTS	Worker	VAS
<p>to advise her of agreement reached + plan for Donna's return. She says Donna has phoned again + is desperately wanting home. advised that if Donna phones again she should be asked to contact me or go to S.S.D. Dewsbury</p>							
[REDACTED]							
Date	29.11.95	Type of Contact	HOMEVISIT	With Whom	DONNA COULTS	Worker	VAS
<p>Donna glad to be home but quiet + not sure what to do next. Talking about getting a private tel. telephone with her boyfriend. She does not want to leave her sheep + but does not want to go back there. She cannot bring sheep to home because of dad + lack of space. Plans seem unrealistic but family seem determined to pursue them.</p>							
Date	10.1.96	Type of Contact	PHONE	With Whom	MRS COULTS	Worker	VAS
<p>asking if there is any chance of money to cover cost of November's trip to England to collect Donna. I advised again that I did not feel I could recommend payment as a perfectly adequate plan for Donna's return had been put in place + the time arranging this had been wasted. She still advised.</p>							
Date	6.2.96	Type of Contact	SUPERVISION DISCUSS	With Whom	STEVE H	Worker	VAS
<p>Mrs Coult's has spoken to Steve re cash for trip to England last Nov. He is prepared to authorise it out of mental transport unless I have very strong feelings against. Offered this would be appropriate to be authorised. [REDACTED] who accepted the offer + asked me to take it to Mrs Coult's</p>							

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5 ALLOCATION

Group/Div	BANFF & BUCHAN	Office	10 CARMELITE STR
Team	BANFF/TURRIFF	Review Date	
Intake Worker	CHRISTINE LAMBERT CM	Intake Date	29/10/1992
Allocated Worker	VAL SHRIMPTON SW	Date Alloc	28/08/1994
Current Involmmt	CLOSED	Resource Date	
Notes	280894 CASE ALLOCATED TO VAL SHRIMPTON FROM MIKE HEBENTON 310894 DISCHARGED FROM CARE. 240596 CASE CLOSED		

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*Child in Care Review - again decision for Donna to stay.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>2.12.93</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Donna missing school - set fire to church - charged with wilful fire raising - no remorse.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>3.12.93</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Absconded again.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>4.12.93</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Donna visited by [REDACTED] who is moving to England now.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>5.12.93</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Donna absconded by jumping out of the window, returned later - no charges.*

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<i>22.10.93</i>		<i>M Cambridge</i>

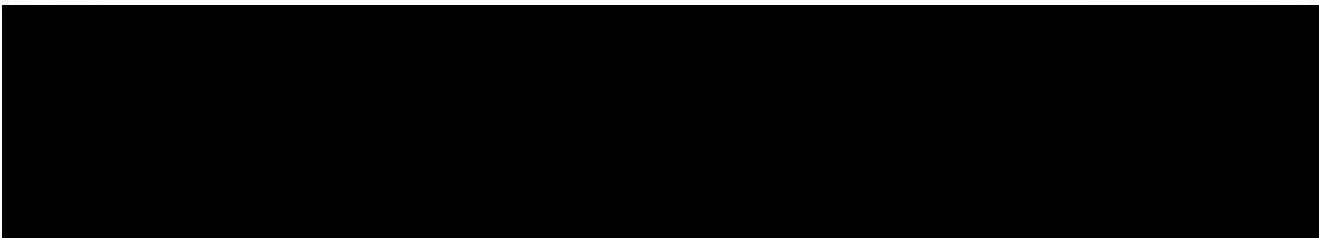
*Case transferred from Mike Hebenton.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>28.10.93</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Introductory visit to Donna - who spoke briefly.  
Initially just general chat - mostly full of derogatory comments about Forres Group Home.  
I was surprised when I arrived to have to wait till neighbours was finished before I could speak to Donna. I felt from Donna's general demeanour that there was something else going on in her head.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>29.10.93</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Introductory visit to Mrs Coutts with Mike - very brief but just to say hello.*



<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>2.11.93</i>			<i>M Cambridge</i>

*Visit to see Donna at Forres.  
Not really speaking.  
Feeling that staff are rejecting of Donna and that they just want her out.  
Forres reminded to produce panel report.*

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>
<i>22.10.93</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Steve</i>
<i>Worker</i>	<i>M Hebenton</i>	

*Case will transfer to Megan.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>26.10.93</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Mrs Coutts</i>	<i>M Hebenton</i>

*Advised of above - Mrs Coutts has checked back on Donna's monthly cycle and feels her behavioural outbursts may be linked to this as they match. She has discussed it with her G.P. who has said it is a possibility.*

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>
<i>5.10.93</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Steve - Forres</i>
<i>Worker</i>	<i>M Hebenton</i>	

*Phoned for an update. Donna is going to Forres Academy. Seems to be o.k. Missed yesterday and don't know where she was but is back again today. [REDACTED] from ATH has been in touch and will visit her again. No contact from family or Social Worker.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>8.10.93</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>[REDACTED] Forres</i>	<i>M Hebenton</i>

*[REDACTED] is Donna's key worker. Got on fine with Donna initially but is now finding that Donna is cooling off. Wonders what Social Work contact there will be. I will get back to her next week.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>11.10.93</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Forres</i>	<i>M Hebenton</i>

*Donna absconded at 8:30 pm last night with another resident (see EXAC). Found by Police at 1 am. Appears to have wanted to see some boy she knows.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>11.10.93</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Steve</i>	<i>M Hebenton</i>

*Case will transfer to Megan at end of month. Can visit on 21/10 if necessary.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of Contact</i>	<i>With Whom</i>	<i>Worker</i>
<i>11.10.93</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Cathy</i>	<i>M Hebenton</i>

*To advise of above and also that I will visit on Wednesday.*

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User Name DONNA COUTTS		User Ref. No.		Page No. 1
Date 2.11.92	Type of Contact home visit	With Whom Mr. & Mrs. Coutts	Worker C. Lambert	
<p>Family having a number of problems with Donna. Rhoda Dunbar agreed to see her before summer but no word yet. Problems include: truancy from school (Linda Smith, Guidance Teacher): stealing money from home, family have stopped leaving money around: suspected smoking and ? other drugs (some withdrawal symptoms ? on the Monday/Tuesday of half-term - shaking/physically sick/moody): argumentative and difficult at home: aggressive with younger children: spending a lot of time with [REDACTED] Donna drinking: relationship with [REDACTED] has changed since she began a friendship with [REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs. Coutts say Donna appears to hate everything and</p>				
Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker	
<p>everyone, she denies doing anything but has cut up her duvet with a knife, broken a tray of eggs and switched off the greenhouse heater when she has been cross with her parents for imposing sanctions. Mr. and Mrs. Coutts would like me to check when Rhoda Dunbar is going to see Donna as they feel they are reaching the end of their tether.</p>				
Date 10.11.92	Type of Contact telephone call	With Whom Linda Smith - T.A.	Worker C. Lambert	
<p>Understands Rhoda Dunbar will be seeing Donna at the end of the month ?24th. Truancy has started recently - a possible three times, Donna is impudent, moody and disruptive. She has always been a difficult pupil. Doesn't respond well to adults and difficult to get through to. A number of problems with Donna with other pupils. However Donna not as bad as she would make out.</p>				
Date 10.11.92	Type of Contact telephone call	With Whom Rhoda Dunbar	Worker C. Lambert	
<p>Not available.</p>				
Date 12.11.92	Type of Contact telephone calls	With Whom Rhoda Dunbar	Worker C. Lambert	
<p>Not available.</p>				

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User Name DONNA COUTTS		User Ref. No.		Page No. 3
Date 17.12.92	Type of Contact telephone call	With Whom Linda Smith	Worker C. Lambert	
<p>Donna upset at school yesterday after an incident. Alex. Smith saw her. Donna intimated through yes/no answers that there was a problem at home too big to talk about. Donna tearful which Linda said is unusual for her. Linda doesn't know what to read into this. Has seen Donna today who looks rather cheerful.</p>				
Date 18.12.92	Type of Contact telephone call	With Whom Linda Smith	Worker C. Lambert	
<p>Linda spoke to Donna very gently yesterday but couldn't get any answer out of her. [REDACTED] Donna has given P.E. teacher a V sign this week and is generally insolent. Explained Donna had told the Coutts' that she wouldn't see anyone as [REDACTED] doesn't have to.</p>				
Date 19.1.93	Type of Contact home visit	With Whom Mr. & Mrs. Cotuts	Worker C. Lambert	
<p>Mr. and Mrs. Coutts feel Donna has improved over the Christmas period. They have made arrangements for her to go to stay at alternate weekends with Mr. Coutts' sister in Aberdeen. Donna sees this as a treat and it is a reward for better behaviour. [REDACTED] Mrs. Coutts has been to Doctor re. Donna. Says she is not having epileptic fits. [REDACTED]</p>				
Date	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker	
<p>[REDACTED] this. Police from Turriff have been to see Donna re. thefts from Turriff Academy, Donna strenuously denies this. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>				
Date 8.2.93	Type of Contact telephone call	With Whom Linda Smith	Worker C. Lambert	
<p>Establish how Donna is doing. Explained Coutts' reward system. Linda thinks Donna is better this term. Played truant last week and deliberately being awkward. Linda Smith not knowing that Police had been involved re. theft.</p>				

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## CONTACT RECORD

User Name	DONNA COUTTS		User Ref. No.	0711985	Page No.	5		
Date	15.3.93	Type of Contact	telephone call		With Whom	Mrs. Coutts	Worker	C. Lambert
<p>Donna off school for the day on 12/3. Big argument last night about [REDACTED] not being her father and Donna not having contact with natural father. Mrs. Coutts has subsequently tried to find out his address so Donna can get in touch with him. Advised Mrs. Coutts re. Donna's referral to Div. Educ. Assessment Meeting</p>								
Date	22.3.93	Type of Contact	telephone call		With Whom	Jane Robison	Worker	C. Lambert
<p>Donna seen on 19.3.93. Very surly and <u>not</u> talkative. She has changed for the worse since Jane last saw her a year ago. Something wrong with her - seems sad. Donna saying she enjoys some lessons - O.I.S., P.E., English and Science. Discussed changing school or some limited timetable/work experience at Forglen Stables.</p> <p>Donna did not say she wanted to leave home. Jane gave her list of helpline telephone numbers. Jane is prepared to have further contact with Donna.</p>								
Date	23.3.93	Type of Contact	telephone call		With Whom	Mrs. Coutts	Worker	C. Lambert
<p>Donna had gone "completely off her head" at Mrs. Coutts for clearing her bedroom. Mrs. Coutts has not made any contract with Donna about room tidiness (she shares with [REDACTED] Donna's attitude still very difficult and Mrs. Coutts says she came close to giving her a battering. Donna complaining that Mrs. Coutts wont buy her a new bedroom carpet. Mrs. Coutts feels Donna is deliberately aggravating her. Donna did tell Mrs. Coutts that she had seen me (actually Jane Robison) at school. Mrs. Coutts not keen for her to change to Banff Academy</p>								
Date	26.3.93	Type of Contact	Div. Ass. Meeting		With Whom	Various	Worker	C. Lambert
<p>See minutes in file.</p>								
Date	30.3.93	Type of Contact	EXAC		With Whom	OOH	Worker	M. Hebenton
<p>Donna taken into Scalloway Park last night after going missing from home and refusing to return - see EXAC.</p>								

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User Name	DONNA COUTTS		User Ref. No.	0711985	Page No.	7	
Date	30.3.93	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	Damion	Worker	M. Hebenton
<p>Advised of above. No forms done - I will see to them. Damian will arrange a medical and update Alistair Macphail.</p>							
Date	31.3.93	Type of Contact	home visit	With Whom	Mr. & Mrs. Coutts	Worker	M. Hebenton
<p>Completed admission to care forms - still Section 15. Mrs. Coutts thinks that it might be better if Donna goes to another school as suggested by D.A.T. She also thinks Donna should stay in Care and come home at weekends to allow relationships to be re-built. She did not phone Donna and wishes her to make the first contact as it was Donna who had left. She thinks Donna engineered coming into Care. I suggested that she should phone but Mrs. Coutts would not shift.</p>							
Date	31.3.93	Type of Contact	visit	With Whom	Scalloway Park	Worker	M. Hebenton
<p>Delivered Donna's clothes and reception into Care forms. Damion thinks an eight week assessment period would be a good idea.</p>							
Date	1.4.93	Type of Contact	telephone call	With Whom	Damion Bradley	Worker	C. Lambert
<p>Donna saying she doesn't want to go home, wants fresh start and feels she's "up to her neck" with friends in Turriff. Initially nervous and shaky and switches her attention between younger/older residents at Scalloway Park. Mrs. Coutts phoned last night but Donna wouldn't speak to her.</p>							
Date	1.4.93	Type of Contact	telephone call	With Whom	Alistair Macphail	Worker	C. Lambert
<p>Arranged admission to Care Review on 8.4.93 at Winston House.</p>							

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User Name	DONNA COUTTS		User Ref. No.	177194	Page No.	9
Date	16.4.93	Type of Contact	telephone call		With Whom	Mrs. Coutts
					Worker	C. Lambert XXXXXXXXXXXX
<p>Donna has been admitted to Turriff Hospital following overdose at school. She is to be transferred to Aberdeen Accident Hospital for observation. Can I find out what's happening.</p>						
Date	16.4.93	Type of Contact	telephone call		With Whom	Turriff Hospital
					Worker	C. Lambert
<p>Donna does not have a life-threatening problem but they are awaiting ambulance to take her to Aberdeen. No other information available.</p>						
Date	16.4.93	Type of Contact	telephone call		With Whom	Mrs. Coutts
					Worker	C. Lambert
<p>Upset because she felt there was no indication that Donna would take overdose. Donna was annoyed at having to come home from Scalloway Park and was upset that [REDACTED] She had been suspended from school on Monday for swearing at Deputy Rector and only returned to school today. Donna made it clear that if she could get suspended for swearing, she would do it again. Mrs. Coutts said she couldn't get to Turriff to accompany Donna but [REDACTED] sister in Aberdeen will go into the hospital to clarify what's happening.</p>						
Date	16.4.93	Type of Contact	telephone call		With Whom	Linda Smith
					Worker	C. Lambert
<p>School only made aware of Donna's overdoes when there was fire practice this morning and friend of Donna's told Deputy Rector that Donna was in the toilets having taken 75 paracetamol. Linda concerned for Donna's physical wellbeing.</p>						
Date	16.4.93	Type of Contact	EXAC		With Whom	O.O.H.S.
					Worker	C. Lambert
<p>To let them know of circumstances re. Donna.</p>						

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User Name	DONNA COUTTS		User Ref. No.	177194	Page No.	11	
Date	21.4.93	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	Mrs. Coutts	Worker	M. Hebenton
All calmed down again. Mrs. Coutts said that it all began because [REDACTED] was trying to get Donna to go to Aberdeen with her.							
Date	22.4.93	Type of Contact	letter	With Whom	psychiatrist	Worker	M. Hebenton
Re. Donna's o/d. - see file.							
Date	26.4.93	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	Lesley Stewart	Worker	M. Hebenton
Will discuss case with Rhoda Dunbar.							
Date	28.4.93	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	Rhoda Dunbar	Worker	M. Hebenton
Rhoda will allocate the case to Lesley.							
Date	29.4.93	Type of Contact	discussion	With Whom	Jane Robison	Worker	M. Hebenton
Jane will start seeing Donna. Arranged horse riding for next week.							

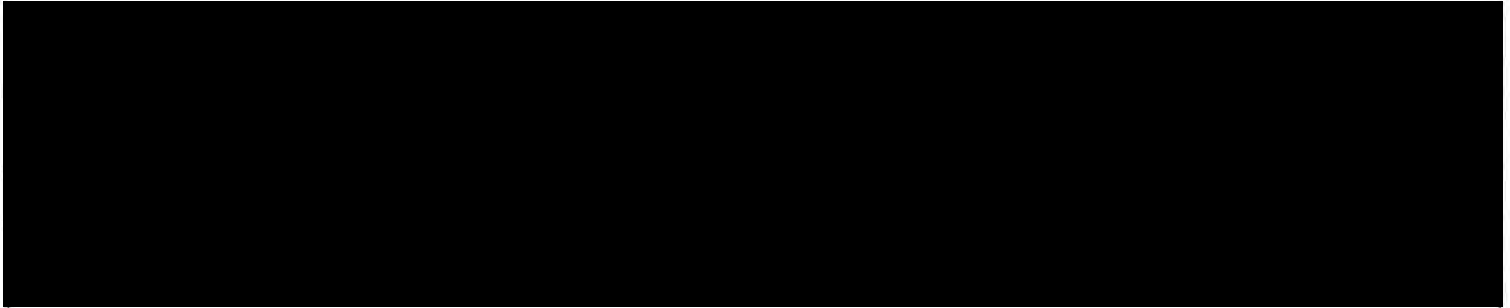
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User Name	DONNA COUTTS		User Ref. No.	177194	Page No.	13	
Date	11.5.93	Type of Contact	meeting	With Whom	various	Worker	M. Hebenton
<p>Discussed education. Will pursue home tutor and centre class. Continue I.T. Do not see need for Reporter being involved. Mrs. Coutts sent back her Family Allowance book and it has not been returned. I will check.</p>							
Date	14.5.93	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	Mrs. Coutts	Worker	M. Hebenton
<p>No book yet. I tried Blackpool. No reply.</p>							
Date	14.5.93	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	Jane Robison	Worker	M. Hebenton
<p>Donna going to stables on 18/5. Jane on holiday - can I arrange transport.. Organised a taxi.</p>							
[REDACTED]							
Date	18.5.93	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	Mrs. Coutts	Worker	M. Hebenton
<p>Donna wants to go horse riding again next week. I will arrange. No Family Allowance yet. Authorised a Section 12 for £10.</p>							

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Date 10.6.93	Type of Contact phone call	With Whom [REDACTED]	Worker M. Hebenton
<p>Donna anxious about charge for possessing knife. Advised [REDACTED] that it is unlikely anything will happen. There is a coffee afternoon on 1/7 which [REDACTED] would like Mrs. Coutts or me to attend.</p>			
Date 15.6.93	Type of Contact phone call	With Whom Mrs. Coutts	Worker M. Hebenton
<p>Mrs. Coutts had a lot of problems with Donna at the weekend. Came close to phoning O.O.H. Donna is being abusive to her and [REDACTED]. Donna had been at the farm on Saturday and Sunday and these arguments happened when she came home at night.</p> <p>Donna has also been saying that she only wants to attend the Centre Class 3 days per week, is not going back if her mum goes to the coffee afternoon and saw [REDACTED] at the class and thinks he does not like him at all. Mrs. Coutts is frightened that she will not be able to manage Donna over the summer.</p>			
Date 18.6.93	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker M. Hebenton
<p>See detail record.</p>			
Date 21.6.93	Type of Contact EXAC	With Whom O.O.H.S.	Worker M. Hebenton
<p>See EXAC.</p>			

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User Name	DONNA COUTTS		User Ref. No.	177194	Page No.	17	
Date	25.6.93	Type of Contact	visit	With Whom	Donna	Worker	M. Hebenton
Collected Donna from Andrew Thomson House. She sat in the back seat and did not speak for the entire journey. Told me she wouldn't see me again when I dropped her at home.							
Date	28.6.93	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	Mrs. Coutts	Worker	M. Hebenton
Weekend had gone reasonably well. Donna was abusive but not too out of order. Spend most of her time on a friends farm.							
Date	29.6.93	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	[REDACTED]	Worker	M. Hebenton
Donna has been o.k. so far in the Centre Class. They will manage to contain her this week. She has been speaking about showing a sheep at various shows during the summer which sounds encouraging.							
Date	29.6.93	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	[REDACTED]	Worker	M. Hebenton
Hearing date changed to 28/7.							
Date	29.6.93	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	[REDACTED] Andrew Thomson House	Worker	M. Hebenton
A female resident had told [REDACTED] that Donna had mentioned being beaten up by her step-father.							

