

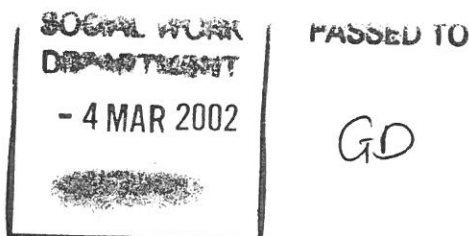
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Contact: Phyllis Cavanagh  
Direct Dial:  
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**ABERDEEN**  
CITY COUNCIL

28 February 2002

Mr Geoff Dean  
Senior Social Worker  
Social Services Department  
Dumfries and Galloway  
5 Gordon Street  
Dumfries  
DG1 1EG



SOCIAL WORK AND  
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DEPARTMENT  
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Dear Mr Dean

**LESLEY EDWARDS**

I understand that Lesley has been allowed to visit Aberdeen on more than one occasion since December 2001.

It is our understanding that Lesley's bail conditions state that she:

- does not return to Oakbank; and
- does not approach or contact any resident at the school

and although appreciating the rationale, I would question the appropriateness of your decision in supporting Lesley's visits to Aberdeen at this time.

Notification of Lesley's presence in Aberdeen in the future would be appreciated as a matter of professional courtesy.

Yours sincerely

*Phyllis Cavanagh*

PHYLLIS CAVANAGH  
SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

JOHN TOMLINSON · DIRECTOR



For the attention of:

SBA

Area Team .....

Address .....

Authority .....

Immediate Telephone Notification

to Above: Yes  No

Previous Known to Stand-by Service:

Yes  No

# SOCIAL WORK SERVICES WEST OF SCOTLAND STAND-BY SERVICE

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35 CHURCH STREET  
GLASGOW  
Telephone: 0141 305 6930  
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LINKLINE 0800 811 505

Serial No. 547148

Record No. 78748

Date 1/3/02

Time Referred 00.30

Time Completed .....

Distribution

Area Team

1. Staley

2. ....

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Client's Surname Echvarch Forenames Lesley Ann

Present Address .....

Previous Address 105 Anderson St Hellochalm Telephone .....

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

Referrer: Amanda Mannafield (foster parent) Address .....

Telephone .....

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

Jimmy

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

4.3.02

No further contact

Has case been referred to Police as missing child?

YES/NO

ed [Signature] Social Worker

Seen by [Signature] Senior Social Worker

FILE

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Serial No. 548163  
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Date 8/4/02 1420  
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For the attention of: SBA  
Area Team  
Address  
Authority  
Immediate Telephone Notification  
to Above: Yes  No  
Previous Known to Stand-by Service:  
Yes  No

Client's Surname EDWARDS Forenames LESLIE-ANN  
Present Address  
Previous Address 105 ANDERSON ST KELLONOLM Telephone  
Children { Name Age Sex  
Referrer: Name DAVID SCULLION Address FOSTERPLUS Telephone

1. Details of PROBLEM: ~~ABSCONDEE/FAILURE TO RETURN/MISSING CHILD/OTHER.~~

(Delete as appropriate).

ABOVE CAREERS ARE ON HOLIDAY. LESLIE-ANN SHOULD HAVE BEEN WITH A FRIEND BUT HAS ABSCONDED IF FOUND BY POLICE SHE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO MR + MRS LYLE

2. ACTION TAKEN: RETURNED BY STANDBY/RETURNED BY ESTABLISHMENT/RETURNED BY POLICE/OTHER ACCOMMODATION/OTHER

(Delete as appropriate).

Jimmy

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

Margaret Dwan  
Social Worker

pp. M.M.V / M.M. SKIL  
Senior Social Worker

Lesley Edwards

17<sup>th</sup> April 2002

Your Ref:

Our Ref: HS/DV/CH

If telephoning or calling please ask for:  
Hew Smith

Dear Lesley

I hope this letter finds you well and everything is still as positive as the last time we spoke. I hear from Joyce and Ruth, who travelled with you to Aberdeen, that you are doing well.

My reason for writing is to let you know about your complaint against staff at Kerelaw School. This seems to have been ongoing forever, and it is over six months now. Anyway, I have now seen the staff records from the night of your alleged assault. There are separate records that agree with your account that you were removed from the window and placed seated on the bed. The accounts also agree that your head clashed with a member of staff.

The staff's account does not suggest you were grabbed by the throat and explains the clash of heads as you standing up and accidentally hitting the head of one of the workers who was trying to restrain you.

Looking at the evidence it is going to be very difficult to prove conclusively whose account best reflects the events of that night. My guess is that living in such a fraught atmosphere the truth is somewhere in the middle. The accounts of the nights events describe a very hostile incident with you and your fellow resident displaying very disruptive behaviour which was likely to have put everyone under considerable pressure. It is very clear how unhappy you were at Kerelaw.

I have spoken to the Investigating Manager at Kerelaw, Colin MacQuarrie, who would like to meet with both you and myself to try to reach some conclusion in this matter.

I have suggested we come to see you in Livingston on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2002 at 11am. If this is inconvenient to either you or your foster carer can you let me know at your earliest opportunity in order that we can rearrange. Otherwise, I will ring to confirm.

Yours sincerely

Hew Smith  
Team Manager

**Social Services - Keith Makin - Director**

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Formal referral

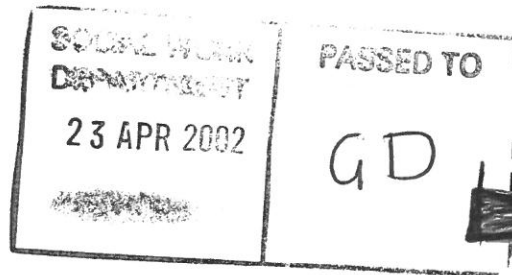
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**CHILDREN'S REPORTER**  
ADMINISTRATION

DW/RMC

22 April, 2002

Mr Marshall  
Social Worker  
Social Services Department  
5 Gordon Street  
DUMFRIES

Authority Reporter  
Dumfries & Galloway  
Miller H Caldwell



If calling please ask for:  
**Mrs Weston**

Dear Mr Marshall

**LESLEY ANN EDWARDS (d.o.b. 31.5.86)**

This child has been referred to me for the reasons given below. I would be obliged if you would let me have a report as indicated. Please note the terms of the attached Appendix, in particular paragraph 3. Further clarification may be found in "Reports for Children's Hearings, Guidelines on Preparation and Submission" produced by the Scottish Office.

Type of Report:



**Social Background Report to Children's Hearing**

DATE DUE:

**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

Reason for Referral:

Hearing arranged for 1.30 p.m. on 30.4.02, at  
3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries - to provide  
Advice Aberdeen Sheriff Court before 7.5.02.

Special Comments:

***I appreciate you may not be in a position to complete your report prior the the Hearing in which case you should ask the Hearing to continue to a later date and I will write to the Court requesting a continuation.***

Yours sincerely

  
DELNA WESTON  
Reporter



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If calling please ask for:  
**Mrs Weston**

Dear Mr Marshall

**NOTIFICATION OF CHILDREN'S HEARING**

I am arranging a Children's Hearing to take place:

**on:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2002  
**at:** 1.30 p.m.  
**at:** 3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries

I would be grateful if you could arrange to attend the Hearing in respect of the child noted below.

Yours sincerely

**DELNA WESTON**  
Reporter

**NOTE:**

Name and Address of Child: **LESLEY ANNE EDWARDS (d.o.b. 31.5.86)**

Reason for Hearing: ***Advice requested by Aberdeen Sheriff Court.***



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1996 Rules  
Rule 31

CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF CHILDREN'S HEARING

CHILDREN'S HEARING FOR

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

HELD AT DUMFRIES

ON 30-4-02

CHILD'S NAME LESLIE ANNE EDWARDS

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_  
REF. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN

MEMBER

MEMBER

REPORTER

A MURPHY

K CAWTE

M PERRY

D. WESTON

A. PERSONS PRESENT AT HEARING AS PARTICIPANT

CHILD



MOTHER



FATHER



Other relevant person: (name) .....

(name) .....

Representative (name) .....

Representative (name) .....

of child (address) .....

of ..... (address) .....

Representative (name) .....

Safeguarder (name) .....

of ..... (address) .....

(office address) .....

Social Worker J. Marshall Other ..... Other .....

B. OTHERS ATTENDING HEARING (ESCORT, OBSERVERS ETC.)

(Name) ..... (Name) .....

(Status) ..... (Status) .....

**C. REASONS FOR THE CHILDREN'S HEARING**

TO GIVE ADVICE TO THE SHERIFF COURT

**D. GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL**

Response to explanation of grounds for referral

Grounds on 4a dated	Child	Mother	Father	Relevant Person	Relevant Person
accepted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
accepted in part	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
not accepted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Grounds not understood through inability  after explanation

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Grounds not understood through inability  after explanation

**E. DECISION/S OF THE CHILDREN'S HEARING**

TO DISPENSE WITH THE PRESENCE OF LESLEY AND HER PARENTS

TO ASK THE COURT TO ADJOURN

THE NEXT HEARING IN ABERDEEN &

TO CONTINUE THIS HEARING FOR:-

- ① AN SBR
- ② AN SER & RISK ASSESSMENT
- ③ A <sup>FORENSIC</sup> CLINICAL ADOLESCENT & CHILD PSYCHOLOGISTS REPORT
- ④ A LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LESLEY TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEXT HEARING.

## F. REASONS FOR DECISION


CHILD'S NAME LESLEY ANNE EDWARDS

DATE OF BIRTH 31-5-86

The Children's Hearing made the decision(s) for the following reasons:

The panel started with the presence of Lesley Anne & Mr & Mrs Edwards. The panel continued the hearing for the following reasons.

- ① The panel felt that there was not enough information available to make any decision. The panel requested that the following reports be made available.
  - (a) Forensic child adolescent psychological assessment.
  - (b) Social enquiry report (Youth justice work)
  - (c) Risk assessment (Youth justice work)
- ② Because of Lesley Anne's age, the nature of the offence and the potential loss of liberty, the panel asked that a legal Representative be appointed for Lesley Anne.

(Signed)   
(Chairman)

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

(Date) 30-4-02



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1<sup>st</sup> May 2002

Dr. Angus Macmillan  
Consultant Clinical Psychologist  
Department of Psychological Services and Research  
Nithbank  
Dumfries.

Authority Reporter  
Dumfries & Galloway  
Miller H Caldwell

If calling please ask for:  
**Mrs Weston**

Dear Dr. Macmillan,

**Lesley Anne Edwards d.o.b. 31.5.86**

I believe Jimmy Marshall has spoken to you about the case of Lesley Anne Edwards who is the subject of a Supervision Requirement made by a Children's Hearing for Dumfries and Galloway and is presently in foster care in Livingstone.

Lesley Anne has been charged on indictment by the Procurator Fiscal in Aberdeen and has plead guilty to a charge of serious assault. As she is subject to a Supervision Requirement the court have requested advice from the Children's Hearing before proceeding to sentence.