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User Name	DONNA COUTTS		User Ref. No	1744194	Page No.	19
Date	7.7.93	Type of Contact	phone call		With Whom	Jane Robison
					Worker	M. Hebenton
Jane cant offer anything for the summer.						
Date	7.7.93	Type of Contact	letter		With Whom	Donna
					Worker	M. Hebenton
Re. w t we can offer her - see file.						
Date	8.7.93	Type of Contact	Planning Meeting		With Whom	Various
					Worker	M. Hebenton
Donna didn't come. Will look at trying to get a respite place at Fernbank, possibility of volunteers and directing some resources at the other kids to try and ease the pressure at home.						
Date	13.7.93	Type of Contact	phone call		With Whom	[REDACTED]
					Worker	M. Hebenton
Discussed how to contact Donna. [REDACTED] will see her at the Centre Class next term.						
Date	15.7.93	Type of Contact	phone call		With Whom	Alistair Macphail
					Worker	M. Hebenton
No place available for Donna within Fernbank.						

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User Name DONNA COUTTS		User Ref. No. 1744194	Page No. 21
Date 30.7.93	Type of Contact phone call	With Whom	Worker M. Hebenton
Left a message to say that Donna was placed with [REDACTED]			
Date 2.8.93	Type of Contact phone call	With Whom Elgin	Worker M. Hebenton
Post admission to Care Conference arranged for Friday 6/8 in Buckie.			
Date 2.8.93	Type of Contact	With Whom	Worker M. Hebenton
See RA.			
Date 2.8.93	Type of Contact phone call	With Whom [REDACTED]	Worker M. Hebenton
Message left from [REDACTED] Wont go to Buckie to see Donna. [REDACTED] covers that area. [REDACTED] can see her in Aberdeen on 23/8.			
Date 3.8.93	Type of Contact phone call	[REDACTED]	Worker M. Hebenton
Donna settled in well. Still very quiet.			

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User Name	DONNA COUTTS		User Ref. No.	1744194	Page No.	23
Date	6.8.43	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	[REDACTED]	
				Worker	M. Hebenton	
<p>Left a message for [REDACTED] that Donna wouldn't be through to see him on 23/8 and that I would get back to him once long-term arrangements were made.</p>						
Date	23.8.93	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	Steve Hothersall	
				Worker	M. Hebenton	
<p>Donna placed at [REDACTED] full-time by Children's Hearing on 17/8.</p>						
[REDACTED]						
Date	31.8.93	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	[REDACTED]	
				Worker	M. Hebenton	
<p>Donna is refusing to go to Buckie High School. Says she will go to Cranloch but [REDACTED]</p>						
Date	31.8.93	Type of Contact	phone call	With Whom	[REDACTED]	
				Worker	M. Hebenton	
<p>Advised Lesley of above. She will check on Cranloch option.</p>						

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User Name DONNA COUTTS		User Ref. No. 1744194	Page No. 25
Date 31.8.93	Type of Contact phone call	With Whom [REDACTED]	Worker M. Hebenton
No vacancies - waiting list.			
[REDACTED]			
Date 2.9.93	Type of Contact phone call	With Whom Steve etc.	Worker M. Hebenton
Re. above. Eventually found a place with [REDACTED] foster parent in Banff. Moved Donna from Buckie. Donna would say nothing about [REDACTED] and sat silently in the car all the way to Banff.			
Date 6.9.93	Type of Contact Fax	With Whom [REDACTED]	Worker M. Hebenton
Re. above.			
[REDACTED]			

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User Name DONNA COUTTS		User Ref. No. 1744194	Page No. 27
Date 8.9.93	Type of Contact Hearing	With Whom Donna	Worker M. Hebenton
Donna would not speak while her mother or myself were present. We both left. Placed on 21 day Warrant. Transported her to Forres Childrens Home.			
Date 13.9.93	Type of Contact phone call	With Whom [REDACTED]	Worker M. Hebenton
Hearing set for 12 noon 22/9, Macduff, Steve will cover.			
Date 22.9.93	Type of Contact Hearing	With Whom Donna	Worker M. Hebenton
Move to Forres made permanent.			
Date 24.9.93	Type of Contact phone call	With Whom Mrs. Coutts	Worker M. Hebenton
Advised of above.			
[REDACTED]			

TRANSFER SUMMARY - DONNA COUTTS - CASE NO. 1744194

Donna is the third child in a family of six. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Donna was originally allocated to Christine Lambert in November of last year following problems caused at home as a result of her behaviour. An Educational Psychologist, [REDACTED], was also involved as Donna had been truanting from school and being fairly defiant in class. At that time Donna refused to see both Christine and [REDACTED]. These difficulties continued and the school felt that Donna would actually flaunt her truancy in their faces by not attending classes but hanging around Turriff Academy all day making sure she was seen by the relevant teachers. As a result of this a referral was made to the Divisional Assessment Team by Linda Smith, Guidance Teacher at Turriff Academy.

Before this meeting had taken place Donna ran away from home one weekend and was admitted to Scalloway Park as a result. While there she stated that she wanted to remain in Care, claiming that she was mixing with the wrong element and was unhappy with her associations. When picked up by the Police she had in her possession a bowie knife and was charged with this. While in Scalloway Park there was considerable feeling that Donna did not need to be in Care and that her difficulties could be resolved at home. All the problems she discussed seemed to revolve around relationships and it was felt these could be tackled while she was in her family. Around this point the case transferred from [REDACTED]

On 16th April 1993 Donna was admitted to A.R.I. after taking an overdose of 50 paracetamol. She had been excluded from school for three days after swearing at a teacher and on her return at the end of the week had taken the overdose. Donna had mentioned to the Duty Psychiatrist in Aberdeen about being bullied in school but the school view was that Donna was perfectly capable of giving as good as she got.

On her release from hospital, Donna did not return to Turriff Academy as it was felt this was not an appropriate option. Jane Robison became involved and had Donna attending a programme of IT for a period. [REDACTED] managed to find a place for Donna in the Centre Class in Fraserburgh and she started there on 14th June 1993.

Donna's first week in the Centre Class seemed to go reasonably well but she ran away at the weekend and on being found by the Police and returned home advised them that she was going to run again, so was admitted to Andrew Thomson House. By this point I had been allocated the case and visited Donna in Andrew Thomson House to try and explore her difficulties. Donna was unable to give me any indication of problems at home which would justify her remaining in Care so she was returned home at the end of that week. She attended the Centre Class for the last week of term and again this seemed to have gone reasonably well.

For the early part of the summer holidays Donna spent a great deal of time at a friend's farm, helping them out and attending the local Agricultural Shows. She appeared to enjoy this and it helped to ease the pressure at home. A Children's Hearing was held on 28th July 1993 as a result of her being charged with possessing a knife and also because of all the other difficulties that were around at the time. At this Hearing Donna requested to be received into Care and the Panel Members agreed to this. They issued a 21 day Warrant and Donna was placed with [REDACTED] in Buckie. Donna said very little at the Hearing but was represented by an adult friend, [REDACTED] who had only known her for a couple of months. By this point Donna was refusing to talk to me whatsoever and felt that she did not need any help. The only indication I was able to get about problems at home related to the family's poverty./

poverty. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mrs. Coutts was aware that Donna found this a problem and had even agreed to pay for her school lunches although she was entitled to free meals so that Donna would not suffer the embarrassment of this.

Donna's move to [REDACTED] was made permanent at a subsequent Hearing and this placement seemed to run fairly well initially. She had stated that she would attend Buckie High School though [REDACTED] did not feel she would be able to do this but proceeded with it anyway. Donna did attend school, then started missing an occasional day and stated that she would prefer to go to Cranloch instead. She was told this would be explored but would need to attend Buckie in the meantime if she wished her placement with [REDACTED] to continue. She did so for a while but on the 3rd September 1993 the foster placement with [REDACTED] broke down. The reasons for this were that Donna had been threatening [REDACTED] 10 year old daughter, telling her she was going to burn down the house during the night and this girl was becoming frightened by this and missing school herself to ensure that Donna did not carry out her threat. Donna was also smearing faeces around the toilet and setting incidents up within the house for other young people to get the blame.

She spent the weekend with emergency Foster Parents in Banff before being found a place in Andrew Thomson House on 6th September 1993. She was moved to Forres Children's Home on 8th September 1993 as we were advised the bed that she occupied in Andrew Thomson House actually belonged to someone else. Her move was made permanent on 22nd September 1993.

While in Forres Donna has been attending Forres Academy and has only missed one day so far. She had made some allegations of a sexual nature to a worker called [REDACTED] in Andrew Thomson House prior to her move to Forres and although was interviewed by Steve Hothersall and the Police, was unable to elaborate on these. [REDACTED] is still working with her on this. Once again the placement in Forres went fairly well initially but Donna has now began absconding. The first time was on 11.10.1993 then on 18.10.1993 and also on 19.10.1993. On the last occasion she had gone to Buckie and spent the night there with some local youths after breaking into a porta-cabin. As a result of this she has been charged with Vandalism and Breaking and Entering. Donna had also been telling the staff in Forres that she no longer wished to remain there but wanted to attend Alrossie School instead. Due to her recent behaviour a Review Hearing has been called for Wednesday 10th November 1993 at 10.00 am. in Macduff Town Hall.

It would seem that Donna sabotages any placement once it looks like being successful. She tends to say she will go to one place and will work with one individual, then once there says she will go somewhere else and work with somebody different instead. It would look like she is trying the same once more.

[REDACTED] was involved with the family briefly but Donna refused to see him. A referral was also made to [REDACTED] at the Young People's Unit in Aberdeen but I understand that no contact has been made with her yet.

LOG SHEET

Name:

DONNA COURTTS

DATE

2.9.93

Admitted tonight by S.W. MIKE HEBERTON & JULE LUMB after a phone call from D.W. Office from Duff Buchanan explained Moray strategy re exempting children from other divisions. Mr Hamilton the care on the phone to say he would take full responsibility for her being here.

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7/9

Playing games this morning being a captive audience to [redacted] Out with myself briefly this morning. Donna still quite uncooperative but nothing too challenging appears to be wasting her time [redacted]

Donna will be collected at 8 AM in the morning by a Mrs Cambridge for her panel at Turiff.

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Out looking for them. On return the police informed us that there had been an anonymous phone call to say the girls were at [redacted] [redacted] went around and

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6.9.93 Admitted tonight by social worker (Mike Hebenton) and Julie Lumb after a phone call from Divisional Officer from Banff/Buchan. [REDACTED] explained Moray strategy re accepting children from other Divisions. Mr. Hamilton then came on the phone to say he would take full responsibility for her being here.

Donna was with foster-parents in Buckie [REDACTED]  
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Not too happy to be here so has not been too co-operative. Not keen to get undressed and go to bed.  
[REDACTED]

7.9.93 Playing games this morning, being a captive audience to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Out with myself briefly this morning. Donna still quite unco-operative but nothing too challenging. Appears to be waiting her time.  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] went around and discovered that it was her mother's house and they called the Police. At first they became very abusive and refused to leave, but when [REDACTED] said he was going for the Police, they changed their minds. Taken back here and put into their rooms - screaming for a couple of hours but settled down eventually around 8.30 p.m.  
[REDACTED]

8.9.93 Donna was collected by her social worker at 8.30 a.m. to attend the Hearing. [REDACTED]

Panel - transferred to Forres Children's Home. [REDACTED]

CASE SUMMARY FORM

Division:  
 Social Workers:  
 Case No.:

NOTE - Each entry should be headed to show whether it refers to Initial Assessment, Review, Transfer or Closure summary.

Date .....

Full Name of Client Donna Joan Coultts

The points to be covered for assessments, reviews, transfers and closures are detailed in Section 1.2 of the Procedures Manual. This form should be used for specialised childcare reviews; the points to be covered for such reviews are in Section 2.2 of the Procedures Manual.

Date	
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	Settled in very quietly was given the bedroom <sup>which</sup> <del>she</del> had all of the clothes in
21-6	Slept well is helping [redacted] in the kitchen today looking lost, but [redacted] is showing her the ropes.
21-6	Has an admission medical with [redacted] at 1-30 Tomorrow afternoon.
21-6	Children's meeting! - No night out. Down town with [redacted] before tea, then swimming with the group in the evening.
22.6.93	Donna helped in the kitchen this morning, reluctantly at first but she seemed quite happy after a while. A sulky young lady - speaks only when spoken to by Jeff but chats away to the other girls. [redacted]

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Has an admission medical with [REDACTED] at 1.30 tomorrow. [REDACTED]

Children's Meeting:- No night out.

Down town with [REDACTED] before tea, then swimming with the group in the evening. [REDACTED]

22.6.93 Donna helped in the kitchen this morning, reluctantly at first, but she seemed quite happy after a while. A sullen young lady - speaks only when spoken to by staff, but chats away to the other girls. [REDACTED]

Out with [REDACTED] before tea and then swimming with the girls at Gordonstoun. No problems tonight but speaks only when spoken to by staff. [REDACTED]

Social worker visited today and stayed for lunch. He will be in touch again on Thursday or Friday. [REDACTED]

Later it was discovered that Donna was planning to run away and trying to persuade [REDACTED] to go with her. I spoke to Donna and [REDACTED] about this and gave Donna a telling-off as it was Donna's intention. [REDACTED]

23.6.93 Donna spent the time between watching M.T.V. and helping [REDACTED]. She says she is bored. [REDACTED]

Went to the football with [REDACTED]. Needs watching as she sneaks about without permission. [REDACTED]

24.6.93 Donna a lot friendlier today but constantly saying she is bored. [REDACTED]

Social worker phoned. [REDACTED]

Review/Assessment (Cont'd)

Client Name

Client Ref. No

Page No

Part 3 Tasks and Plans

7. Objectives Agreed with Client

8. Other Objectives

AS I will not be s.w. for the family beyond 29.4.93, case needs to be transferred

9. Action Agreed

For Worker

For Client

To transfer case

To co-operate with new social worker and interviews

Date of Next Review ..... / ..... / .....

8. Signature

Client .....

Worker .....

Date ...../...../.....

9. Senior .....

Date ...../...../.....

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Review/Assessment

(To be completed within 6 weeks and quarterly thereafter)

Client Name	Mr. and Mrs. Coult's + Donna	Client Ref. No	0711985	Page No	
		Planned Date of Review	/ /		/ /
		Actual Date of Review	/ /		/ /

Part 1 Description

1. Significant Changes in People or Circumstances

Donna's behaviour at home has continued to cause concern to Mr. and Mrs. Coult's. A crisis was reached with her admission to care on 29.3.93 when she refused to go home after running away

2. Summary of Work Done

liaison with school Turney Academy, [redacted] Jane Robison and Divisional Education Assessment Meeting

3. Client's Definition of Main Issue

How to deal with Donna's behaviour at home and school truancy.

Part 2 Assessment

4. Worker's Evaluation of Issue

Donna is presenting problems at home which continually test Mr. and Mrs Coult's and reflect Donna's own unhappiness

5. Possible Options for Work - Advantages/Disadvantages

Involvement by Jane Robison  
Referral to School Psychological Service and Fraserburgh Unit. Role of Scalloway Park

6. Reasons for Continued Contact

Donna is in Care - s.w. input to work with her and family to resolve difficulties and Donna's future care needs

Part 3 Tasks and Plans

7. Objectives Agreed with User

Work w/ Rossie staff to look at - past behavior etc  
- past experiences

Consultation with Psychological / Psychiatric services

Develop a 'pathway' to desired / desirable futures

8. Other Objectives

Observe rules whilst at Rossie

Cooperate with staff

Develop / maintain links with family

Pursue options for 'home base'.

9. Action Agreed

For Worker

For User

As above.

As above

Date of Next Review ...3... / ...2... / ...94... (in Regn) - fill in on 10/2/94

8. Signature

User ... Donna Coultas ...

Worker ...  ...

Date ... 28 ... / ... 1 ... / ... 94 ...

9. Senior ...  ...

Date ... 28 ... / ... 1 ... / ... 94 ...

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REVIEW/ASSESSMENT

(To be completed within 6 weeks and quarterly thereafter)

User Name	User Ref. No	Page No
Miss D. Caults		1
40 Rossie School, Montrose.	Planned Date of Review	10 / 2 / 94
	Actual Date of Review	/ /

Part 1 Description

1. Significant Changes in People or Circumstances  
Donna transferred to Rossie School at the order of Ch. Wrenn Hearing on 21/1/94 due to deterioration of behaviour.
2. Summary of Work Done  
To date, transfer & consideration of issues relating to settling in period. Maintenance / development of family links.
3. User's Definition of Main Issue  
"drinking, sniffing, vandalism & charges etc."  
Wish to get out for weekends

Part 2 Assessment

4. Worker's Evaluation of Issue  
Donna's behavior has given rise to serious concerns of late for its effect on her & others' well-being.
5. Possible Options for Work - Advantages/Disadvantages
  - look at Donna's past behavior - why/how/consequences
  - " " " " " - possible impact on future
  - " " " past reasons for behavior
  - attempt to put together a package which will help Donna return to the community.
6. Reasons for Continued Contact  
S44(1)(b)  
concerns re Donna's behavior & attitude

Part 3 TASKS AND PLANS

7. Objectives Agreed with User

- stay at num for time being
- Donna to meet in Vol Shrimpton
- Donna to sign on & contact Hving = HB etc.
- Donna, in Vol, to pursue options re accommodation.
- Donna to be of good behavior

8. Other Objectives

Deot & Donna to collaborate on appropriate package of support.