A Children's Hearing took place yesterday. As the panel required further information before they could offer the court advice on the best treatment for Lesley Anne this Hearing was continued to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2002.

Mr. Marshall advised the Hearing that in his view before he could make a recommendation on the advice they Hearing should offer he would like to obtain a report from a Forensic Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychologist. In the particular circumstances of this case the Hearing agreed that an assessment from such an expert would be valuable.

The usual procedure, which I know is very familiar to you, would be for social services to approach you with a request for such an assessment. However, the panel understood that it might not be possible to identify anyone locally with the relevant forensic experience to carry out this piece of work and it might be necessary to look at a resource from outwith Dumfries and Galloway.

I understand, however, from talking to Jimmy Marshall today that Dr. Ian Hancock, Head of Clinical Psychological Services is an expert in forensic psychology and I wonder if he would be willing, in the exceptional circumstances of this case, to consider undertaking this piece of work on behalf of child and adolescent services.

I have written to you directly as we are faced with fairly strict time constraints within which to complete this task. If it is appropriate to ask Dr. Hancock to carry out an assessment should I write to him or would you approach him yourself?

3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries DG1 1LN Telephone 01387 255734 Facsimile 01387 263411

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I shall be on annual leave from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May but will leave my file with my colleague Mrs. Findlay during that period.

Yours sincerely,

Delna H. Weston  
Reporter

c.c. J. Marshall, Social Worker, 5 Gordon Street, Dumfries



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**CHILDREN'S REPORTER**  
ADMINISTRATION

DW/RMC

2 May, 2002

Mr J Marshall  
Social Worker  
Social Services Department  
5 Gordon Street  
DUMFRIES

Authority Reporter  
Dumfries & Galloway  
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Dear Mr Marshall

**LESLEY ANNE EDWARDS (d.o.b. 31.5.86)**

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Type of Report:

**Social Background Report to Children's Hearing**

\* *Reports prepared for the Reporter will **not** be handed over to Panel Members or relevant persons without the consent of the Report provider.*

DATE DUE:

**20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2002**


Reason for Referral:

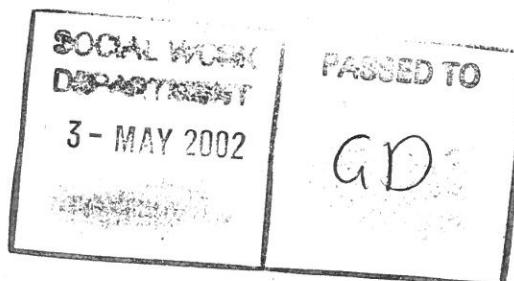
Hearing held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2002 continued. Next Hearing arranged for 27<sup>th</sup> May 2002, 9 a.m. at 3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries.

Special Comments:

***Copy Report of Proceedings from Hearing on 30.4.02 enclosed and invitation to next Hearing.***

Yours sincerely

  
DELNA WESTON  
Reporter



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CARE AND JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN



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2 May, 2002

Mr J Marshall  
Social Worker  
Social Services Department  
5 Gordon Street  
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Authority Reporter  
Dumfries & Galloway  
Miller H Caldwell

If calling please ask for:  
**Mrs Weston**

Dear Mr Marshall

**NOTIFICATION OF CHILDREN'S HEARING**

I am arranging a Children's Hearing to take place:

**on: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2002**  
**at: 9.00 a.m.**  
**at: 3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries**

I would be grateful if you could arrange to attend the Hearing in respect of the child noted below.

Yours sincerely

  
**DELNA WESTON**  
Reporter

**NOTE:**

Name and Address of Child: **LESLEY ANNE EDWARDS**

Reason for Hearing: ***To provide Advice to Aberdeen Sheriff Court.***



### **3 MONTHLY REPORT**

### **LESLEY EDWARDS (31.05.86)**

#### **CURRENT SITUATION**

Lesley has been in Mandy's care since December 2001. Generally she has settled in Livingston and she now has several close friends with whom she spends her time. Lesley has always challenged the boundaries laid down by Mandy

Nevertheless, the placement has carried on

Despite a number of difficulties over the past 3 months, Mandy has always felt and remained in control of the placement. Lesley has always been treated with the utmost respect and every effort has been made to accommodate her wishes as long as they are reasonable and acceptable. However there have been a number of occasions when Lesley has failed to return the respect shown to her from Mandy and the writer.

Lesley is currently the subject of a Bail requirement from Aberdeen Sheriff Court following her guilty plea at the same Court on 10.04.02 in relation to an Assault charge. She is due to appear for sentence on 28.05.02.

#### **FAMILY AND HOME**

Lesley has infrequent daily visits to her Dad's in Dumfries. Lesley seldom has telephone contact with her Dad and has to be reminded by Mandy to call him. She has no contact with her Mother but at the end of March she had contact with her younger brother

Lesley receives funds from Fosterplus to travel to Dumfries. There have been two occasions when she has received funds and then failed to travel to Dumfries. From now on, the writer will provide Lesley with train tickets instead of money whenever she wishes to travel to Dumfries.

Fosterplus (Fostercare) Ltd  
Unit 0 Kirkton Business Centre  
Kirk Lane  
Livingston Village  
Livingston EH54 7AY  
Tel: 01506 420610 Fax: 01506 420609  
www.fosterplus.co.uk



Initially, Mandy was giving Lesly her Clothing Allowance on a weekly basis at Lesly's request. It was expected that Lesly use this money for clothing, as one of her main complaints when she came to stay with Mandy was that she had little in the way of new clothing. However, it soon became apparent that she was not spending this money on clothes so the writer instructed Mandy to stop giving her the Allowance and to purchase clothing for Lesly whenever necessary.

Lesly's attitude while in Mandy's care has periodically been very poor with her refusing to adhere to curfew or participate in household chores. There have been three occasions over the past few months when this has improved mainly as a result Fosterplus staff having to speak to her after she has either absconded or been returned home by the Police. On each occasion there has been a marked improvement but this has only lasted for a short time and the status quo soon resumes.

#### BEHAVIOUR IN THE COMMUNITY

Lesly is a very bright, engaging and confident young woman who has made a number of friends while attending West Lothian College in Livingston. Lesly is very good at occupying her free time and she spends most days and evenings out with friends. However, there have been times when she has failed to return home as a result of either being drunk, being detained by the Police or preferring to spend time with friends.

Since the start of March 2002 she has been involved with Livingston Police on five occasions: -

03.03.02 - Returned by the Police late at night after being reported missing by Mandy on 01.03.02. She had failed to return home or even contact Mandy as she had been drinking with friends and was too tired to return home!

13.03.02 - Returned home by Police after being detained along with a friend who had smashed a plate glass window. Lesly was not charged.

19.03.02 - Again returned by the Police after being arrested by Police in Almondvale Shopping Centre for spitting paper at a security guard. Lesly was reportedly charged with assault.

08.04.02 - Reported missing by the writer to both Police and Regional standby Services on 07.04.02 when she failed to cooperate with the writer by coming to the Fosterplus Office in Livingston so that travel arrangements for her /

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/her journey to Aberdeen on 10.04.02 could be organised. She had manipulated that whole weekend as she had lied to Mandy and FosterPlus staff about whom she was staying over with that weekend.

Lesly was detained by Police on 08.04.02 and charged with Theft by Shoplifting.

### EDUCATION

Lesly has been attending West Lothian Council in Livingston since February 2002 on a part-time basis in order to study for Standard Grades. Fosterplus has arranged for Lesly to sit exams in Deans Community High School. However, Lesly's commitment to attending College and sitting her exams can best be described as piecemeal. Lesly has received every encouragement by Mandy and Fosterplus staff to continue in her studies but with little success. There is no doubt that Lesly has an abundance of academic potential should she wish to use it.

### HEALTH

Lesly keeps good health although she is prone to back ache for which she has prescribed medication. Lesly drinks alcohol on a social basis whenever she has funds but this could not be described as problematic. There have been no incidents when she has returned home in an intoxicated state. Similarly, there were initial concerns regarding Lesly's misuse of drugs (marijuana). According to Mandy, Lesly has seldom shown signs that she has been under the influence of drugs.

### SUMMARY

There is no doubt that Lesly has felt the strain of her forthcoming Court appearance and this may well explain some of her poor attitude and behaviour. She is a very willful and astute young woman who relies heavily on her ability to charm and manipulate people. She can present as being very sensible and insightful about her behaviour but this again is only meant as an end to a means.

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The main areas of concern obviously lie in Lesly's future. Lesly reaches the age of 16 on 31.05.02. She has some notion that she wants a home of her own and she states confidently that she is mature and capable enough to manage this level of responsibility. This is clearly an unrealistic expectation or assessment on her part, as she will require a fairly high level of support and monitoring. Depending on Lesly's next placement, this may prove very difficult to manage as Lesly wants independence but at the same time she relies on the financial support and protection of the Social Work Department.

The outcome of her forthcoming Court appearance at Aberdeen is another area of concern. A community-based disposal of any kind may prove difficult for Lesly to adhere to and this may result in further sanctions being imposed on her. Lesly's placement with Mandy has helped in the sense that the Court has been happy to continue the Bail Order presumably as a result of the apparent stability that this placement offers.

In the writer's opinion, Lesly expects that she will be allowed much more independence and freedom after her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. This will inevitably result in conflict, as, although she currently receives a high level of independence in Mandy's care, she will demand more of the placement than Mandy will be able to give.

It is also the writer's understanding that this placement was only expected to last until Lesly was 16 years old when an alternative age and needs appropriate placement would be identified. This would, in the writer's view, still be a required course of action for the placing Authority to pursue, as the placement with Mandy should end within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

David Scullion  
Supervising Social Worker



11<sup>th</sup> May 2002



**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COUNCIL**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**CASE DISCUSSION/PLANNING MEETING**  
**RE LESLEY EDWARDS (13.05.86)**

**PRESENT** : Brian Fearon (Acting Operations Manager), John Stead (Youth Justice),  
Helen Johnston (Legal Services), Geoff Dean (Team Manager)

**APOLOGIES:** Jimmy Marshall (Social Worker), Beth Smith (Operations Manager)

Minute c.c. Gerry Brown .

Meeting held regarding Lesley, and the realistic possibility that Lesley may receive a custodial sentence or the alternative of secure accommodation.

Lesley is due to appear in Court on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2002 in Aberdeen. There is a Children's Hearing on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2002.

**Risk Assessments**

John Stead's risk assessment has been completed after interviews with Lesley, Jimmy Marshall and Lindsay Abrines. The risk of re-offending is high, given previous offence history, family circumstances, education, peer relations and occasional drug use. Her personality and behaviour rating in the risk assessment lead to the need for a forensic psychological assessment, specifically due to her inflated self-opinion, and callous regard to the offence.

The potentially dangerous offenders risk assessment (RA4) shows her also to be in the high/very high area of re-offending.

Social Services - Keith Makin - Director

5 Gordon Street, Dumfries, DG1 1EG

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Actions needed to reduce the risk include (a) Lesley working on her offending behaviour (b) an issue of accommodation as Foster Plus feel that she may not commit to her placement after she is 16 (c) work on drug and alcohol use (d) employment and training (e) independent living skills (f) victim awareness and anger management (and dealing with her own historic abuse). The issue is of balancing Lesley's needs with community safety.