\* Donna has been reminded that the offer of support is there, but that she has to cooperate & react as at least half-way in efforts to sort her situation out.

9. Action Agreed

For Worker	For User
As above	As above

Date of Next Review ..... a.s.a.p. ....

10. Signature

User ..... Donna Thorn .....  
Worker ..... [Signature] .....

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

11. Senior ..... [Signature] .....  
Date ..... 13/9/94 .....

REVIEW/ASSESSMENT

(To be completed within 6 weeks and quarterly thereafter)

User Name	Miss Donna Cottb / Thora	User Ref. No.	Page No. 1
40 5 12 Noel Cottb, Currieston		Planned Date of Review	
		Actual Date of Review	13/9/94.

Part 1 DESCRIPTION

1. Significant Changes in People or Circumstances

Discharged from Scalloway Park. Sup. order terminated

2. Summary of Work Done

Attempts to provide advice, guidance & assistance to Donna whilst at Scalloway = leaving care.

3. User's Definition of Main Issue

"Dinna ken"

Part 2 ASSESSMENT

4. Worker's Evaluation of Issue

Donna has nowhere to stay long term. At risk of re-offending & at risk to herself & on occasion, to others in the community.

5. Possible Options for Work - Advantages/Disadvantages

Stay at mums for time being. Seek out accommodation & offer advice, guidance & assistance.

6. Reasons for Continued Contact

At risk of offending.

CLOSURE SUMMARY

User Name	DONNA COUTTS	User Ref. No.	Page No.
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Planned Date of Review

Actual Date of Review 28.5.96

1. Significant Changes in People or Circumstances

Donna has matured considerably since leaving care being more settled & coping well with life at home.

2. Summary of Aims Achieved and Actions Since Last Review

Donna has settled in the family home & has a career plan. She sees the careers office at regular intervals & has some part time work in a job which she enjoys.

3. Aims not Achieved

Donna has not established herself in a home of her own & did not take her part one equestrian exams.

4. Reason(s) for Closure

Is managing her life well with the support of her family. She will seek advice & guidance or leaving care grant as necessary.

5. User Informed of Closure? Yes/~~No~~

6. User Agreeable to Closure? Yes/~~No~~

7. Agency/Worker User Referred to NONE

8. Signature

X User Donna J Coutts  
 Worker Wesley Shreeve  
 Date 24.5.96

9. Senior .....

Date .....

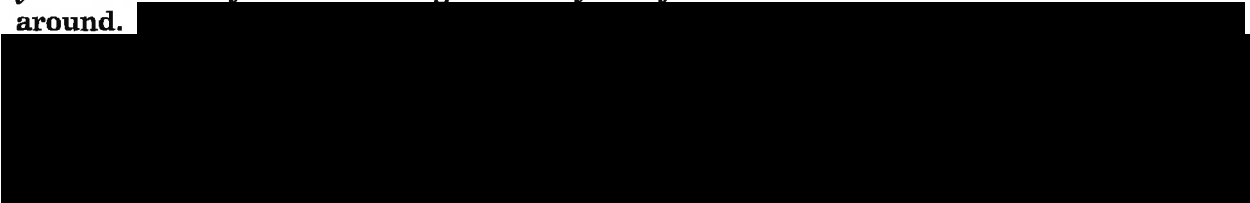
VS/CD

**Ms Donna Coutts  
5 Idoch Cottages  
Delgaty  
CUMINESTOWN  
Turriff**

**31 May 1996**

**Dear Donna**

**Many thanks for returning the completed Closure Summary to me. I understand from your mum that you were asking where my new job would be and whether I would still be around.**



**If at any time you feel that you do need to talk to someone there is always a Duty Social Worker available here at Carmelite Street but if you feel that you would be unable to talk to a stranger and need to talk to me the reception staff here at Carmelite Street would be able to give you my new telephone number so you can still contact me.**

**I hear from your mum that you are not keeping busy and are seldom at home and I hope, therefore, that things are finally working out okay for you. As I have said if at any time you do want to talk to me the reception staff here at Carmelite Street will be able to tell you where to get hold of me. Once again all best wishes for the future and I do hope things go well for you.**

**Yours sincerely**



**VAL SHRIMPTON  
Social Worker**

**VS/CD**


**Miss Donna Coutts**



**28 August 1995**

**Dear Donna**

**Thank you for phoning me last Friday. I hope the job interview went well.**

**I still have to review your progress since leaving care and as arranged on the phone I will see you this Friday at midday. I understand from your mum that there are difficulties with you going home at the moment and I will, therefore, pick you up from  at 12 o'clock and we can get some lunch together.**

**I look forward to see you again.**

**Yours sincerely**

**VAL SHRIMPTON**  
**Social Worker**

**VS/CD**

**Ms Donna Coutts  
5 Idoch Cottages  
Woodhead of Delgaty  
TURRIFF  
AB53 6HW**

**17 August 1995**

**Dear Donna**

**I am writing a short note to let you know that I need to see you to review your progress since leaving care.**

**I propose to call at your mother's home at 1.00p.m. on Wednesday 23rd August to see you and we could then go out to lunch in order to afford some privacy to our discussions.**

**I look forward to seeing you then.**

**Yours sincerely**

**VAL SHRIMPTON  
Social Worker**

**VS/CD**

**Miss Donna Coutts  
5 Idoch Cottages  
Woodhead of Delgaty  
TURRIFF  
Aberdeenshire**

**16 November 1994**

**Dear Donna**

**Just a short letter to say that I was sorry not to have the opportunity to speak with you when I visited last week.**

**I was wanting to explain to you that I had received a phone call from the Careers Office in Turriff because they could not find any connection they had with Rossie School. They were wanting an opinion from me on whether or not you would be suitable for a Training Scheme and I indicated that I felt that you were currently working very hard to try to re-establish yourself in the community and that you would benefit greatly from being given such an opportunity. I gave them no details of your time in care or why you were in care, or more specifically why you were at Rossie, I simply said that prior to Rossie you had attended both Turriff Academy, Forres Academy and the Centre Class at Fraserburgh.**

**I hope that your attempts to obtain some form of training are successful and hope to be able to have a natter with you when I call again next Friday morning.**

**I am wondering if your reluctance to speak with me is because of the presence of the rest of the family, and if this is so, and if you would like to speak to me in private on your own then please indicate that you would prefer me to call at a time of day when nobody else is at home and I would be happy to do this.**

**I hope you are managing to keep well with all best wishes.**

**Yours sincerely**



**VAL SHRIMPTON  
Social Worker**

SJH/CD

File

19.10.94

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

10 October 1994

**RE MISS DONNA THORN/COUTTS (DOB 28.03.78), 5 IDOCH COTTAGES,  
CUMINESTOWN**

This is to confirm that the above-named has been residing with her mother, at the above address, since 12.9.94.

Yours sincerely

**STEVE J HOTHERSALL**  
**Senior Social Worker**

MC/CD

[REDACTED]  
*Assistant Reporter*  
*23a High Street*  
*ELGIN*  
*IV30 1EE*

*30 June 1994*

*Dear* [REDACTED]

**RE DONNA COUTTS, C/O ROSSIE SCHOOL, MONTROSE**

*In order to implement the plan we have made for Donna I would ask for a Hearing to Review Donna's secure supervision requirement as soon as is practicable.*

*Yours sincerely*

**MEGAN CAMBRIDGE**  
**Social Worker**

Our Ref ADM/EM  
Your Ref

Please ask for Alistair D Macphail  
Direct Dial 146

13 June 1994

Mr S Hothersall  
Senior Social Worker  
Social Work Office  
10 Carmelite Street  
Banff



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Divisional Officer

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AB45 1DQ

Tel 0261 812001  
Fax 0261 818244

Dear Steve

**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

*pp E. Mackie*  
Alistair D Macphail  
Social Work Manager  
(Children and Families)

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**PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

Mrs Megan Cambridge  
Social Worker  
Winston House  
39 Castle Street  
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AB45 1DQ

Dear Megan

**DONNA COUTTS (d.o.b. 28/03/78)**  
**Currently c/o Rossie School, Montrose, Angus, DD10 9TW**

I write to confirm that a Child in Care Review is to be convened on the above named on Friday 10 June 1994 at 11.00 am within Rossie School, Montrose, and you are invited to attend.

If you are unable to attend the conference but are in a position to provide information pertinent to the deliberations of the meeting then this should be forwarded to myself at this office under Private and Confidential cover. Any information provided by you will be shared with other conference participants unless you state otherwise.

Can I take this opportunity of thanking you for your help and co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

IAN CROCKATT  
Senior Social Worker  
(Child Care)



ADM/EM

25 April 1994

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Yours sincerely

Alistair

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(Children and Families)

Apologies, but can I see  
The minute later  
To!

ADM/EM

25 April 1994

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
Banff Buchan Division

MEMORANDUM

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

**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)

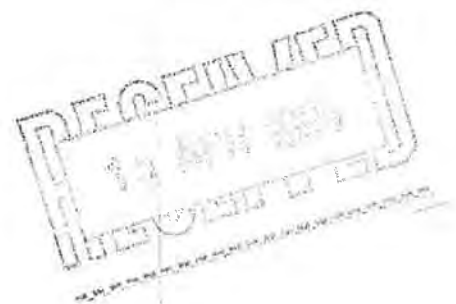
cc - Damian Bradley

*2d may*

*3rd. Tues.*

*Thurs 12th*

*Frid 13th*



MC/AF

*Ms D Coutts  
Rossie School  
Rossie  
Montrose*

*31 January 1994*

*Dear Donna*

*I enclose a copy of the Review/Assessment/Agreement you and Steve drew up the other day. As, I think, you know by now a Post Admissions Case Conference (very much the same as a review) has been organised for 10.2.94 at 3 o'clock. The idea of this meeting is to look at the issues which have resulted in your placement, how we can best help you achieve your goal of leaving Rossie and to clarify your plans for the future and how best we can help.*

*I would also like to see you before then and intend to call in on Thursday 3rd February. I can't be certain of the time but would estimate it would be around 5 pm. - 5.30 pm.*

*I look forward to seeing you then Donna.*

*Bye for now.*

*Yours sincerely*

*MEGAN CAMBRIDGE  
Social Worker*

~~JS~~ (Megan) - for the file.  
S

[Redacted] Social Work Manager  
Moray Division  
JS/JS

Mr A McPhail, Social Work Manager  
Banff/Buchan Division  
20 December 1993

Donna Coutts  
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.

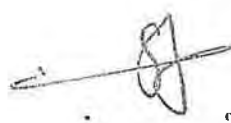
I think it would be very helpful if a more appropriate placement can be found for Donna that stops short of secure accommodation. She has certainly been expressing some motivation and commitment to the idea of Scalloway Park and I would endorse such a move if this could be achieved at an early date. 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]

c.c. [Redacted] Officer-in-Charge, Forres Children's Home  
Mr S Hothersall, Senior Social Worker, Turriff

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28 JAN 1994  
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Alister - as mentioned to you, a planning meeting is to be covered in the new year - Scalloway; The major obstacle at present is education related.

  
23/12/93.

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**Grampian**  
Regional Council

25 January 1994

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Social Worker  
Winston House  
39 Castle Street  
Banff

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Colin D MacKenzie  
Divisional Officer

Banff and Buchan  
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AB45 1DQ

Tel 0261 812001  
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Dear Megan

Donna Coutts (Born 28.3.78)  
Currently c/o Rossie School, Montrose, Angus

A Post Admission to Care Conference is to be convened on the above named on Thursday 10 February 1994 at 3.00 pm within Rossie School, Montrose, and you are invited to attend.

If you are unable to attend the conference but are in a position to provide information pertinent to the deliberations of the meeting then this should be forwarded to myself at this office under Private and Confidential cover. Any information provided by you will be shared with other conference members unless you state otherwise.

Can I take this opportunity of thanking you for your help and co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Colin D Mackenzie  
Divisional Officer.

MC/AF

*Mrs Coutts  
5 Idoch Cottages  
TURRIFF*

*25 January 1994*

*Dear Mrs Coutts*

*Just to let you know I'll be out to see you on Thursday (27th January) hopefully about 11:30 ish. If you are going to be out please let me know and I can change it to pm.*

*Donna was quite numb and tearful at the hearing. Quiet on the way with the odd defiant comment. Frances and Steve from Forres came down with her and I think that helped.*

*Donna had a real shock when we arrived but made little fuss about going in. It wasn't till she saw inside that it really hit her, I think, and she looked very lost when we had to leave.*

*The hearing order has to be reviewed within 12 weeks so there will be another hearing before the end of April at which time we hope Donna will no longer need her placement. However, Donna and time will tell. A Child in Care Review is being arranged as soon as possible and is likely to be in about 2 weeks. You will be invited. I have told Donna again that if she wishes to see you, you will visit her and I will do my best to get you there somehow but she has to tell someone because we can't read minds.*

*I phoned the school today and Donna is o.k. The telephone number of the school is 067 4820204, visiting by the family is allowed anytime so long as it has been arranged by phone or letter prior to the visit. Family and friends can telephone as often as they wish but Donna is restricted to 2 calls only a week outgoing.*

*I will need, when I visit on Thursday, to get your written permission for Donna to smoke.*

*I'm sorry I'm not able to get out before Thursday.*

*Yours sincerely*

*MEGAN CAMBRIDGE  
Social Worker*

**GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

**BANFF AND BUCHAN DIVISION**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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From	<i>Megan Cambridge</i> <i>Social Worker</i> <i>Winston House, Banff</i>	To	<i>Elaine Mackie</i> <i>Secretary</i> <i>Seafield House, Banff</i>
Our Ref.		Your Ref.	
<i>MC/AF</i>			Date <i>20 January 1994</i>

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**Re: Donna Coutts**

*In light of recent difficulties Forres Children's Home are no longer able to offer Donna a place. It is anticipated that the Children's Panel 21.1.94 will place Donna at Rossie School. I would therefore request that the review date set at Donna's review in November be cancelled.*

**MEGAN CAMBRIDGE**  
**Social Worker**

MC/AF

[REDACTED]  
Officer in Charge  
Forres Group Home  
5 - 6 Culbin Street  
FORRES  
Moray

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

BANFF AND BUCHAN DIVISION

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From Megan

To Damien Bradley

Our Ref.

Your Ref.

Date 10/1/94

Damien:

Danna's offences are all listed on the various documents attached. These are not all with [REDACTED] yet so there is still a question mark over the official number. There is also a query as to whether the police are charging Danna with BOP between Knox + New Year [REDACTED] was not sure.

Staffing is (1 telephoned personnel) 8 APT + 1 MANUAL.

See you Thursday - Ms Statholee will be attending.

Megan.

(1)



# Grampian Regional Council

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
BANFF AND BUCHAN DIVISION  
ARCHIE ROBB, Director

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Tel. 0261 818097

Fax. 0261 818244

Your ref.

Our ref.  
**MC/AF**

[REDACTED]  
*Senior Assistant Reporter*  
23a High Street  
ELGIN  
IV30 1EE

23 December 1993

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Donna Coutts, c/o Forres Children's Home.

*I am requesting an early Hearing Review of Donna's case. More recently there has been a spate of abscondings, leading to several charges being brought against her and she has also been involved in sniffing aerosols and petroleum. The difficulties being experienced by Forres Children's Home are compounded by Donna's ready association with another child in their care and they consider this can only be resolved by the removal of Donna.*

*I am in the process of identifying an alternative resource for Donna but in the meantime would ask that an early date be set for the review.*

*Yours sincerely*

*MEGAN CAMBRIDGE*  
*Social Worker*



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Winston House, 39 Castle Street, Banff AB45 1DQ

MC/AF

[REDACTED]  
*Senior Assistant Reporter*  
*23a High Street*  
*ELGIN*  
*IV30 1EE*

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*MEGAN CAMBRIDGE*  
*Social Worker*

**GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

**BANFF AND BUCHAN DIVISION**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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From	<i>Megan Cambridge Social Worker Winston House, Banff</i>	to	<i>Alistair Macphail Social Work Manager Seafield House, Banff</i>
Our Ref.		Your Ref.	
<i>MC/AF</i>			Date <i>13 December 1993</i>

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*Visit to Forres Group home today :-*

*I am very concerned for Donna's welfare at this time.*

*Donna saying very little to me. Very flat and quiet.*

*Conversation with Staff*

*Donna's now stating daily her intention to kill herself. Donna presently being kept at the home and not allowed out as the only means of trying to prevent further absconding. Donna indicating her intention to abscond again and steal more petrol to sniff again.*

*It would appear impossible to ensure Donna's safety or to prevent her from doing serious harm if not killing herself at present.*

*Her present placement is no longer a suitable one for Donna.*

*Recent Absconding 5*

*Thursday 2.12.93 - Charged with wilful fire raising. Had been sniffing hair spray believed to have been stolen.*

*Friday*

*Absconded.*

*Tried to break into football pavilion for petrol to sniff. Charged with vandalism, Breaking and Entering, Breach of the Peace.*

*Saturday (Jumped from upstairs window)*

*Absconded - came back, no charges on Sunday.*

*Monday*

*Absconded - returned by Police.*

*Absconded again - stole petrol - charged with theft, returned because Co-absconder was very ill from petrol they had been sniffing and was vomiting - otherwise Donna had no intention of returning.*

*MEGAN CAMBRIDGE, Social Worker*

**GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

**BANFF AND BUCHAN DIVISION**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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From  
Steve

To  
Megan

Our Ref.  
SJH/CD

Your Ref.