John Stead is to undertake the SER on behalf of the Department

Recommendations would be that Lesley is not fit for custody. Other possibilities are - remit to Children's Hearing on Section 208 (Secure Unit).

A Forensic Psychologist - Graham Richardson - has been appointed after request from the Reporter with financial responsibility lying with the Dumfries and Galloway Health Board.

### Plan

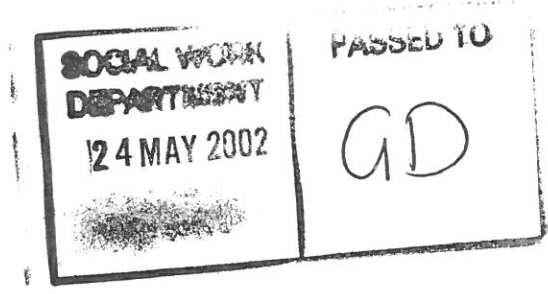
1. Letter to Sheriff explaining current situation - seeking deferment until the Forensic Psychologist's Report is available. Letter will also go to the Reporter explaining no SER available at this time - John Stead.
2. CAPS placement to be sought for Lesley - Jimmy Marshall.
3. Situation re secure placements to be sought - Geoff Dean.
4. Risks strategy need to be addressed, and a plan of response to these risks to be presented to the Sheriff.
5. Consider whether the Forensic Psychologist is able to offer a residential assessment - John Stead.
6. Feedback to Foster Plus about the discussion held, and understanding that Lesley needs to move on anyway by around the end of June.

  
.....  
**Geoff Dean**  
**Team Manager**

c: Minute/Lesley Edwards - 16.05.02  
Ref: GD/MMcC

Your Ref:  
Our Ref: JS/NL/CH  
If telephoning or calling please ask  
for:  
John Stead

Sheriff Clerk  
Aberdeen Sheriff Clerks Office  
Sheriff Courthouse,  
Castle Street  
Aberdeen



22 May 2002

Dear Sir

**Re: Lesley Anne Edwards (31.05.86)**

I refer to the request for Social Enquiry and Community Service reports on the above named. I have interviewed Ms Edwards at her foster placement in Livingstone and have spoken with colleagues from various agencies that are either working with her or have worked with her in the past.

The analysis of the level of risk of custody, re-conviction and significant harm to others and the relationship between alcohol/drug use and offending was undertaken utilising a series of assessment tools. All the tools are based on extensive research and have either been introduced, or accredited, by the Scottish Executive.

I have carried out a risk assessment using the Youth Version of the Level of Service / Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI) which is a detailed survey of the risk and need factors exhibited and provides a linkage between these factors and the development of a plan of appropriate intervention. I have also carried out an assessment of risk using the risk assessment framework and guidance RA 1-4.

Both assessments indicate a high risk of re-offending or of harm. In investigation of Ms Edwards offending it became apparent that there were a number of factors, which could be accredited to her formative years. There are a number of incidents, which give cause for concern. Departmental Records indicate an early history of sexual abuse of Ms Edwards. Latterly it has become apparent that she is extremely emotionally disturbed in relation to these incidents, occasions being recorded where she has hoarded food, defecated and then smeared faeces around the room.

In terms of her offending behaviour there appears to be no significant pattern, though again there have been incidents that give cause for concern. It would appear that she can on occasions control her behaviour and her responses to adverse stimuli. However it is also apparent that she is capable of behaviours that are violent in nature, often contrived and occasionally outwith her control.

Such is her pattern of behaviours and responses that I feel unable at this stage to offer the court an analysis of her offending and thereby a discussion of the most appropriate disposal balancing punitive, appropriate interventions and community safety issues.

**Social Services - Keith Makin - Director**  
Youth Justice  
Ladyacre, Craigs Road, Dumfries  
Tel. 01387 267516

I have taken this case to a planning meeting with senior management within Dumfries and Galloway region, they concur that until such time as a forensic psychological assessment is undertaken little insight will be gained as to her reasons for offending and thereby the appropriate intervention. A Forensic assessment has been commissioned by the Children's Hearing and Mr Graham Richardson of the Northern Forensic Mental Health Service for Young People based in Gosforth will undertake this assessment. He has indicated that he will need a period of 6 weeks in order to complete the assessment. Protocols are in place for the sharing of information and I would be hopeful of liaising with Mr Richardson in order to inform my report to the court.

I would respectfully ask the court therefore to defer sentence until the week beginning 15 July for this assessment and my report to be completed.

Yours faithfully



John Stead  
Social Worker  
Youth Justice Services

# Internal Memo

Social Services, 5 Gordon Street, Dumfries



Dumfries  
& Galloway  
COUNCIL

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2002

**To:** Cathy Findlay (Children's Reporter)

**From:** Jimmy Marshall (Social Worker)

**Your ref:**

**Our ref:** JM/MMcC

**RE: LESLEY ANNE EDWARDS,**

There have been no significant changes since the last Children's Hearing though Lesley has stopped attending College.

A Forensic Psychologist has been commissioned to carry out an assessment of Lesley's offending behaviour, and into the detail surrounding the offence, which sees her appearing before the Sheriff in Aberdeen. I am, therefore, not in a position until this assessment is complete, as to how best to advise the Children's Hearing of how to deal with this matter.

In the meantime, a referral has been made to NCH CAPS Project, who provide foster placements as an alternative to custodial care, and my colleagues in Youth Justice are attempting to identify suitable programmes to engage Lesley in to address her behaviour, and effect change therein.