Date  
9 December 1993

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**RE DONNA AND SECURE ACCOMMODATION OPTION**

**IF** this becomes an option, then we need to be aware of the following:

- a) Under the Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Regulations 1983, we must inform the Reporter of any transfer under 44(6) in writing within 48 hours, and a Hearing called within 7 days, or within 3 days if Donna and her mum wish to expedite this option.
- b) We must, in that letter, explain the reason why the move was felt to be necessary, and the following would be useful to include:
  - That; Donna has a history of absconding (the pre-requisite requirement), and therefore there is a need to keep her in Secure Accommodation as she is likely to abscond. If she does abscond, then her mental, physical and moral welfare would be at risk.
- c) Approval must come from the Director of Social Work, via CDM/AMCP.
- d) We perhaps need to speak about the need to pre-empt any crisis at Forres.
- e) Let mum know about the current situation.

**STEVE**



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I send these papers to you for information only at this stage. Should we feel that a positive request for a placement needs to be made, I shall get back to you. Donna's current Social Worker is Megan Combridge, who can be contacted on 0261-818097 x157

Thanks for your time. I'll be in touch one way or another.

FAX MESSAGE

FROM Steve Hotherholt, S.S.W., Banff (0261-818097) x156.

TO [Redacted], Depute Head, Rossie Priory School.

DATE 8/12/93 TOTAL PAGES 12

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

In addition to the details contained in the reports there have been episodes of absconding on 2/12/93, 3/12/93, 4/12/93 (overnight), 6/12/93 (overnight). There are several charges outstanding including wilful fire-raising, Breach of Peace, Vandalism, Breaking & Entering, Housebreaking & Theft.

MC/AF

*Ms D Coutts  
5 Culbin Road  
FORRES*

*15 November 1993*

*Dear Donna*

*Just to let you know it is my intention to visit you on Thursday (18th November) about 4 pm. As there is a Child in Care Review scheduled for 23.11.93 I would like to discuss the contents of my report with you. If you have anything you would like to discuss please do not feel that we can only talk about the report. If you feel it would be more helpful to talk outwith the house then we can always go out but I'll leave that up to you.*

*See you Thursday.*

*Yours sincerely*

*MEGAN CAMBRIDGE  
Social Worker*

MC/AF

*Officer in Charge  
Forres Group Home  
5 Culbin Road  
FORRES  
Moray*

*15 November 1993*

*Dear* 

*Just to let you know it is my intention to visit on Thursday (18th) at 4 pm.*

*I have sent a letter to Donna to let her know and I enclose a copy.*

*If, for any reason, this date/time is going to prove problematic perhaps you can let me know.*

*Yours sincerely*

*MEGAN CAMBRIDGE  
Social Worker*

ADM/EM



**Grampian**  
Regional Council

10 November 1993

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Dear Megan

Donna Coutts (Born 28.3.78)  
Currently c/o Forres Childrens Home, 5 Culbin Road, Forres.

A Child In Care Review is to be convened on the above named on Tuesday 23 November 1993 at 10.30 am within the Children's Home, Forres and you are invited to attend.

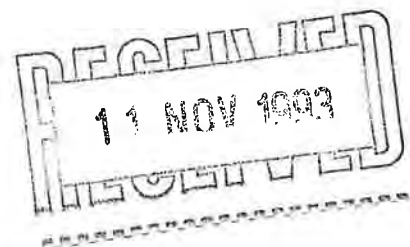
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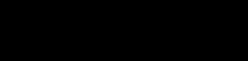
Yours sincerely

*Alistair D. Macphail*

ALISTAIR D MACPHAIL  
Social Work Manager  
(Children and Families)



MC/AF

  
*Forres Group Home*  
*5 Culbin Street*  
*FORRES*

29 October 1993

Dear 

**Re: Donna Coutts**

*When I visited last night I was aware that you do not seem to have received a copy of the Post Admission Case Conference. Please find the attached copy and accept our apologies for the delay in you receiving it.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Megan Cambridge*

P.P. *MEGAN CAMBRIDGE A.S.*  
*Social Worker*

MH/SD

21st October 1993

[REDACTED]  
Senior Assistant Reporter,  
Reporter's Office,  
23a High Street,  
ELGIN,  
IV30 1EE.

Dear [REDACTED]

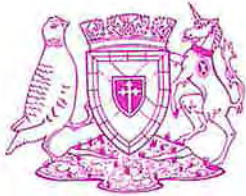
DONNA COUTTS, c/o FORRES CHILDREN'S HOME, 5 CULBEN ROAD, FORRES

I would like to request a Review Hearing on the above named as soon as possible. Donna is stating that she no longer wishes to remain in Forres Children's Home and has put these words into action by absconding on three occasions in the past couple of weeks. The first incident was on 11.10.1993 when Donna went missing at 8.30 pm. and was found by the Police at 1.00 am. The next occasion she had left the Children's Home at 8.00 pm. on 18.10.1993 and was found at Andrew Thomson House at 10.30 pm. The following morning she went missing again with a fellow resident and was not traced until the next day when she was found by the Police in Buckie. She had spent the night in a porta-cabin along with some youths in Buckie and as a result of this has been charged with Vandalism and Breaking and Entering with intent to steal.

I would appreciate it if you could contact me in due course.

Yours sincerely,

MIKE HEBENTON  
Social Worker



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GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

BANFF AND BUCHAN DIVISION

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From  
Mike Hebenton  
Social Worker  
Turriff

To  
[REDACTED]  
Officer-in Charge  
Forres Group Home

Our Ref.  
MH/SD

Your Ref.

Date  
17.9.1993

### DONNA COUTTS

I have enclosed the original Hearing report in respect of Donna to provide some background information on her and her family and also a copy of my report for the Hearing to take place on Wednesday 22nd September 1993. Can someone please go over this latest report with Donna and then retain it in your file for reference. I will not be in attendance at the Hearing as I am on a training course that day, however, Steve Hothersall, Senior Social Worker will represent me. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Thanks.

Mike Hebenton  
Social Worker



Grampian's Going Places

Seafield House, 37 Castle Street, Banff AB45 1DQ

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**SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT - BANFF AND BUCHAN DIVISION**

MARY C. HARTNOLL, C.B.E., B.A.  
*Director of Social Work*

Telephone No. Turriff (0888) 62427  
Fax. No. Turriff (0888) 68559

Our Ref. MH/SD

Your Ref.

SUB-OFFICE

TOWIE HOUSE

MANSE ROAD

TURRIFF AB53 7AY

24th June 1993

[REDACTED]  
Senior Assistant Reporter,  
Grampian Region Children's Panel,  
Reporter's Office,  
23a High Street,  
ELGIN,  
IV30 1EE.

Dear [REDACTED]

DONNA COUTTS (28.3.1978) 5 IDOCH COTTAGES, CUMINESTOWN

Following our recent telephone conversation, I wish to confirm my request for the case of the above named on who there is an outstanding Initial Enquiry Report, to be referred directly to a Children's Hearing. Donna admits the grounds of referral and her mother and step-father are stating that she is now outwith their control.

Yours sincerely,

MIKE HEBENTON  
Social Worker

May 19 93.

Dear [REDACTED]

Donna Coutts.

A quick note to keep you up to date.

Donna & I visited the Centre Class in Fraserburgh this afternoon, and she has accepted the offer of place there. As you know attendance there is on a voluntary basis, so I was pleased Donna agreed so readily.

The next step is - [REDACTED] & I

1/ will meet Turnoff Academy staff & educational planning on June 2nd (I hope)

2/ Then we'll meet in & Mrs Coutts June 2nd about 3.30 p.m I hope.

3/ Donna will start at class June 7th. She thinks she'll manage on a full time basis straight off, rather than a staggered start, so we'll try this & see.

I'll keep you posted as it goes along. Would you mind letting Jane Robison know all this, and I know [REDACTED] will be interested in any reports on Donna when you can post them off, for at present she hasn't anything to go on!

Greetings

[REDACTED]

MH/SD

28th May 1993

[REDACTED],  
Educational Psychologist,  
Psychological Service,  
Old Infant School,  
16 Prince Street,  
PETERHEAD.

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find enclosed some background information on Donna Coutts. I have also included the letter sent out by the Psychiatrist and the reply made by Turriff Academy though these are not our property and as such would be confidential. Sorry for the delay.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Hebenton  
Social Worker

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

JAMES G. GRAHAM  
Director of Education

Tel. No. Fraserburgh 20187  
Fax. No. Fraserburgh 20188

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Your Ref.

Our Ref. LS/MA

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE  
CHILDREN'S AND TEACHERS' CENTRE  
VICTORIA STREET  
FRASERBURGH AB43 5PJ

Date 19th May, 1993

Mr. D. Stewart,  
Rector,  
Turriff Academy,  
TURRIFF.

Dear Mr. Stewart,

Donna Coutts (28.3.77) 5 Idoch Cottages, by Turriff

As you will remember, Donna was recently discussed at the Banif/Buchan Assessment Team, who felt that an application to the Centre Class in Fraserburgh was an appropriate plan, made all the more pressing by Donna's actions in April.

Donna visited the Centre Class this afternoon, and I'm pleased to be writing to say that she has been offered a full-time place from 7th June.

It would be helpful in this transition period if Mrs. Kinnon, Head Teacher, and I, could meet the appropriate Turriff Academy staff member on 2nd June at 2.00 p.m. in school to discuss course and educational provision for the coming session.

I hope this is convenient for you and your staff but if not, please let me know and an alternative can be arranged.

Yours sincerely,

*M. Anderson*

P.P.   
Educational Psychologist

c.c. Mrs. J. Kinnon, Head Teacher, Centre Class, Fraserburgh  
Mr. M. Hebenton, Social Worker, Towie House, Turriff

CL/SD

22nd February 1993

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

Dear Donna,

I understand from Linda Smith that things are not going too well at school.

It seems that I have heard from your mum and Linda Smith about the problems but have not yet heard from you about how you see things.

I know you understand that you do not have to see me but I also think that you ought to realise that you have a right for us to have a private interview so you can talk about home or school.

I would like to see you for a chat. Would you be able to come to Towie House, Turriff on Tuesday 2nd March at approximately 12.45 pm. ? (in your lunch hour). Generally anything you say to me would be confidential.

If you can't come then and want to make another appointment, please let me know.

I will provide you with some lunch.

Yours sincerely,

*CL*

Christine Lambert (Ms.)  
Social Worker



Elgin 547770

JB/MM

Andrew Thomson House,  
Duffus Road,  
ELGIN,  
IV30 2PL.

Mr. & Mrs. D. Coutts,  
5, Idoch Cottages,  
CUMINESTOWN,  
Turriff.

21st June, 1993.


Dear Mr. and Mrs. Coutts,

I am writing to inform you that your daughter, Donna Coutts, was admitted to Andrew Thomson House on 20th June, 1993. I am enclosing our Parents Information booklet which, hopefully, will be of assistance to you when making arrangements to contact the Centre or visit your child.

The booklet briefly outlines what happens at the Centre. However, if there is anything that concerns you regarding Donna, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of my staff at Andrew Thomson House either by letter at the above address or by telephoning Elgin 547770.

Yours sincerely,

Enc.

  
Officer-in-Charge.

8th February 1993

utts,

and see you on Thursday 18th February at 10.30 am.?

convenient, then contact me so we can arrange an alternative

ls.)

15th January 1993

utts,

and see you on Tuesday 19th January at 11.30 am. so we  
a has been over Christmas.

convenient, please let me know so we can arrange an  
ent.

s.)

30th October 1992

er covering the Cuminestown area, I have been passed your  
e a Social Worker.

and see you next Monday at 11.45 am.? I realise you  
ejohn to visit and hope you don't mind me doing so

s.)  
Sa

13th November 1992

utts,

ve not been able to visit you. I have spoken to Rhoda Dunbar  
s going to see Donna on 24th November. Linda Smith confirmed  
ou described you were having with Donna.

thing out for you but we lost a los of our stock due to a flood

t this week on Tuesday 17th November 1992 at 10.00am. If this  
lease leave a message at the office.

NOTIFICATION FORM C3

Form circulated to:

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S.W.	142 SHREMPTON.
Case No.	1744194

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

\*Delete as Applicable

1. Full Name of Child ..... DONNA COURTIS .....  
 Date of Birth ..... 08.3.78 ..... \*Male/Female  
 (S.W.S.G. Reference No.) 

2	2	1	6	2	8	8	0	4
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2. Reason for \*Admission/Change/Discharge: ..... DONNA REFUSED TO REMAIN IN  
 LODGINGS - MOTHER PREPARED TO HAVE HER HOME  
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Date of \*Admission/Change/Discharge ..... 9.9.94 .....

Complete one of these as appropriate

{	Admissions: Statute Applicable for Admission .....	
	Discharge: Statute Applicable up to Discharge ..... 315 .....	
	Changes: {	Statute Applicable before Change .....
		Statute Applicable after Change .....

3.

	Prior to Admission/Change/Discharge	After Admission/Change/Discharge
Fosterparent/Houseparent/ Parent, responsible	[REDACTED]	MR. A. COURTIS
Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption)	PETERHEAD	5, DORSET POSTAGES WINDWARD ST DELORAY
School attended	.....	TURKISH
Name and Address of G.P.	.....	.....

Completed by ..... [Signature] ..... Date ..... 13.9.94 .....

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Form circulated to:

Divisional Administration

Computer Record, Woodhill House


Division	BANFF (BLUHAN)
S.W.	VAL SHRIMPION
Case No.	1744194

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

\*Delete as Applicable

1. Full Name of Child DONNA EDWARDS OR THORN  
 Date of Birth 28.3.78 \*Male/Female  
 (S.W.S.G. Reference No.) 

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2. Reason for \* Admission/Change/Discharge: DONNA'S BEHAVIOUR DETERIORATING - NOT COMPLYING WITH CONTRACT - REQUESTED TO LEAVE RESIDENTIAL CARE.

Date of \* Admission/Change/Discharge 26.8.94

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

	Prior to Admission/Change/Discharge	After Admission/Change/Discharge
Fosterparent/Houseparent/Parent, responsible	.....	.....
Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption)	<u>SCALLOUGH PARK FRASERBURGH.</u>	<u>GLENDALE GUEST HOUSE PETERHEAD</u>
School attended	.....	.....
Name and Address of G.P.	.....	.....

Completed by Valerie Shrimpton Date 14.9.94

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**REPORT BY**  
*Megan Cambridge, Social Worker*

**FOR**  
*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 departments 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**  
*Social Worker*

**MC/AF/COUTTS.CH2**  
25 July 1994

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

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REPORT BY  
Megan Cambridge, Social Worker

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**

Grampian Regional Council - Banff/Buchan Division

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Tel. No. 516608

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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]. 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.

Audrfey Craig  
Residential Social Worker

**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.

**Those Present:**

Megan Cambridge	Social Worker
[REDACTED]	Fourth Unit, Rossie School
Damian Bradley	Principal Residential Social Worker
Audrey Craig	Key Worker, Scalloway Park
Ian Crockatt	Senior Social Worker (Child Care)
Alastair Macphail	(Chairman), Social Work Manager

**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

## GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

## REVIEW OF CHILD IN CARE

**Division:** Banff/Buchan  
**Full Name of Child:** Donna Coutts  
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**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] 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**

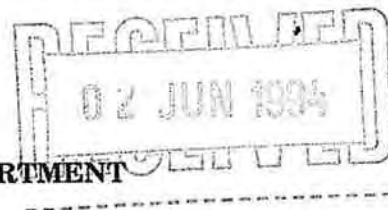
1. That Donna will continue to reside at Forth House, Rossie School.
2. That a further planning meeting should take place within the Social Work Department, and that those invited should be Alistair Macphail, Damian Bradley, [REDACTED] Steve Hothersall, Megan Cambridge and Ian Crockatt.

### **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 - 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.

Report by Audrey Craig for a Review re Donna Coutts (d.o.b. 28/3/94),  
to be held at Rossie School on 17th May 1994

### Introduction

Donna's present involvement with Scalloway Park dates from March 12th 1994. She was also with us for a short time before being admitted to secure accommodation, and it was always our intention to offer something to Donna as soon as her high-risk behaviour had been controlled. She was also with us very briefly earlier in 1993.

Since March 12th. Donna has been spending weekends with us. The decision of Donna's Panel on April 12th 1994 was that this would continue, with Donna continuing to reside at Rossie School. Donna indicated agreement with both aspects of this decision. A further plan was that Donna would move into the open unit at Rossie. This involved her in spending every weekend at Scalloway Park, normally from Friday afternoon until Monday morning.

### The Weekends

Since her Panel Donna has had four weekends at Scalloway Park, one curtailed at Scalloway Park's request as a sanction for bad behaviour the previous weekend. The first of these four visits was a complete success; however on the Monday evening of the following holiday weekend Donna reverted to her earlier pattern of absconding and putting herself and others in high-risk situations. Since then Donna's time with us has been very mixed, with small moves forward taking place alongside further abscondings and involvement in incidents of vandalism and theft. On occasion Donna seems to understand and appreciate the care and opportunities offered at Scalloway Park (usually in one-to-one discussions with adults), and her behaviour can be very appropriate. A short time later her behaviour can be completely delinquent and her attitude extremely negative and destructive. When confronted with her behaviour Donna states that she has not chosen to be at Scalloway Park and she wishes an immediate return to Rossie.

### Detailed Record

22nd.-24th April:- A successful weekend, including contact with Donna's sister [REDACTED]

29th April-2nd May:- This began as a successful weekend, with Friday, Saturday and Sunday going well. On Monday Donna was taken to Forres to visit her friend [REDACTED]. After this, Donna absconded along with two other girls and all three were out all night, handing themselves in to police at 7am. the next morning. Donna was returned to Rossie by Mr. Bradley.

7th May:- Donna arrived for the weekend but absconded at 10pm. along with others. Was returned by the police at 1:30am., verbally abusive and refusing to settle. Rumours of involvement in vandalism and theft at

local shop, which were vehemently denied by Donna. Returned to Rossie by bus as planned.

13th May-16th May:- Donna collected from Rossie by Mr. Bradley, very withdrawn on arrival, although talkative and relaxed on journey. The next morning Donna came to the shop to choose paint for her bedroom. In the evening Donna went to the local off-licence and attempted to buy vodka. When refused she became very abusive of the shop assistant, and in the course of this tirade, admitted to vandalism and theft the previous weekends. Donna later returned to Scalloway Park smelling strongly of drink, and refused to go to bed. On the Sunday Donna busied herself painting her room, but in the evening absconded along with two others, was returned at 2:30am, was later questioned by police and taken to the police station. She admitted theft and vandalism the previous two weekends at the local shop/off-licence. Was again returned to Rossie by Mr. Bradley.

#### Conclusion

It seems that at this point Donna is not ready for the freedom offered at Scalloway Park. She is unable to work within the relatively loose controls placed upon her, and persists in unacceptable, risky and criminal behaviour. Furthermore she has no scruples about involving other young people in her escapades and no concern at all about the damaging effects her acts of vandalism and theft have on other residents and Scalloway Park's reputation in Fraserburgh. Donna is unwilling and/or unable to accept any responsibility for her decisions and actions. This remains the case despite intense efforts to work with her on these issues. The situation is now so bad that at present Scalloway Park feels unable to continue to accommodate Donna at weekends; however this does not necessarily imply the end of our involvement with her.

*A. Craig (C. Q. S. W.)*

16th May 1994.

## REVIEW.

that night in Scalloway park I felt as though I was going to bust into flames because of the anger I felt that night. then for no reason at all I let it get to me then I couldn't cope anymore and let it go at the wrong place and time and I am sorry for the cut burst and the fight between me and you and now I realize I should have went about it a different way. I would like to go back to Scalloway park full time after I leave Rossie but the one thing they have to realize I to have alot of problems. I would like cut the same time as everyone else who is 16 I also would like to go to Scalloway Park full time after I leave Rossie.

I am prepared to do as am told and go to bed the same time as everyone else I'm also willing to do any chores or even cook meals I'm also willing to do what staff tell me to do or say.

Things have gone wrong for me because of my family problems, health and also my own problems I keep these feelings built up on side me and when some thing goes wrong I just let myself go by accident not on purpose. I know I could change this by speaking more to people but I already find it hard to speak to anyone about how I feel.

I still need alot of help and I won't deny it anymore as I have realised I need help to cope with the way I'm feeling and not to let it get to me everytime I have an argument.

The things that's mean alot to me are my brother and sister and when I've heard they have been miss treated even more rage builds up inside me. I know what I did was wrong and I have made a mistake and I'm willing to pay for it but for one thing I regret what I did I promise I do as I know realise it was a cruel thing to do and it was irresponsible of me. I do appreciate getting to Seelaway Park and would like to go on to Seelaway on a full term base there if staff would have me back, but I do understand if they want as I had no right what so ever to do what I did on the last 2 weekends running I know I wasn't the only one there but I know I'm being classed as the ringleader once again. I know they're being a hard time to and all can say is that I'm sorry for the trouble I caused to the staff.

Donna Cutts 9/4



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*See you tomorrow  
Megan*



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Referral:

T/c from Suzanne Hancock to say that all children reported as missing yesterday had been returned.

However Dawna Cairns, who is on home leave from Rossie, has been "demanding" to go back to Rossie since her return by the police at 02:30 this morning. Dawna is due to return to Rossie today anyway in an early evening and the arrangement would appear to be that Dawna gets the bus from Scalloway to Aberdeen and a bus from Rossie picks her up at the bus

station in the early evening.

Advised caller of OOTS position re staffing today and suggested that Dawna return to Rossie per standing arrangements.

Caller anxious that Dawna will run away. Advised she may do this even if we were in a position to transport. Adv caller wanting a) to take ~~her~~ Dawna to Rossie and a) negotiate with Rossie to see if they could share transportation with us. Advised I would return call after discussion with co-ordinator. cc.

09:45 - called Scalloway Park and spoke to prev. caller. Advised a) OOTS not in position to transport at present b) for Scalloway to negotiate with Rossie if they felt immediate transport necessary, and c) to get back to us later should it be necessary. cc.

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Children's Hearing to be held on 12.4.94 at Macduff Town Hall

**concerning**  
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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

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*MEGAN CAMBRIDGE*  
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Full Name of Child Donna Courts

Date of Birth 28.3.78 Male/Female (delete) Female

Place of Birth ..... Religion (Practising/Nominal) .....

Date and Place of Baptism .....

Date of Admission 27/11/94

Usual Home Address 5 DOCTH COTTAGES  
TURKIFF Address of First Placement Present  
c/o Scalloway Park  
Fraserburgh

Address from which Admitted (if different)  
Bosnie School  
Maurrose

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO ADMISSION

Panel decision to terminate supervision requirements. Donna  
to leave Bosnie school. Placement offered by Scalloway Park

Purpose and Aims of Admission (Social Workers Assessment)

(a) For the Child To offer support & accommodation  
Donna is 16 yrs of age &  
still unable to cope at this  
time living independently.  
Donna unable to return home.  
(b) For the Family .....

Type of Placement Preferred .....

Expected Duration of Care UNWB

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)

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For - Admissions to Care

Notifiable Changes of Circumstances in Care  
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1. Full Name of Child Donna CAULTS

Date of Birth 28.3.78 \*Male/Female Female

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

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2. Reason for \*Admission/Change/Discharge:

Children's Hearing Discharged previous placement.  
Donna moved to Scarsbury Park at section 15.

Date of \*Admission/Change/Discharge 27/7/94

Complete one of these as appropriate

{	Admissions:	Statute Applicable for Admission	.....
	Discharge:	Statute Applicable up to Discharge	.....
	Changes:	Statute Applicable before Change	<u>44 (4) Section 15.</u>
		Statute Applicable after Change	<u>Section 15.</u>

	Prior to Admission/Change/Discharge	After Admission/Change/Discharge
Fosterparent/Houseparent/Parent, responsible	<u>Home School</u>	<u>Scarsbury Park</u>
Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption)	<u>Morpeth</u>	<u>Scarsbury Park</u>
School attended	.....	.....
Name and Address of G.P.	.....	.....

Completed by [Signature] Date 28/7/94

2 Current placement

2.1 Type of Placement

(Please Tick Appropriate Box)

Secure Unit

Residential School

Children's Home

Other, Please Specify

2.2 What is the legal status of the young person?

(Please Tick Appropriate Box)

Section 413 of Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975

Section 205 of Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975

Section 206 of Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975

Section 44(1)(b) of Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, to which is attached a condition authorising the use of secure accommodation

Place of safety order or warrant under Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

Committal to place of safety or other temporary detention  
Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975

Authority of Director of Social Work and person in charge of Unit

Other, Please Specify

2.3 Reason(s) for placement

2.3.1 If the young person is currently residing in a SECURE UNIT, please identify the main reason(s) for the placement in secure accommodation.

(Please Tick Appropriate Box(es))

History of Absconding

Risk to Self

Risk to Others

Grave Offence

Other, Please Specify

2.3.2 If the young person is residing in a secure unit was this the preferred placement?

Yes

No

Do Not Know

If NO, please indicate why not

(Please Tick Appropriate Box)

Preferred Secure Placement Not Available

Other type of placement not available, please specify

2.3.3 If the young person is subject to a secure care authorisation but is not residing in a secure unit, please identify the main reasons for the secure care authorisation.

(Please Tick Appropriate Box(es))

History of Absconding

Risk to Self

Risk to Others

Other, Please Specify

2.3.4 If the young person is subject to a secure care authorisation, but is not residing in a secure unit, was this the preferred placement?

Yes  No  Do Not Know

If NO, please indicate why not

(Please Tick Box)

Secure placement preferred but not available

Other type of placement preferred but not available, please specify

2.4 Duration of Placement

Months      Weeks

2.4.1 How long has the young person been in their current placement?

2.4.2 What do you anticipate will be their overall length of stay?

NOT

KNOWN



2.5 Social Care Profile

2.5.1 Have the young person's social care needs and problems been assessed in the current placement?

Yes  No  Do Not Know

If YES, please identify the main needs and problems by ranking the first three or four

Persistent Offending	<input type="checkbox"/>
Violence to Others	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-harm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Substance Mis-use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Absconding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Relationships with Peers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Relationships with Family	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other, Please Specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.5.2 Please state whether a care plan and action programme(s) have been developed to meet these identified needs and problems. If they have please indicate who is responsible for implementing the action programme(s).

Needs and Problems	Plan (Y/N)	Action Programme (Y/N)	If yes, who is responsible for implementing the action programme(s)?					
			Keyworker	Social Worker	Key Teacher	Psychiatrist	Psychologist	External Specialist
Persistent Offending								
Violence to Others								
Self-Harm			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Substance Mis-use			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Absconding			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Relationships with Peers			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Relationship with Family			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Other								

(See Qn 2.5.1)

2.6 Educational Profile

2.6.1 Where is the young person receiving their education?

(Please Tick Appropriate Box(es))

Education Unit on the Premises

Day School

Other, Please Specify

2.6.2 Have the young persons educational needs and problems been assessed in the current placement?

Yes  No  Do Not Know

If YES, please specify main needs and problems by ranking the first three or four

Aspects of the curriculum

Special courses

Assistance with learning difficulties

Promotion of special aptitudes

Attitudinal problems to education

School career

Attendance problems

Other, Please Specify

2.6.3 Is the young person the subject of a Future Needs Assessment?

Yes  No  Do Not Know

2.6.4 Please state whether an educational plan and action programme(s) have been developed to meet these identified needs and problems. If they have please indicate who is responsible for implementing the action programme(s).

Needs and Problems	Plan (Y/N)	Action Programme (Y/N)	If yes, who is responsible for implementing the action programme(s)?					
			Guidance Teacher	Subject teacher	Visiting Teacher	Learning Support Teacher	Assessment Teacher	Educational Psychologist
Aspects of the curriculum								
Special courses								
Assistance with learning difficulties								
Promotion of special aptitudes								
Attitudinal problems to education								
School career								
Attendance problems								
Other								

(See Ou 2.6.2)

2.7 Health Profile

2.7.1 Has the young person received a medical examination during the current placement?

Yes  No  Do Not Know

If YES, please specify the type of examination.

(Please Tick Appropriate Box(es))

Initial Assessment

Full examination including developmental assessment

Other, Please Specify



**3 CARE CAREER**

The purpose of this Section is to provide an outline of the young person's total care career, if any, prior to the current placement.

3.1 Did the young person have previous experience of placement(s) in care prior to the current placement?

Yes  No

**IF YES, please complete the remainder of this section.**

**IF NO, please proceed to question 3.10**

3.2 When did they first enter care?

Mth Year  

3	93
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3.3 Please indicate the total number of previous placements the young person has had while in care?

**3.4 Previous Placements**

What were the different types and sequence of placements experienced by this young person from the time they were first received into care?

**PLEASE START WITH THE PLACEMENT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE CURRENT PLACEMENT AND WORK BACKWARDS, ie left to right 1 = Immediate previous placement. For each placement PLEASE INDICATE THE DURATION OF THE PLACEMENT BY INSERTING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS AGAINST THE APPROPRIATE TYPE OF PLACEMENT.**

Type of Placement	Number and Duration of Previous Placements																			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Secure Unit																				
Residential School																				
Children's Home	135					9														
Foster Home			3	37																
Family																				
Other Please Specify <i>RESIDENTIAL CENTRE</i>		2			4															

### 3.5 Statutory Reason for Being in Care

What was the young person's legal status during each preceding placement?

PLEASE IDENTIFY BY ENTERING A TICK FOR EACH PREVIOUS PLACEMENT AGAINST THE APPROPRIATE LEGAL STATUS. AGAIN START WITH THE PLACEMENT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE CURRENT PLACEMENT AND WORK BACKWARDS.

Legal Status	Number and Duration of Previous Placements																			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Voluntary Care					✓	✓														
Parental Rights																				
Non-residential supervision requirement				UN																
Residential Supervision Requirement	✓					UN														
Residential Supervision Requirement with Secure Care Authorisation																				
Criminal court provision																				
Plans of safety order																				
Other provisions please specify	X(6)	X(6)	X(7)																	

### 3.6 Grounds for Being in Care

What was the main ground for being in care for each placement?

PLEASE START WITH THE PLACEMENT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE CURRENT PLACEMENT AND WORK BACKWARDS. FOR EACH PLACEMENT PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX AGAINST THE GROUND FOR BEING IN CARE.

Grounds for Being in Care	Number and Duration of Previous Placements																			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Lack of parental care																				
Offence grounds	✓																			
Truancy grounds																				
Beyond parental control	✓	✓	✓																	
Schedule 1* case																				
Other please specify				BEYOND PARENTAL CONTROL	BEYOND PARENTAL CONTROL	BEYOND PARENTAL CONTROL														

\*Cases when the child (or another child in the same household) is the victim of a Schedule 1 offence; or where the child is, or is likely to be, a member of the same household as a Schedule 1 offender. (Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975)

**3.7 Reason for Placement(s)**

3.7.1 On how many occasions were the main reasons for each previous placement identified?

Number

6

3.7.2 On how many occasions was the breakdown of the previous placement identified as the main reason for the subsequent placement?

Number

5

3.7.3 On how many occasions was the young person's positive progress in the previous placement, identified as the main reason for the next placement?

Number

1

3.8 Educational History

3.8.1 Were the young person's educational needs identified earlier in their care career?

Yes

No

Do Not Know

If YES, please identify their main educational needs and state when they were identified.

(Please Tick Appropriate Box(es))

Needs

		Date Identified		Do Not Know
		Month	Year	
Aspects of the Curriculum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assistance with Learning Difficulties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promotion of Special Aptitudes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attitudinal problems to Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Career	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attendance Problems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other, Please Specify	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REFERRAL HAD BEEN MADE BY SCHOOL TO A PSYCHOLOGIST PRIOR TO INVOLVEMENT WITH SOCIAL WORK.

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**REPORT BY**

**FOR**  
Post Admissions Case Conference 10.2.94

**concerning**  
Donna Coutts (28.3.78)

**Present** : [REDACTED] and Megan  
Cambridge.

**Reports Submitted by** [REDACTED], Psychologist  
[REDACTED] Key Worker  
Mrs Cambridge, Social Worker

**Decisions of Meeting**

1. After running through possible options for "home base" for Donna and explaining the reasons why they were not available the offer of Scalloway Park as a home base was put to Donna. Donna's decision was to reject this.
2. The decision of the meeting remains that Scalloway Park has been identified as a base for Donna and she was asked to take time to consider this. If/when Donna is ready to accept this Scalloway Park would be the next stage for her. Should Donna continue to reject this a further meeting will be convened.
3. Further contact with [REDACTED] would be available to Donna.
4. Rossie School will continue to pursue their work with Donna.
5. There will be regular communication between Rossie School and Social Work Department, Megan Cambridge and [REDACTED] to action.

**MEGAN CAMBRIDGE**  
**Social Worker**

MC/AF/DONNA.PAC  
11 February 1994

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
	[REDACTED]	-	Depute OIC, 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 due to the latter's recent illness, 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 [REDACTED] 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

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] 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.

TTC [redacted] Donna had raised the question with her of weekends + she had not rejected it immediately - had long discussion with [redacted] who has said no. Carole is however welcome as usual on day visit.

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.

Re Damien 9.2.94 - Damien will have place in 3 weeks. not immediately

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

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**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] was 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 easily 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, Michelle, 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*

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\*Delete as Applicable

1. Full Name of Child DONNA COULTS

Date of Birth 28.3.78 \*Male/Female

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

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2. Reason for \*Admission/Change/Discharge: .....

Child heavily under supervised requirements  
to placement in foster care.

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Date of \*Admission/Change/Discharge 21.1.79

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 4.5.13 .....

3. Prior to After

Fosterparent/Houseparent  
Parent, responsible

Address of Child  
(Division only if placed  
for adoption)

School attended

Name and Address of G.P.

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GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

MORAY DIVISION - FORRES CHILDREN'S HOME

This report has been written for the hearing of Donna Coutts on the 21st January 1994.

PEN PICTURE OF DONNA

Donna presents herself as a shy person, stooped posture and very low self-esteem.

Although generally keeps herself and her clothing clean, she does not always want to exercise the will to do the day to day living chores, such as make her bed or keep her bedroom tidy, stating at times "it's just not worth it."

Donna has communication problems and is unable to relate her inner feelings to staff, adopting a very hostile manner towards anyone who tries to break down the barriers she has created.

The most worrying aspect of Donna's personality is her total disregard for her own safety and of others, which clearly shows up with her list of offences in recent months. (see attached statement).

Occasionally Donna can show a caring side to her nature, this is usually where animals are involved or very young toddlers, sadly however staff rarely see this.

GENERAL BEHAVIOUR WITHIN THE UNIT

Donna's behaviour within the unit has been turbulent at times. She can be manipulative with staff and children, and her behaviour towards the younger children within the unit is worrying.

[REDACTED] By being verbally abusive Donna can wind him up, she recognizes the affect it has on him and his behaviour, and enjoys seeing the results.

[REDACTED]

Whilst Donna has been at Forres Children's Home, she has on several occasions abused the trust staff have given her, not only by absconding but also by drinking and abusing solvents. The use of these substances lead to aggressive and argumentative behaviour.

From the beginning of her stay in the unit all the staff team have been totally committed to Donna and her needs. However, with Donna's lack of commitment herself to the unit, staff increasingly feel that Forres Children's Home is not an appropriate placement, not only for Donna's safety but also for the needs and the safety of the other children.

The status quo of Donna and the other teenage girl in the unit whom Donna has absconded with, and the nature of their activities during these times, does not make a good combination for harmony within the unit.

Donna has stated clearly herself that she does not want to stay at Forres Children's Home. Since the last hearing on 10.11.93 there have been further absconding and offences. (please refer to statement).

The worrying aspect of a fire raising incident at a local church was Donna's lack of concern to the seriousness of the offence. She stated afterwards to the Officer-in-Charge that she wanted to "stand outside and watch it burn down."

Donna also laughs and jokes about such matters and boasts in front of the other children about her escapades with the law.

The latest incident just after Christmas where Donna and another girl in the unit barricaded themselves in a bedroom, and because of threats made by Donna to "burn the place down", the police were called and had to break down the door for the safety of all the residents.

This led to Donna being transferred to Scalloway Park for 3 days respite. It seems they had numerous problems with her in the time she spent there.

Although Donna has had a more settled period within Forres Children's Home since then, it is felt this could be due to [REDACTED]  
Therefore staff feel it is only a matter of time before the behaviour pattern is repeated.

### SCHOOL

Donna's attendance at school leading up to the end of last term started to deteriorate. She opted out of various classes she disliked, and in some she did not bother to attend.

At this present time Donna is not attending Forres Academy. This is due to an incident at school a week before the Xmas break, where Donna swore and shouted aggressively at [REDACTED] the Deputy Head. As a result of this she was suspended until the end of term.

After the holidays [REDACTED] made the decision that Donna should remain in the unit, due to the pupils having study leave for 2 weeks, and a further week of work experience.