## **Action Plan**

1. Advice to Sheriff to grant further deferment to allow for forensic psychological assessment.
2. Lesley to remain subject to Supervision Requirement and bail conditions.
3. Social Worker to pursue referral to NCH CAPS Project.
4. Social Services to identify appropriate programmes of intervention for Lesley to effect change in behaviour and attitude.

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**Jimmy Marshall**  
**Social Worker**

c:Edwards/Mem-220502  
Ref: JM/MMcC

Please quote our reference on all your correspondence



SCOTTISH

**CHILDREN'S REPORTER**  
ADMINISTRATION

**REQUEST FOR SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT**

<b>SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT</b> 17 JUN 2002	<b>PASSED TO</b> GD
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**To:** Team Manager  
Social Services Department  
5 Gordon Street  
DUMFRIES

**From:** Delna Weston  
Reporter

**F.A.O. Mr J Marshall, Social Worker**

This is to request that a social background report is provided in relation to:

**Name, date of birth & address of child**

Lesley Edwards (31.5.86)  
105 Anderson Street  
Kelloholm  
Sanquhar

**School Attended**

none

**Current address (if different):**

**Carer's name(s): Ms A Mannifield**

**The reason for the request is as follows:-**

To continue the Hearing from 27/05/2002 to provide Advice to Aberdeen Sheriff Court- Hearing arranged to take place **30<sup>th</sup> July 2002 at 2 p.m. at 3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries.** A formal invitation will follow shortly confirming time, date and venue.

**Please provide the report by: 10 July 2002**

**Signed**

  
**DELNA WESTON, Reporter**

**Date 11 June 2002**

## MONTHLY REPORT

LESLEY EDWARDS (31.05.86)

### CURRENT SITUATION

Lesley has been in Mandy's care since December 2001. Prior to the report dated the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2002, Lesley's general behaviour and attitude was very poor and she was very difficult to manage on a day-to-day basis. Mandy tried various ways to cope with Lesley's immature and surly behaviour but to no avail.

At a meeting in Mandy's house on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2002, which involved the writer, Jimmy Marshall, Mandy and Lesley, Jimmy advised that in light of Mandy's request that the placement be terminated, a referral for a placement with a CAPS Carers would be sought. Following this meeting, Mandy was struck by the depth of feeling that Lesley had for her and after lengthy discussion with the writer, Mandy changed her position in respect of Lesley moving on.

Mandy reported that prior to this meeting, Lesley's attitude and behaviour had improved and she could see that previous behaviour could be linked to the distress and worry that the forthcoming court case was causing Lesley. Mandy was also of opinion that she had a relatively stable and solid relationship with

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Lesly and that moving her on to other foster carers would only cause Lesly further upset and rejection. Mandy then requested that negotiations be made with Jimmy regarding Lesly's placement being extended. Fortunately, this has now been agreed and following Lesly's forthcoming Court appearance on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2002, another placement agreement meeting should be convened to discuss the various personnel and agencies that will provide Lesly with support over the next year and beyond.

### **FAMILY AND HOME**

Lesly continues to have infrequent contact with her Dad in Dumfries. She is able to travel to visit or stay with him at very short notice and in the past there have been occasions when she has not acted sensibly or maturely. However, there have been no recent incidents that would give any cause for concern. Indeed, she spent a whole week with her Dad from the 1st July 2002 through to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2002 without complaint or incident. Lesly does keep regular telephone contact with her Dad and also her younger brother in Ireland.

Over the past few months, Lesly has become much more reliable, trustworthy and dependable in relation to her travelling to and from Dumfries.

Again, there is a marked improvement in Lesly's general attitude and behaviour within the foster home. She is helpful around the house and takes her share of household chores.

. Lesly is extremely good with younger children and this is one of the many strengths of character that she possesses.

Lesly has several close friends in the Livingston and Bathgate areas. She tends to spend a considerable amount of time outwith the home and in the past this has led to some problems in relation to her behaviour in the local community. This is no longer the case and, as far as the writer is aware, there have been no other incidents where Lesly's behaviour can be described as troublesome or problematic.

### **EDUCATION**

There is no doubt that Lesly has an abundance of potential. She is a very clever and astute young woman who should be actively encouraged to gain academic qualifications. She is currently seeking full-time employment and Fosterplus staff will continue to encourage her to use her time constructively and positively.

### **HEALTH**

Lesly generally keeps good health, although she is prone to backache for which she has prescribed medication. Although Lesly has been known to use both alcohol and other substances in the past, there have never been any incident where she has returned home either intoxicated or under the influence of any substance.

## **SUMMARY**

Lesly is a very charming, engaging and likeable young woman. There is no doubt that she has made a significant effort to address the very difficult behaviour and poor attitude that she displayed between February and April of this year. She has proven that she can behave in a very mature and sensible manner and the trust and confidence that adults in her life have in her has significantly grown over the past few months.

There have been various times and situations in the recent past where the 'old' Lesly would have manipulated but she has shown a significant level of maturity and responsibility that should be acknowledged.

Lesly is very conscious of the various disposals that the Court may use on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. Hopefully, she will receive a community-based disposal that will offer her support and guidance over the next year and beyond. Her placement with Mandy is stable and secure and any difficulties in their relationship have been managed without the direct intervention of Fosterplus staff. Lesly always asks for permission to stay out late or overnight and will always comply with what is asked or expected of her – again another significant improvement.

David Scullion  
Supervising Social Worker

11.07.02.



SCOTTISH  
CHILDREN'S REPORTER  
ADMINISTRATION

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995**  
**REPORT OF ADVICE GIVEN BY A CHILDREN'S HEARING FOR DUMFRIES AND**  
**GALLOWAY**

At: Children's Hearing Centre, Dumfries

On: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2002

Child: **Lesley Anne Edwards (d.o.b. 31/05/86)**

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**PERSONS PRESENT:**

Child	Lesley Anne Edwards	legally represented by	Mr. D. Johnstone
Mother		represented by	
Father		represented by	
Guardian(s)		represented by	
Social Worker	<b>Mr. J. Marshall</b>	Safeguarder	
Others	A. Mannifield, Foster Carer G. Armstrong, Manager 'Foster Plus' J. Sturgeon, Criminal Justice Team J. Stead, Youth Justice Team		

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**PURPOSE(S) OF HEARING:**

*To provide Advice to Aberdeen Sheriff Court in terms of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 following reference 16<sup>th</sup> April 2002*

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**INCIDENTAL PROCEDURE:**

None

**REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AT: Children's Hearing Centre, Dumfries**

**ON: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2002**

**Child: Lesley Anne Edwards**

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**CHILDREN'S HEARING MEMBERS:**

**Mrs. A. Murray (Chair) Mrs. G. Kelly (Member) Mr. J. Boyle (Member)**

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**ADVICE OFFERED BY HEARING:** The Hearing respectfully offered the following Advice

To invite the sheriff to remit the case back to the Children's Hearing for Disposal.

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**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ADVICE OFFERED:**

Lesley's life appears to have been beset by numerous negative events which must have contributed to her emotional and behavioural difficulties, which in turn have escalated into criminal behaviour.

Since leaving Oakbank School Lesley has been accommodated with an excellent foster carer and this placement has proved very beneficial for her. With her carer, Lesley is supported emotionally and she is respecting behavioural guidelines and boundaries with significant improvements in her attitude. Lesley is making a tremendous effort to change her lifestyle and is engaging positively with the Youth Justice Worker and her social worker. Lesley now has a different peer group who do not offend and she has settled well in Livingstone where she sees her future lying.

The therapeutic professional package of support for Lesley is available within the Hearing system. In consideration of the above the Panel respectfully asks that the Sheriff remits Lesley Anne's case back to the Children's Hearing System.

(A safeguarder was not required.)

Signed .....*Ann Murray*.....(Chairperson) Date 30/07/2002

START:- 4.30 pm  
FINISH - 5.45 pm

SCOTTISH CHILDREN'S REPORTER ADMINISTRATION

CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF A CHILDREN'S HEARING

FOR Dumfries and Galloway AUTHORITY

Start time:  
End time:

Place	<u>Dumfries Children's Hearing Centre, 3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries, DG1 1LN</u>	Date	<u>30/07/2002</u>
Child's name	<u>Lesley Edwards</u>	Date of Birth	<u>31.5.86</u>
Chaired by	Member	Member	Reporter
<u>Anne Murray</u>	<u>Grace Kelly</u>	<u>James Boyle</u>	<u>Delna Weston</u>

<b>Persons Present</b>	<b>Represented by</b>
Child <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Mother <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Father <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Relevant Person 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (See cover)	<u>M. Mannifield - Foster carer</u>
Relevant Person 2 <input type="checkbox"/> (See cover)	_____
Safeguarder	_____

(Designations as per guidance)

Social Worker	<u>D. Marshall</u>
Other	<u>D. Sturgeon Criminal Justice Team</u>
Other	<u>D. Stead Youth Justice Team</u>
Other	<u>G. Armstrong Foster Plus Manager</u> <u>D. Tennant Legal Rep for Lesley</u>

Purpose(s) of Hearing

consider giving advice to the court which asked for advice on 29th May 2002.

Child's name: Lesley Edwards

Date: 30/07/2002

### Grounds for Referral

Dated	Child	Mother	Father	Relevant Person 1	Relevant Person 2
Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accepted in Part	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Dated	Child	Mother	Father	Relevant Person 1	Relevant Person 2
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## Decision(s) of Children's Hearing

To give advice to the Sheriff Court that the case be remitted back to the Children's Hearing for disposal.

## Reasons for Decision(s)

Lesley's life appears to have been beset by numerous negative events which must have contributed to her emotional and behavioural difficulties, which in turn have escalated into criminal behaviour. Since leaving Oakbank, Lesley has been accommodated with an excellent foster carer and this placement has proved very beneficial for her. With her carer, Lesley is supported emotionally and she is respecting behavioural guidelines and boundaries with significant improvements in her attitude. Lesley is making a tremendous effort to change her lifestyle and is engaging positively with the Youth Justice workers and her Social Worker. Lesley now has a different peer group who do not offend and she has settled well in Livingston, where she sees her future lying. The therapeutic professional package of support

Signed Anne Murray  
(Chairperson)

Date: 30/07/2002

Reasons for Decision (continuation page)

for Lesley is available within the Hearing system.  
In consideration of the above the Panel respectfully  
asks that the Sheriff remit Lesley Ann's case back  
to the Children's Hearing System.

A Safeguarder was not required.

Signed Aine Murray  
(Chairperson)

Date: 30/07/2002



Our Ref: .