Donna has stated clearly on a number of occasions, she has no intentions of going back to Forres Academy.

### HEALTH

Donna was found after a visit to the doctor to be anaemic, and given a course of iron tablets by the doctor. However soon after starting the course Donna refused to take her tablets and cancelled a return visit to the doctor even though she herself requested the appointment.

STATEMENT OF ABSCONSIONS AND OFFENCES SINCE 18th-19th OCTOBER '93

- 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, deoderant 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.

Donna has been seen by [REDACTED] who felt that although Donna was co-operative with her, she only saw the surface of Donna's feelings and not the underlying issues of her problems.

### CONCLUSION

Initially it had been the opinion of the Officer-in-Charge, staff team and Social Work Manager that a more appropriate placement should be sought for Donna that stopped short of secure accommodation. However, given the spate of absconsions and potentially serious offending this is no longer viable.

On 13.1.94 a planning meeting was called whereby Donna's needs were addressed.

Those attending were:

O.I.C. Forres Children's Home  
O.I.C. Scalloway Park  
R.C.C.O. Scalloway Park  
S.W. Megan Cambridge  
S.S.W. Steve Hathersall  
~~S.W.M. Alistair McPhail~~ *not present*  
Mrs Coutts

The outcome of this meeting was that the forum decided in Donna's best interests that, bearing in mind Donna's lack of motivation or commitment to the unit, and given the absconsions and potentially serious offences they were left with no alternative but to seek a placement in secure accommodation, not only for Donna's safety but also for the safety and needs of the group of residents at Forres Children's Home.

In conclusion Donna expresses no motivation and commitment to Forres Children's Home and a move is imperative.

[REDACTED]  
Keyworker  
17/1/94


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**PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE**  
Old Infant School  
16 Prince Street  
Peterhead, AB42 6PL

20th January 1994

  
8 Aityn Place  
Aberdeen.

Dear 

Donna Coutie, Forres Children's Group Home.

I understand that there is to be a Children's Hearing for Donna tomorrow and am writing with the following information.

I have had no contact with Donna since she moved to the Forres Group Home, at which point a member of the Moray Psychological Service received the file. Prior to Donna's enrollment at Forres High, I was involved in seeking a Centre Class place for her in Fraserburgh, where she attended for three weeks in June 1993. When she was received into care in the summer break educational placement was initially made at Buckie High, and then at Forres Academy. It was unclear in those months between August and November whether Donna would have the emotional stability and motivation to maintain attendance at a mainstream school, and tentative enquiries were made about Andrew Thomson House and Cranloch School, which meets the needs of pupils with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

<sup>Cambridge</sup>  
Mrs ~~Gratchshank~~, Donna's social worker, contacted me recently to investigate educational provision should Donna return to this area. What would appear to be a feasible plan, would be to make fresh application to the Centre Class for a summer leavers' course. Applications are required by the 14th of February for the admissions' meeting on the 4th of March, and I would intend to follow this course of action if I am formally notified when/if Donna returns to this area. You would understand that this application would be considered against the other applicants at that time and that there is no guarantee of that Donna's application would be successful.

Yours sincerely,

  
educational psychologist.

<sup>Cambridge</sup>  
cc Mrs ~~Gratchshank~~, Social Worker, Banff.  
Officer in Charge, Forres Group Home.

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**REPORT BY**  
Megan Cambridge, Social Worker

**FOR**  
Children's Hearing Report 21.1.94

**concerning**  
Donna Coutts (28.3.78) c/o Forres Children's Home, 5-6 Culbin Road, Forres.

*This hearing has been called in a response to growing concerns about Donna with regard to offending behaviour and personal safety.*

**Update**

*At Donna's last hearing on 10.11.94 Donna's supervision requirement was continued. Forres Children's Home's concerns were acknowledged as was the encouraging sign that Donna was settling at school.*

*Since that time concern regarding Donna's absconding, commission of several offences (including one of wilful fire raising) her abuse of solvents and petroleum and her statements of intent to commit suicide have escalated.*

*The referral to [REDACTED] was followed up and Donna was seen by [REDACTED] though she again refused to use the opportunity of her support. A report has been submitted to the panel by [REDACTED]*

**Forres Children's Home**

*A full report is being submitted by Forres Group home and it would be superfluous for me to duplicate this information.*

*The overall picture is of increasing concern whilst Donna has had some settled periods at Forres when she was remaining at the home but disruption and defiance remained an issue throughout.*

*Donna continues to communicate on a very superficial level and has rejected all offers of help from staff at Forres and has been rejected by most of the children in the home.*

**School**

*In December Donna was suspended from school for an incident of swearing but was at that time showing little of the earlier motivation towards attending school. Donna is at present not attending school.*

**Social Work & Other Professionals**

*Donna continues outwardly to reject the support being offered by the author and by other professionals to who she has been referred. Meetings with Donna are generally one sided with only short responses to direct questions.*

*I have explained on several occasions to Donna the concerns we all share for her and for the future and have talked about where her present behaviour is leading her but Donna refuses to accept this.*

### Family

*Donna has had little contact with her family, though she did telephone her elder sister in Aberdeen. Her younger brother [REDACTED] telephoned Donna on Christmas Day and presents were exchanged via the author for Christmas.*

*The family are happy for contact with Donna and would work towards future plans but are concerned that offers direct to Donna may make things worse. It is obvious from my contact with the family that Donna is not forgotten and the family are happy to co-operate in anyway felt to be helpful to her. They, like the rest of us, are unsure about what Donna wants because of her refusal to communicate.*

### Donna

*Donna continues to indicate little to me about her feelings regarding her current situation and her future aspirations.*

*More recently Donna has indicated she wishes to move but cannot identify a place which she might find helpful. She shows no remorse for the offences committed and no concern for the risks she has laid herself and others open to.*

*It is my opinion that Donna is a desperately unhappy young lady who cannot trust anyone enough to begin looking at the causes of her behaviour.*

### Conclusion

*Donna's placement at Forres Children's Home has reached its conclusion, they are no longer able to extend her placement. This was agreed at a Child in Care Review 14.12.93. Donna has been given several opportunities to address her behaviour both at Children's Hearings and at two further Child in Care Reviews.*

*Donna's presenting and self destructive behaviour, her persistent absconding and her repeated offending causes such concern for Donna's safety at this time that her placement is no longer an appropriate one. Donna's refusal to engage in any meaningful way with these professionals involved with her would indicate that this situation is likely to continue unless Donna is stopped.*

*MEGAN CAMBRIDGE*  
*Social Worker*

*MC.AF/COUTTS.CH*  
*14 January 1994*

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**Addendum to Panel Report**

*At the Child in Care Review on 14.12.93 the inappropriateness of Donna's placement at Forres Children's Home was agreed. Since that time the options discussed at that meeting have been followed up and at a planning meeting held 13.1.94 it was acknowledged by all concerned that the Risks Donna was placing herself open to and the very self destructive nature of her behaviour taken with her threats of suicide made it inappropriate at this time to look at any open setting as an option. Tentative discussions had been held with Rossie School prior to Christmas and a referral made early in January has identified a place for Donna.*

*The offer of a place at Rossie has not been discussed with Donna as previous discussions highlighting the likelihood of such a placement have resulted in Donna indicating she would attempt to hide herself away. In light of the grave risks she runs when she does abscond and after much discussion it was agreed reluctantly that Donna should not be told at present.*



**MEGAN CAMBRIDGE**  
Social Worker

MC.AF/COUTTS.2CH  
14 January 1994

## 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 Monday 13th December 1993 at 2.00 pm.

Those Present: Mr Dorran, Forres Childrens Home  
 [REDACTED] Forres Academy  
 Mr Hothersall, Senior Social Worker  
 Mr Macphail, Social Work Manager

Apologies: [REDACTED] Social Work Manager, Moray Division  
 [REDACTED] Officer In Charge, Forres Childrens Home  
 \* Mrs. Cambridge, Social Worker  
 [REDACTED] Consultant Psychiatrist

It should be noted that Donna refused to attend her review.

Reports: Verbal, received from participants.

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) Mr Macphail explained that todays precipitated Child In Care Review on Donna had been convened in the wake of her deteriorating behaviour.
- (b) Todays meeting noted that during the period between Child In Care Reviews Donna's behaviour had deteriorated. Since the 23rd November 1993 Donna had absconded from Forres Childrens Home on at least five different occasions, two of which involved overnight absences. She had been sniffing petroleum and other substances, and has become involved in the commission of offences. One of the offences relates to Donna attempting to break into a sports pavilion in order to steal petroleum. Another offence relates to Donna stealing aerosols which she later abused, entering a church, spraying a T-shirt with aerosols and then setting fire to it. Another offence relates to Donna stealing a can of petrol from the back of a lorry. Donna's most recent absconding occurred last Friday when she and a fellow female resident walked to Elgin. On reaching Elgin they caught a bus to Buckie and eventually surrendered themselves to the Mother of Donna's fellow resident. Both girls were returned to Forres Childrens Home the following day apparently not having committed any offences. Donna's outstanding offences include vandalism, breach of the peace and wilful fire raising. In response to a question [REDACTED] confirmed that staff at Forres Childrens Home have witnessed Donna being under the influence of petroleum and other substances. Donna has also made recent threats to commit suicide.

Donna Coutts continued...

School. The Review also wondered how long Rossie School would keep Donna beyond her sixteenth birthday, and where her home base would be. Today's review agreed that Donna's application to Rossie School should continue to be processed.

Transfer to Another Childrens Home: Given Donna's wish to return to her home area on leaving care today's review wondered whether there was any merit in investigating her transfer to a Childrens Home within Banff/Buchan Division. Such a move would also remove her from the adverse influences of [REDACTED]. Mr Hothersall/Mrs Cambridge will discuss Donna with Mr Bradley, Officer In Charge, Scalloway Park Childrens Home Fraserburgh.

Referral to a Psycho-Therapist: Mr Hothersall will explore this further with appropriate staff at Royal Cornhill Hospital, Aberdeen.

Referral to Principal Social Work Officer (Drugs, AIDS, HIV): Mr Macphail intimated that he was endeavouring to contact [REDACTED] in order to ascertain whether he could provide any specialist advice in relation to Donna.

- (i) Staff at Forres Childrens Home to advise Donna of the conclusions reached at today's review.
- (j) Today's review to be reconvened as soon as possible. Mr Hothersall/Mrs Cambridge to liaise with Mr Macphail in relation to this matter.

*Alistair D. Macphail*

ALISTAIR D MACPHAIL  
Social Work Manager  
(Children and Families)

ADM/EM  
14 December 1993

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1. Full Name of Child Danna (ait)

Date of Birth 27.3.78 \*Male/Female Male

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

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Date of \*Admission/Change/Discharge 2.1.94.

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		Statute Applicable after Change	<u>44 1(b)</u>

	Prior to Admission/Change/Discharge	After Admission/Change/Discharge
Fosterparent/Houseparent/Parent, responsible	<u>Seatonway Park</u>	<u>1003 Church's Lane</u>
Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption)	<u>11. Seatonway Park</u> <u>haverhill</u>	<u>5-6. Church St</u> <u>Exeter</u>
School attended	.....	.....
Name and Address of G.P.	.....	.....

Completed by ..... Date 24.1.94

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1. Full Name of Child Anna Caults

Date of Birth 28.3.78 \*Male/Female Male

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

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Date of \*Admission/Change/Discharge 30.12.93

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		Statute Applicable after Change	<u>444 (1)(b)</u>

	Prior to Admission/Change/Discharge	After Admission/Change/Discharge
Fosterparent/Houseparent/Parent, responsible	<u>None. Children Home</u>	<u>Seafordway Park</u>
Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption)	<u>C. G. Caults St</u> <u>MITE.</u>	<u>11. Seafordway Park</u> <u>Waseburg</u>
School attended	.....	.....
Name and Address of G.P.	.....	.....

Completed by [Signature] Date 24.1.94

Thursday 30th Dec. 93

Donna had been getting on  
great for the last ten days but over the last  
four nights she and [redacted] were keeping  
everyone awake <sup>putting a</sup> The girls lost their access to  
the TV and radio and we were told they would  
have to be split up <sup>in separate bed rooms</sup> They then barricaded  
themselves in their bed room and were smoking.  
- EGN were very concerned about the risk to  
the home and the girls that they called the police -  
because Donna was threatening to burn the

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place down. Following ~~the~~ the police being called  
 She was taken to the station displaying very  
 wild aggressive behaviour out of control threatening  
 suicide <sup>also says she wanted to phone</sup> She was charged with assault? (9th July)  
 Returned to F&W house for the night. Did not visit  
 her mother + had a settled night. Tel to Alistair  
 Forester needing to know what was happening re Dana's  
 placement. Alistair believes that there is a planning  
 needed Jan. and the option is Scalloway park.  
 Tel to F&W re this plan. Worker will relay this to her Sister.

Ms Robertson  
 (Brooke to call) Tel to find out where Mark Curran

Between 11-15  
 -11-20



5.12 Donna jumped out of her bedroom window at 10pm  
Stayed in the vicinity of F.C.H trying to entice [redacted]  
to do same and abscond with her. Asked staff to come  
in by 3.15pm.

6.12 Abusive to staff and stating she was not going to  
school. Picked up by police at 9.25AM as they were  
passing the station.  
Inspector not happy as Donna had been very  
abusive to him. Was far from happy and wanted to  
know what SW Dept planned to do with the girls.  
Taken back to school but skipped lessons after  
morning break, absconded till 6.15pm when they returned  
on their own accord to the unit.  
Had been at Bluny Hill sniffing petrol, deodorant and  
hairspray all day. Doctor called to check on their  
health.

7.12. Charged with stealing a can of petrol from a council  
lorry. Smiling about this.

9.12 Absconded from the unit at 7.30pm.

Returned 10.12 4pm from Buckie.

No charges given a stern talking to by the police Donna  
just laughing & smirking saying she didn't care what they  
said she wasn't going to listen.

11.12. Donna refusing to go to bed <sup>with [redacted]</sup> when requested. Playing  
games for a laugh. at 2.30pm ~~persuaded to go~~ <sup>went</sup>  
upstairs only when the other 2 girls went, up to bed  
However hid from staff to make them think she  
had absconded. Found by police under [redacted]  
bed even though staff had checked previously, and  
searched elsewhere.

Health Donna started a course of iron tablets for anaemia  
then refused to continue taking them.

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REPORT BY  
Megan Cambridge

FOR  
Children's Hearing to be held on 10 November 1993

concerning  
Donna Coutts (28.3.78), c/o Forres Group Home, 5-6 Culbie Road, Forres

**PRESENT HEARING**

*The present Hearing was requested by the Social Work Department as a result of two incidents of absconding from Forres Group Home the second incident resulting in Donna spending the night in a porta-cabin in Buckie in the company of some youths and being charged with Vandalism and Breaking and Entering with intent to steal.*

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

*At Donna's last Hearing her placement at Forres Group Home was confirmed and it was acknowledged that a return home for Donna was not realistic. It was felt that Forres Group Home would offer Donna the stability and security so necessary as a first step in allowing Donna the "space" to address her difficulties and to receive appropriate advice and guidance whilst doing so. Referral has also been made to [REDACTED] the Young People's Unit in Aberdeen but no contact has been made as yet.*

**REASON FOR PLACEMENT**

*Donna's placement commenced on 8.9.93. Historically there have been a number of difficulties in evidence surrounding Donna's relationship with her family. Donna has expressed her view that she does not wish to return home to her family. Her mother is aware of this position and accepts this.*

*Donna also made allegations recently of a sexual nature which were the subject of an initial police and social work inquiry. These matters may well be developed in time and may form some basis from which therapeutic work may develop.*

**AIMS OF PRESENT PACKAGE OF CARE**

To: *Ensure that Donna was safe and did not constitute a danger to herself.*

*Ensure that Donna has a secure base.*

*Ensure that Donna attends school regularly.*

*Ensure that Donna has the opportunity to reflect upon the issues dominant in her life at present.*

*Develop appropriate strategies to assist her in mending any conflicts she may have.*

*Offer Donna an opportunity to be heard as to what is important in her life.*

*Work with Donna as far as is 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.*

### **CURRENT PLACEMENT**

*It was agreed at the last Hearing and at the subsequent Post Admissions Case Conference that Forres Group Home were able to meet Donna's needs and were confirmed as Donna's place of residence. Since that time they have found Donna's behaviour at times challenging and ~~insightful~~ <sup>inciteful</sup> for other residents but they have made Donna's position clear to her.*

*A separate report is being submitted by the home.*

### **EDUCATION**

*Whilst Donna previously stated her intention to attend Forres Academy regularly more recently there are indications that Donna has been absenting herself from selected, unsupervised classes. It has been made clear to Donna from the commencement of placement that regular attendance is an important element in the care package.*

### **DONNA**

*Donna, herself, is indicating little to the author at present only having recently taken over the case. It is apparent, even on short acquaintance, that the difficulties experienced by Donna often surface to sabotage relationships she is beginning to form.*

*To date she is not confronting these difficulties and is very much subjected to their control.*

*It is of great concern that Donna's sporadic outbursts not only threaten her current care arrangements (wherever she may be) but also lead Donna to put herself at risk. At times Donna expresses no concern for herself and it is obvious that unless Donna develops a feeling of self worth a lot of the surrounding causes can not be dealt with effectively.*

### **FUTURE**

*It is the opinion of the author that Donna's placement can still meet many of her needs as outlined in the aims of the placement.*

*It is hoped with a more stable period of residence in one place that the referrals made to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] can be followed up.*

**ABSCONDING AND OFFENDING**

*Donna's only comments to the author were that it was "a laugh". She expresses no concern for her situation at the time and the risks she left herself open to. She boasted openly to other residents at the Children's Home for sometime after her return.*

*Since then Donna appears to have settled again though concerns still exist about other aspects of Donna's behaviour within the home.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PP' followed by a stylized name, possibly 'Megan Cambridge'. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

**MEGAN CAMBRIDGE**  
**Social Worker**

**MC/CD**  
**4 November 1993**

**MINUTE OF POST-ADMISSIONS CASE CONFERENCE CONCERNING DONNA COUTTS  
(DOB 28.3.78), C/O FORRES GROUP HOME, FORRES HELD ON 22.9.93**

Present: Miss Donna Coutts - Subject  
[REDACTED] - OIC, Forres Group Home  
Mr Steve Hothersall - SSW, Banff/Turriff Team

Apologies: Mr Mike Hebenton - SW, Banff/Turriff Team

**Why is this Child in Care?**

Historically, there have been a number of difficulties in evidence surrounding Donna's relationships with her family. Prior to this placement, Donna had spent periods of time in foster care and at one other residential establishment.

Donna herself has expressed her view that she does not wish to return home to her family. Her mother is aware of this position and accepts this. With this in mind, the Social Work Department and the Children's panel have stated quite clearly that her wishes on this will be respected, as far as possible and practical.

Donna also made allegations recently of a sexual nature which were the subject of an initial Police and Social Work inquiry. These matters may well be developed in time and may form some basis from which therapeutic work with Donna may develop.

Donna began her residence in Forres on 8.9.93.

**Current Legal Status**

Donna is now the subject of a Supervision Requirement under the terms of Section 44(1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, her named place of residence being Culbin Road, Forres.

**Health**

Donna is in good health. She has agreed to be seen by a local GP for a check-up. She has a dental appointment shortly.

**Education**

Donna has stated clearly that she intends to attend Forres Academy regularly and to pursue a curriculum appropriate to her needs and interests.

A clothing allowance is being made available to ensure that Donna has appropriate attire.

It was mentioned that concerns had been evident earlier when Donna was in Turriff and Buckie with regards to non-school attendance. It was made clear to her that school attendance was as important an element in terms of the current placement/care package as was her residence at Culbin Road.

**What are the aims of the current Social Work Package?**

It was agreed by all that the aims of the current social work package were, broadly speaking, to:

- : 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.

### **Family Contact**

Nil at present. Donna's wishes are being respected re this. It has, however, been pointed out that until such time as Donna reaches the age of 16, the Department is under a legal obligation to advise her parents of any significant developments concerning her care. Donna's wishes will be taken into account and she will be informed of such family contact by the Department.

### **Current Placement**

██████████ expressed her pleasure at Donna's recent behaviour and commented favourably on her attitude. A discussion ensued re Donna's rights whilst in the care of the Department. Further discussion then considered her responsibilities, particularly in relation to herself and other residents at Culbin Road.

Donna agreed to abide by the rules and expressed her belief that her rights were not being infringed. Donna was informed of her right to have reasonable access to a telephone.

### **Future Plans**

It was agreed that a 'settling in' period would be allowed to pass before a review of the placement took place. It was further agreed that Mrs Cambridge would be allocated as Donna's Social Worker. Mr Hothersall did point out though that this would not likely be until the end of October. Meantime, Donna could, either herself or through the staff at Culbin Road, make contact with either Mr Hebenton or myself.

  
**STEVE J HOTHERSALL**  
Senior Social Worker

SJH/CD

22.9.93



FAO Mike H. (Turniff)

**GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

**CLIENT NAME**

**CLIENT REF NO**

DONNA COUTTS  
Currently c/o  
Grampian Regional Council  
Social Work Department  
at Forres Group Home, Forres

**DETAILED RECORD**

*(For specific incidents or agreed cases)*

**DATE:**

**Event:**

In the wake of allegations made by Donna to [redacted] at A.T.H. (see file) on 7.9.93 (evening of) a joint police/social work investigation took place.

I met with two police officers at Forres and attempts were made to clarify the details of the allegations. Despite attempts by myself, care staff and WPC, Donna would not expand upon the basic information she had already she had already presented to us.

It was agreed that Forres home staff would attempt to speak further with Donna about these allegations, but Police involvement could not be warranted. Forres would speak to the staff member, [redacted] A.T.H. to see if Donna could speak further to him.

Following the inquiry, I spoke briefly with Donna and the O.I.C.



**STEVE HOTHERSALL**  
**Senior Social Worker**

SH/CD  
14 September 1993

Disclosed on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept '93

Cummingstown.

12 years old.

The first incident

[REDACTED]

Moved away  
2 months ago

His FARM.

[REDACTED]

(1/2 Hour)

In the kitchen looking after  
2 little children with the step-dad. for 1/2 an hour.  
When [REDACTED] came in Donna ran upstairs - HE did  
something sexual to her (she couldn't say what.)

(One incident the same year [REDACTED])

3<sup>rd</sup> Babysitting with Pal and a man and  
his mate came in (late teens.) One stayed  
the night - Mother was out most of night. His  
sisters house he slapped her face. She said  
he was violent and he raped her [REDACTED]  
Aberdeen way - village called [REDACTED]

Could speak to Steve (Sen S. N. at Bayff?)  
about her problem.

[REDACTED]

NOTIFICATION FORM C3

Form circulated to:

Divisional Administration

Computer Record, Woodhill House


Division	BAMFF BUCHAN
S.W.	MIKE 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 COSTIS  
 Date of Birth 28.3.78 \*Male/Female  
 (S.W.S.G. Reference No.) 

2	2	1	6	2	8	8	0	4
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2. Reason for \*Admission/Change/Discharge: CHILDREN'S HEARING  
DECISION THAT DONNA REMAIN  
IN PRESENT RESIDENCE

Date of \*Admission/Change/Discharge 22.9.93

Complete one of these as appropriate	Admissions:	Statute Applicable for Admission	.....
		Discharge:	Statute Applicable up to Discharge
	Changes:	Statute Applicable before Change	<u>40(3)</u>
		Statute Applicable after Change	<u>44(1) ✓</u>

	Prior to Admission/Change/Discharge	After Admission/Change/Discharge
Fosterparent/Houseparent/Parent, responsible	<u>MIK</u>	<u>AS ALL</u>
Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption)	<u>FORRE BLOOR HOME</u>	.....
School attended	<u>N/A</u>	.....
Name and Address of G.P.	.....	.....

Completed by [Signature] Date 24.9.93

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NOTIFICATION FORM C3

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Division	BANFF BUCHAN
S.W.	MIKE HOBENTON
Case No.	17744194

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

\*Delete as Applicable

1. Full Name of Child ..... DONNA LOUITS

Date of Birth ..... 28.3.78 \* Male/Female

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

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2. Reason for \*Admission/Change/Discharge: ..... MOVED FROM ANDREW THOMPSON'S HOME TO FURBER CHILDREN'S HOME

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Date of \*Admission/Change/Discharge ..... 8.9.93

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	.....
	..... 44(6)
	..... 40(2)
	.....

	Prior to Admission/Change/Discharge	After Admission/Change/Discharge
3. Fosterparent/Houseparent/Parent, responsible	.....	.....
Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption)	ANDREW THOMPSON HO. ELGIN	FURBER CHILDREN'S HOME FURBER
School attended	.....	.....
Name and Address of G.P.	.....	.....

Completed by ..... Date ..... 9.9.93

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Division	BARFF BOUNDARY
S.W.	MILK HESSEYTON
Case No.	1744194

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

\*Delete as Applicable

1. Full Name of Child DONNA COOTTS

Date of Birth 28.3.78 \*Male/Female Female

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

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2. Reason for \* Admission/Change/Discharge: Parental care not available

due to parental mental health issues

and substance abuse

and domestic violence

and child protection concerns

Date of \* Admission/Change/Discharge 6.9.93

Complete one of these as appropriate

- Admissions: Statute Applicable for Admission
- Discharge: Statute Applicable up to Discharge
- Changes:
  - Statute Applicable before Change 44(6)
  - Statute Applicable after Change 44(6)

3. 

	<b>Prior to</b>	<b>After</b>
	<del>Admission/Change/Discharge</del>	<b>Admission/Change/Discharge</b>
Fosterparent/Houseparent/Parent, responsible		<u>Barff Bound</u>
Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption)		<u>Woodhill House</u>
School attended		<u>Barff</u>
Name and Address of G.P.	.....	.....

Completed by [Signature] Date 6.9.93

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Computer Record, Woodhill House


Division	BANFF BOLTON
S.W.	MIKE HEDANTON
Case No.	1744194

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

\*Delete as Applicable

1. Full Name of Child ..... DONNA COURTIS

Date of Birth ..... 24.3.78 ..... \*Male/Female ..... ~~SO~~ ~~REF~~

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

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2. Reason for \* Admission/Change/Discharge: <sup>CHANGE</sup> DONNA MOVED OUT OF FOSTER PLACEMENT AT REQUEST OF FOSTER PARENTS FOLLOWING BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS PLACED WITH LORRAINE TILLY ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS. DATE 6/9.

Date of \* Admission/Change/Discharge ..... 4.9.93

Complete one of these as appropriate

{	Admissions: Statute Applicable for Admission	.....	
	Discharge: Statute Applicable up to Discharge	.....	
	Changes: {	Statute Applicable before Change	44 (1) a
		Statute Applicable after Change	44 (6)

3. 

	Prior to	After
	Admission/Change/Discharge	Admission/Change/Discharge

Fosterparent/Houseparent/Parent; responsible

Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption)

School attended

Name and Address of G.P. ....

Completed by ..... Date ..... 6.9.93

Mike - Can you ring me re Donna first thing. Tom!

**PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

Minutes of a Post Admission to Care Conference held within the home of [REDACTED] Foster Parents, on the 6th August 1993 at 2 pm.

Subject of Post Admission to Care Conference:

**Donna Coutts (born 28.3.78)**  
**Home Address: 5 Idoch Cottages, Cuminestown**  
**Current domicile: [REDACTED]**

**PRESENT:**

Mr Hebenton, Social Worker  
Mrs Coutts, Donna's mother  
Donna Coutts, Subject of Conference  
[REDACTED] Donna's foster mother  
Mrs Lumb, Social Worker (Adoption & Homefinding Team)  
[REDACTED] friend of Donna's  
[REDACTED] Educational Psychologist  
Mr Macphail, Social Work Manager (C & F)

**APOLOGIES:**

Mr Hothersall, Senior Social Worker

**REPORTS:**

Received from Mr Hebenton (dated 5.8.93)

**WHY WAS CHILD ADMITTED TO CARE?**

Donna's case was brought to a Children's Hearing on Wednesday, 28th July 1993 as she had been referred to the Reporter by the Police in March of this year for having a Bowie knife in her possession. The Hearing also considered all the other circumstances relevant to Donna at this time. Donna brought an adult friend, [REDACTED] along to the Children's Hearing to speak on her behalf. She requested to speak to the Hearing members on her own with [REDACTED] and Mrs Coutts agreed to this. During this time with the Hearing members, Donna had requested that she was not returned home and her reasons for this appear to be related to her difficulties in relationships with her mother and stepfather. The Hearing members felt that Donna did need some time away from her family and requested that a small family foster home be found. Unfortunately no such place was available throughout the Region and so a 21 day warrant was issued to allow the Department time to find a suitable place. The Hearing members also requested that Donna sees [REDACTED] Child & Family Psychiatrist, and Donna agreed to this request. Donna was placed with [REDACTED] on 29 July 1993 as an interim measure.

**CONCLUSIONS**

- a) Todays conference noted that Donna appears to be appropriately placed with [REDACTED] and that this placement is meeting her needs. In view of the aforementioned Donna's placement with [REDACTED] remain in place until further notice subject to conditions contained elsewhere within this minute.
- b) Todays conference noted that Donna is enrolled at the Centre Class, Fraserburgh.
- c) Todays conference noted that Donna remains in good health.
- d) Todays conference discussed Donna's immediate future and this is summarised as follows:

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 ..... Post-Admission to Care .....

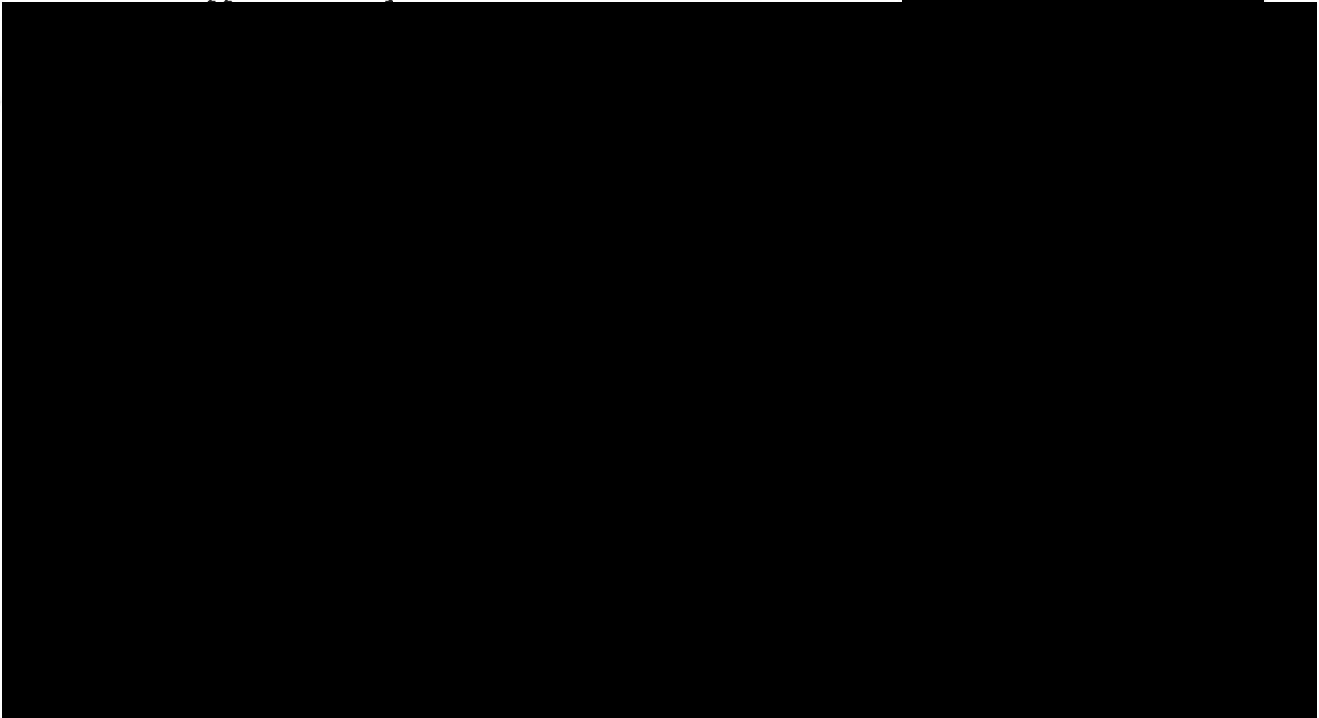
..... Conference to be held at 36 Low Street, Buckie on Friday 6th August 1993 at ..... 2.00 pm.

concerning ..... DONNA COUTTS (d.o.b. 28.3.1978), 5 Idoch Cottages, Cuminestown .....

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Alexandria Coutts	-	Mother (12.5.1954)	-	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	-	Stepfather (8.9.1957)	-	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	-	Sister (3.6.1976)	-	Turriff Academy
Donna Coutts	-	Subject	-	Turriff Academy
[REDACTED]	-	Sister (16.1.1980)	-	Turriff Academy
[REDACTED]	-	Brother (5.9.1987)	-	At home
[REDACTED]	-	Brother (7.8.1990)	-	At home

The family live in a four apartment semi-detached District Council house situated approximately two miles from Cuminestown. [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/

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 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 right 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 [REDACTED] but I advised her that her feelings about this could be worked on while she remained at home. She also stated that she thought/

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Our Ref. *MH/SD*

Your Ref.

6th August 1993

[REDACTED]  
Senior Social Worker,  
4 Albyn Place,  
ABERDEEN,  
ABI 1YH.

Dear [REDACTED]

DONNA COUTTS (28.3.1978)

I am currently trying to find a long-term foster placement for the above named girl. Donna is the second of five children and normally lives with her mother and step-father. She has been known to this Department since November last year when her mother requested some assistance as she was having difficulty with Donna's behaviour at home and believed her to be truanting occasionally. Various attempts were made to assist Donna, however, she refused to engage with any professional whatsoever. These included Social Work staff, Education staff and a Psychiatrist. Donna has spent two periods in Care, both for approximately one week. These have taken place in March and June of this year and on both occasions Donna had run away from home and when found by the Police refused to return. Both these incidents resulted in her being admitted to Care temporarily. When she does run away she is doing so in a safe way and only heading for the home of friends. Donna was returned home after each period in Care as the difficulties she was experiencing with her mother and step-father were ones which we felt could be addressed at home.

On the first occasion that Donna was picked up by the Police they found a Bowie Knife in her possession and as a result she was referred to the Reporter. She eventually appeared at a Children's Hearing on 28th July 1993 and had requested that she was not returned home. The Hearing Members agreed with this request and have asked that a long-term foster placement be sought for her. A 21 day Warrant was issued and Donna is currently with an emergency foster parent. Donna appears to be a fairly unhappy and depressed girl. She is still very suspicious of any authority figure and is refusing to engage with myself. She has agreed to see a Psychiatrist since the Children's Hearing, however, it has not been possible to arrange this yet. She can be quite abusive at times and has been aggressive to her other siblings at home but has not been a major management problem during any other periods in Care, though these have been fairly brief and she has had little time to settle in any of her placements so it is unlikely we have had a true picture of her as yet. The most concerning incident to date took place in April when Donna had taken an overdose of approximately 50 paracetamols and spent a few days in hospital. There have been no repeats of this.

Donna has been quite defiant in school and appeared to be quite aggressive in her manner towards teaching staff. She rarely completed class work or homework and began truanting in third year and made no attempt to hide this fact, indeed she seemed to invite discovery. As a result of the educational difficulties Donna was referred to the Banff and Buchan Divisional Assessment Team and was eventually moved to the adolescent unit in Fraserburgh which specialises in working with children who do not fit into mainstream schooling. She had only taken up this place three weeks before the summer holidays and therefore it is too early to say how this will work out and Donna would still need some/

need some form of special education if she is placed outwith travelling distance of Fraserburgh.

I would be grateful for any assistance that can be provided in this matter and will willingly furnish more details if necessary.


Yours sincerely,

**MIKE HEBENTON**  
Social Worker

also sent to:-

Miss J. Arnott,  
Senior Social Worker,  
Gordon House,  
Blackhall Road,  
INVERURIE,  
AB51 9WB.

Home Finding Team,  
Social Work Department,  
Carlton House,  
Arduthie Road,  
STONEHAVEN,  
AB3 2DP.

  
Social Work Manager,  
78 South Street,  
ELGIN,  
IV30 1JT.

**Grampian Regional Council - Education Department**

**James G. Graham  
Director of Education**

**Tel No: (0779)73269/70411  
Fax No: (0779)70390**

**PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE  
Old Infant School  
16 Prince Street  
Peterhead, AB42 6PL**

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**27 August 1993**

[REDACTED]  
**Divisional Education Officer  
Moray Regional Council  
Area Education Offices  
11 North Guildry Street  
Elgin.**

**Dear [REDACTED]**

**Ref: DONNA COUTTS (28/3/78) 5 IDOCH COTTAGES, CUMINESTOWN.  
currently [REDACTED]**

**I enclose for your information a brief outline report about Donna whom we discussed recently as a possible candidate for Cranloch School.**

**Donna was referred to the Psychological Service by the Banff/Buchan Assessment Team in March 1993, due to truancy from Turriff Academy who also noted that Donna could be challenging to staff. Incidents in school at breaktimes were often escalated purposefully by Donna whose class behaviour was more acceptable. It was recognised that Donna's difficulties were such that an application was to be made to the Centre Class, which caters for pupils with social emotional and behavioural difficulties.**

**I have enclosed Social Work and Department of Child and Family Psychiatry reports which outline the events of April when Donna was admitted briefly into care having run away from home. She also made a para suicide attempt in school after which she returned home but refused to return to Turriff Academy.**

**She accepted a place at the Centre Class on June 7th but the final four weeks of term were interrupted by a week's placement at Andrew Thomson House, following Mrs Coutt's request that Donna be taken into care on the grounds of being beyond parental control. Andrew Thomson House returned Donna home for staff believed that Donna's personal emotional resources were sufficient not to require a residential placement. In the opening weeks of the summer break Donna was again received into care in a foster placement in Buckie, where she currently resides./**

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**Mr Duncan**  
**Area Education Officer**

Contd.....

My contact with Donna has been of a short duration - I attended a case conference in mid May and subsequently met Donna to negotiate her transfer for the Centre Class. This option was attractive to Donna who made some commitment to the class; she worked steadily in the short period she attended, but her truancy and absences in third year leave her with little portfolio work. She preferred to work alone; did not seek out others and was also the subject of some verbal abuse, which caused her to threaten to leave. She presented mainly as a shy teenager, but was easily roused. If she felt under threat Donna became hostile and aggressive.

Donna did not have time to form a trusting relationship with Centre Class staff, nor had she discussed the difficulties she encountered with those others involved, due to Donna's reticence, and also due to the frequency of changes in the last 12 weeks regarding school and home. She would appear to have some mild learning difficulties, and although she worked steady in June, attainments appeared delayed.

Donna's present foster home placement appears to be a positive experience for her, and consequently a Children's Hearing and a case conference felt that this should be continued despite the consequent loss of her Centre Class place - the travelling distance is untenable. Donna understands that [REDACTED] personal arrangements require that she is in full time education, and she feels that attendance at Buckie High and Community School will offer her a fresh start. She has given a commitment to attend, but may well require some additional support to make the transition to 4th year, both socially and educationally.

An application to Cranloch is requested since it is not clear, at this juncture, whether Donna's resources are sufficient to deal with the demands of a mainstream academy, and I would ask you to accept this request for consideration against Donna's progress at Buckie High and Community School.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST**

**c.c. Mr Hebenton, Social Worker, Turriff**

[REDACTED] Rector, Buckie High and Community School  
[REDACTED] Area Principal Psychologist, Moray  
[REDACTED] Consultant Psychiatrist

ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL FOSTERING ALLOWANCES  
(PARTS A, B & C)

NAME OF CHILD: DONNA LOOTS      NAME OF FOSTER PARENT: [REDACTED]

D.O.B.: 26.3.1976      ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

DATE PLACED IN THIS FOSTER HOME: 29.7.93

CHILD CURRENTLY SUPERVISED BY:

NAME: MIKE HEBENTON      DESIGNATION: SOCIAL WORKER

BRIEF SUMMARY OF CHILD AND CURRENT SITUATION:

DONNA PLACED AT SHORT NOTICE FOLLOWING  
A CHILDREN'S HEARING ON 26.7.93  
WHICH ISSUED A 21 DAY WARRANT UNDER  
SECTION 40 (7)

Date of last assessment of allowances: N/A  
Date of this assessment: 6.8.93

Payments made under Parts A, B & C of this assessment do not affect any separate agreement with foster parents who act as Emergency Placement resources or as Family Placement Carers.

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1-9-93

ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL FOSTERING ALLOWANCES

**PART A - REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS**

The basic fostering allowances include an element for the cost of food (40%); clothing (18%); fuel, light, household goods - TV washer, telephone etc (approx 25%); pocket money, gifts, clubs, magazines etc. (approx 10%) and travel (7%). This part of the assessment seeks to identify the additional costs which are incurred in caring for a particular child. Some additional costs (eg equipment such as a musical instrument, or foster carer's loss of earnings attending eg a case conference) may require a lump sum one-off payment, other (eg special diet) will require an additional weekly allowance. Some items of equipment (eg cot, pram) may be supplied on loan - indicate if this is the case.

	Is extra cost incurred	Specify Amount		Give details
		Lump sum payment	Additional weekly allowance	
<u>Additional Household Costs</u> Consider eg: - extra laundry (enuresis, encopresis) - wear & tear on bedding, furnishings, decoration - extra heating (asthmatic child) - items of equipment - bed, bedding, furniture etc.	Yes/No  No	£ .	£ .	
<u>Additional Food Costs</u> Consider eg: special diet for - obese child - vegetarian - diabetic	No			
<u>Additional Clothing Costs</u> Consider eg: - heavy wear and tear - destructive child - unusual sizes - poor self image	No			
<u>Extra Self Care/Personal Equipment</u> Consider eg: - visits to hospitals, psychologist etc. - attendance at reviews, hearing, case conferences - travel to keep links with family, friends - additional insurance costs	No			
<u>Educational</u> Consider eg: - special toys - tuition fees - playgroup fees	No			
<u>Miscellaneous</u> Consider eg: - hospitality for friends, relatives - disturbance allowance for emergency placements - loss of earnings	No			
Totals				

ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL FOSTERING ALLOWANCES

PART B - THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD (TIME, ENERGY, SKILL REQUIREMENTS)

TICK ONE BOX ONLY FOR EACH QUESTION

BOX 1

BOX 2

BOX 3

Normal for age.  
or N/a

Moderate  
Problem

Severe  
Problem

CHILD'S SELF CARE AND MOBILITY

1. <u>Dressing</u> : Needs adult help?	✓	Needs help but could manage taking a long time	Totally dependent.
2. <u>Feeding</u> : Needs adult help, cutting food, feeding?	✓	Sometimes : perhaps once a week.	Totally dependent or needs encouragement at every meal
3. <u>Going to toilet</u> : Needs adult help?	✓	Sometimes.	Always.
4. <u>Washing/Bathing</u> : Needs adult help?	✓	Needs help but could manage taking a long time.	Totally dependent.
5. <u>Enuresis</u> : Wets bed or clothing?	✓	Sometimes : perhaps bi-weekly.	Daily or almost.
6. <u>Encopresis</u> : Soils bed or clothing?	✓	Fortnightly.	Weekly or more often.
7. <u>Uses wheelchair or confined to bed or chair</u> :	✓	Can propel by self. Sometimes needs help.	Cannot propel by self. Always needs help.
8. <u>Mobility</u> : To play active games/run? Lacks co-ordination, balance?	✓	Limited or easily tired.	Cannot
9. <u>Climbs stairs alone</u> :	✓	Slowly or with help.	Cannot.

TICK ONE BOX ONLY FOR EACH QUESTION

BOX 1

BOX 2

BOX 3

Normal for age  
or N/a

Moderate  
Problem

Severe  
Problem

CHILD'S MEDICAL CONDITION

10.	<u>Regular Medications/Injections:</u>	✓	Daily over extended period, simple to administer.	Complex, frequent, or essential to life.
11.	<u>Child has to use appliance, personal or medical aid:</u> (eg. Brace, Colostomy, Artificial Limb.) Needing special attention by adult.	✓	Every few weeks.	Weekly or more often.
12.	<u>Regular Hospitalisation:</u>	✓	Every 3 - 6 months.	Average of 1 day per month or more.
13.	<u>Regular Medical Visits Needed:</u> (eg. to GP, Out-patients, Educational Psychologist, Physiotherapist or Speech Therapist, etc.?)	NOT YET BUT WILL BE	Average once a fortnight.	More than once a fortnight.
14.	<u>Child has Condition:</u> (eg. Asthma, Diabetes Migraine.) Needing special care, extra attention.	✓	Every few weeks.	Weekly or more often.
15.	<u>Life Expectancy:</u>	/	Prognosis - Limited to young adulthood.	Prognosis - Not expected to reach adulthood.

CHILD'S SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR/DEVELOPMENT

16.	<u>Child is destructive:</u> Damages property (deliberately or unintentionally)	✓	Every 1 - 2 months	More than once a month.
17.	<u>Child is hyperactive:</u> eg. hyperkinetic child (marked over-activity problem focusing attention)	✓	Moderate problem requiring extra time and patience.	Severe problem involving specialist help.
18.	<u>Child "Acts Out":</u> Attention seeking	✓	Every 1 - 2 months.	Weekly or more often.
19.	<u>Child is liable to harm himself:</u> (eg. head banging, glue sniffing, drugs).	✓	Every 1 - 2 months.	Weekly or more often.
20.	<u>Child steals:</u>	✓	Every 1 - 2 months.	Weekly or more often.

TICK ONE BOX ONLY FOR EACH QUESTION

BOX 1

BOX 2

BOX 3

Normal for age  
or N/a

Moderate  
Problem

Severe  
Problem

CHILD'S SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR/DEVELOPMENT CONT'D

21.	<u>Child is aggressive/Violent:</u> May need physical restraint.	✓	Every 1 - 2 months.	Weekly or more often.
22.	<u>Child has sexual identity problems/Sexual behaviour inappropriate:</u> eg. dresses up in clothing of opposite sex; worrying incidents of flirtation with foster parent.	✓	Moderate problem requiring extra time and patience.	Severe problem involving specialist help.
23.	<u>Child is withdrawn:</u> Lacks confidence, needs much encouragement and reassurance.	✓	Occasional extra time.	Regular extra time.
24.	<u>Child has difficulty Forming Relationships:</u> Needs adult help.		Moderate problem requiring extra time and patience. ✓	Severe problem requiring much extra time or specialist help.
25.	<u>Communication Problems:</u> eg. deafness, speech defect.	✓	Can be understood with time and patience.	Can only be understood with extreme difficulty.
26.	<u>Child is considered to be mentally handicapped:</u>	✓	Requires extra support.	Requires specialist help.
27.	<u>Child has school problems:</u> (Truants, etc.)	SCHOOL HOLIDAY AT MOMENT	Every 1 - 2 months.	More than monthly.
28.	<u>Child has learning difficulties:</u>	✓	Requires extra support.	Requires specialist help.
29.	<u>Child runs away from Foster Home:</u>	✓	Every 1 - 2 months.	More than monthly.
30.	<u>Child requires continuous or almost continuous supervision:</u>	✓	Can be left with teenage babysitter.	Continuous supervision by mature adult essential.

Conversion Table

<u>Points</u>	<u>%B/O</u>
1	15%
1½	20%
2	25%
2½	30%
3	35%
3½	40%
4	45%
4½	50%
5	55%
5½	60%
6	65%
6½	70%
7	75%
7½	80%
8	85%
8½	90%
9	95%
9½	100%
10	105%
10½	110%

TICK ONE BOX ONLY FOR EACH QUESTION

BOX 1

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BOX 3

Normal for age  
or N/a

Moderate  
Problem

Severe  
Problem

CONTACT BETWEEN CHILD AND NATURAL FAMILY

<p>31. <u>Causes Problems:</u> Severity of problems depends on frequency, amount of conflict/dependency and degree of disturbance and distress to child and foster family.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>Contact every 2 - 3 months/slight conflict or distress.</p>	<p>Contact monthly or more frequently/sever conflict or distress.</p>
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OTHER PROBLEMS

<p>32. If the child presents a problem that is not covered by the form, write it in here, and rate it.</p>	<p>40%</p>		<p>✓ REFUSAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE</p>
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EXISTENCE OF  
HER MOTHER

Number scoring 2 1 x 1/2 = 1/2 points

Number scoring 3 1 x 1 = 1 points

Total number of points (add) = 1 1/2 points

Converted to % of Boarding  
Out Scale = 20 %

ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL FOSTERING ALLOWANCES

PART C - ASPECTS OF THE CARING TASK

Aspects of the caring task (not covered by parts A & B) arising from the context of placement should be specified in the contract. Enhancement is at the rate shown unless a higher rate is authorised.

<p>Caring for sibling group. Details:</p>	<p><del>Yes</del>/No</p>	<p>25%</p>
<p>Direct work with child. (eg. Life storybook; written assessment; rehabilitation) Details: EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOUR, RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILY &amp; AUTHORITY FIGURES</p>	<p>Yes/<del>No</del></p>	<p>25%</p>
<p>Direct work with child's family. (eg Parenting skills; Bonding issues; very frequent access; rehabilitation) Details:</p>	<p>2 <del>Yes</del>/<del>No</del></p>	<p>25%</p>
<p>Teenage Placement. Details: EMERGENCY PLACEMENT, SEVERE TRAUMA IN PAST NOW IN SPECIAL EDUCATION WHICH MAY CAUSE UPHEAVAL</p>	<p>Yes/<del>No</del></p>	<p>25%</p>
<p>Caring for more than one foster child (allowance for second and subsequent children only)</p>	<p><del>Yes</del>/No</p>	<p>25%</p>
<p>Other aspects. (eg. extra stress in placement; child sexually abused or HIV+) Recommend % increase Details:</p>	<p><del>Yes</del>/No</p>	

Total enhancement under Part C

50%



NOTIFICATION FORM C3

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Division	B/C
S.W.	Mile. Heberton
Case No.	1744194

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

\*Delete as Applicable

1. Full Name of Child COURTS, Donna  
 Date of Birth 28/3/78 \*Male/Female  
 (S.W.S.G. Reference No.) 

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2. Reason for \*Admission/Change/Discharge: Driving of car was taking, 17/8/93

Date of \*Admission/Change/Discharge 17/8/93

Complete one of these as appropriate

- Admissions: Statute Applicable for Admission
- Discharge: Statute Applicable up to Discharge
- Changes:
  - Statute Applicable before Change S.40(a) SW(S) Act 1968
  - Statute Applicable after Change S.41(a) SW(S) Act 1968

3.

	Prior to Admission/Change/Discharge	After Admission/Change/Discharge
Fosterparent/Houseparent/Parent, responsible		- 11 -
Address of Child (Division only if placed for adoption)		- 11 -
School attended		- 11 -
Name and Address of G.P.	<u>T.B.A.</u>	<u>T.B.A.</u>

Completed by [Signature] Date 18/8/93

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**REPORT BY**  
Mike Heberton, Social Worker

**FOR**  
Children's Hearing to be held at Town Hall, Buckie on Tuesday 17th August 1993

**concerning**  
Donna Coutts (d.o.b. 28.3.78), 5 Idoch Cottages, Cuminestown.

**Family Background**

[REDACTED]  
**Donna Coutts**

[REDACTED]  
**- Subject**

[REDACTED]  
**- Turriff Academy**  
**- Turriff Academy**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The family live in a four apartment semi-detached District Council house situated approximately two miles from Cuminestown.

[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 frequently 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 spend sometime at a neighbouring farm where she helps out with the animal 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 ██████████ 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 someone, she was 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 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 right 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, ██████████ 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 [REDACTED]. I advised her that her feelings about this could be worked on while she remained at home. She also stated that she thought that 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, the situation has not been ideal but is settled and Donna refused to see anyone from this Department.

#### Circumstances of Admission To Care

Donna's was brought to a Children's Hearing on Wednesday 28th July 1993 as she had been referred to the Reporter by the police in March of this year for having a Bowie Knife in her possession. The Hearing also considered all the other circumstances relevant to Donna at this time. Donna brought an adult friend, [REDACTED] along to the Children's Hearing to speak on her behalf. She requested to speak to the Hearing Members on her own with [REDACTED] and Mrs Coutts agreed to this. During this time with the Hearing Members, Donna had requested that she was not returned home and her reasons for this appear to be related to her difficulties in relationships with her mother and step-father. The Hearing Members felt that Donna did need some time away from her family and requested that a small family foster home be found. Unfortunately no such place was available throughout the Region and so a 21 day Warrant was issued to allow the Department time to find a suitable place. The Hearing Members also requested that Donna sees [REDACTED] Child and Family Psychiatrist, and Donna agreed to this request. Donna was placed with [REDACTED] in Buckie on 29th July 1993 as an interim measure.

#### Conclusion

Requests have been made to all Divisions within Grampian Region to locate an appropriate foster placement for Donna. At the moment however, she appears settled in Buckie.

There are issues *re* education which will hopefully be addressed. Further, issues *re* Donna and her family might usefully be a focus for some discussion during this current placement. As Donna is reasonably settled, it is to be hoped that she will use the facilities at [REDACTED] to aid her in resolving whatever difficulties currently impede progress *re* family matters.

Given all of the above, and the fact that a more centrally located placement is being sought I would respectfully request that Donna be made the subject of a Supervision Order under the terms of Section 44(1)(a) Social Work (s) Act 1968.

MIKE HEBENTON  
Social Worker

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16 August 1993

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place down. Following ~~this~~ the police being called  
 She was taken to the station. Displaying very  
 wild aggressive behaviour out of control threatening  
 suicide <sup>also saying she wanted to go home</sup>. He was charged with assault? (- 9 miles)  
 Returned to F&W home for the night. Didn't see  
 her mother + had a settled night. Tel to Alistair  
 Forester needing to know what was happening re Dana's  
 placement. Alistair believes that there is a planing  
 meeting Jan. and the option is Scalloway park.  
 Tel to F&W re this plan. Walter will relay this to her Semar.

*Ms Robertson* Tel to F&W at 12:00 Mon 11/15  
 (broke to get this)

Between 11-15  
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30.3.93 Scalloway Park

8.4.93 Home

7.6.93 Cunnis class

  
NO 92

21.6.93 ATH.  
few days.

Danna waiting, recp w/o care.

~~28.7.93~~ Heavy Buckle approved to move 29.7.93

3.9.93. Danna moved 

ATH. 6.9.93.

8.9.93 Fines. 135

21.1.94. Home.

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