29 JUL 2002

## SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORT

Name: Leslie Anne Edwards  
Address:

Court: ABERDEEN SHERIFF COURT

Date of Birth: 31-May-1986

Date of Court: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2002

Age: 16

Author of Report: John Stead

Offences: Assault to Injury

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### Basis of Report

This report is based on contact and discussion with the following: -

- § Mr J Marshall, Social Worker Child Care Team, Dumfries
- § Ms L Abrines, Social Worker Child Care Team, Dumfries
- § Mr J Glynn, Team Manager Criminal Justice Services, Dumfries
- § Ms Edith Hogg, Team Manager, Echo Project Livingstone
- § Mr D Scullion, Supervising Social Worker Foster Plus Agency, Livingstone
- § Ms A Mannifield, Foster Carer Livingstone
- § Mr G Richardson, Forensic Psychologist Newcastle
- § Colleagues in Criminal Justice Service, Livingstone
- § Procurator Fiscal Aberdeen

Reference was made to departmental records as well as those held by Scottish Criminal Records Office.

The analysis of the level of risk of custody, re-conviction and significant harm to others and the relationship between alcohol/drug use and offending was undertaken utilising a series of assessment tools. All the tools are based on extensive research and have either been introduced, or accredited, by the Scottish Executive. The Level of Service Inventory and Case management (Youth Version) is a specific tool aimed at assessing the risk of re-offending and

gives clear indication of the required areas of intervention. It was this assessment that I used having been licensed by the Cognitive Foundation to do so.

### **Current Legal Status**

Lesley is currently subject of a Supervision Order with condition of residence. She has an outstanding matter to be dealt with in the Livingstone area where she is accused of firing a paper pellet from a pea-shooter at a store security guard. The charge is one of assault.

She is not currently subject to any Court Order other than a bail condition stating that she does not return to Oakbank School nor contact any resident of the School.

### **Finances**

Lesley is currently making application for state benefits but is currently supported by Dumfries and Galloway as a Looked After Child. Her available financial resources are therefore limited.

### **Health**

Lesley appears in good health though complains of a lower back problem for which she is prescribed pain killers to be taken on a 'when required' basis. She stated that her back condition does not restrict her in any way. She indicated that she suffers from Asthma but finds that medication keeps the condition in control. She bears the mental scars of early childhood trauma and has been assessed by Mr Richardson of the Forensic Adolescent Mental Health unit in Newcastle. His report is enclosed.

### **Drugs and Alcohol**

Lesley admits to having experimented with soft drugs such as cannabis but appears to be vehemently opposed to the harder drugs such as heroin.

She indicated that she has taken alcohol and has on occasions become intoxicated. She told me that she feels less inhibited when under the influence of alcohol but felt that that was more about her lack of underlying self confidence than a contributory factor to offending.

### **Relevant Background Information**

Lesley has a chequered life history, she was very reluctant to explore some of the issues from her past. Whilst departmental records have supplied some

information most has been drawn from interviews with her current and former child-care social workers.

Lesley was born in Germany in May 1986.

Lesley was very angry with her mother for separating from her father and co-habiting with . . . . . It is recorded at this time that Lesley was sleeping with food, toys and crockery. She had stolen money from her mother. Most worrying was the fact that she defecated in the home and tried to blame . . . . . Such were the concerns that she was referred to a Consultant paediatrician in Antrim. It was felt at this time that social services should carry out a piece of work with Lesley geared around parental separation and divorce. There are no records of this work being undertaken. Throughout this time she had contact with her father. There were concerns at this time that Lesley was subject to two or three separate incidents of sexual abuse, understandably Lesley was reluctant to discuss this with the author.

. . . . . A decision was taken to move Lesley to her father's care, this situation lasted for a short while before Lesley was accepted into care. There followed a period of instability far worse than already experienced and not always of her doing. Attending the Galloway Small School created a stable period until she was suddenly withdrawn due to an investigation into the school. Subsequent educational and foster placements demonstrated few signs of success. Eventually a decision was taken to place her at Oakbank School in Aberdeen. Reports suggest that this placement was again problematic and eventually the placement broke down and she was removed and placed at Kerelaw School.

Such is her ability that despite a recommendation for her to remain at Kerelaw by her social worker she argued the point at a Childrens' Hearing and was allowed to return to Oakbank.

As a result of this offence she was removed from Oakbank and following a crisis placement was eventually found a home with the Foster Plus Agency in Livingstone.

Since her move to this accommodation every indication is that she has settled and is responding to the input by the foster carer Ms Mannifield. There have been minor incidents that have been dealt with in a positive way and Lesley has responded appropriately.

It is anticipated that Lesley will remain with Ms Mannifield for the near future as a programme of independent living is progressed. Lesley has missed the opportunity to take standard grades though it is felt by most people involved with her that she is very capable of achieving good grades despite having missed so much of her education and the possibility of taking her exams next year is being explored as is the opportunity of a college placement starting in September.

Lesley has never been employed. Ms Mannifield is helping Lesley explore employment opportunities through the local careers office and has assisted Lesley in making applications for a number of posts.

### **Current Offences**

Lesley described the events of the offence, her version tallied with that supplied by the Procurator Fiscal. She told me that in company with a friend she absconded from Oakbank School, though remained in the Aberdeen area. In the evening they were joined by the victim and another couple of friends. Having obtained drink they all went to an area often frequented by them for the purpose of consuming alcohol. Lesley described her relationship with the victim as being very friendly and that a relationship had existed between them for some time, Lesley considering her victim to be a special friend, but one who had recently disappointed and angered her by breaking a lamp bequeathed to Lesley from her grandmothers estate.

Whilst they were gathered together Lesley described an argument starting, on reflection she felt that it was somewhat fuelled by her friends being present. Lesley explained that she was angry at her co-accused entering the fray as she felt that the argument had nothing to do with her. Lesley told me that she was aware that she had over – reacted to a trivial matter but felt that the untapped anger borne of the broken lamp had erupted within her. Although Lesley would appear to have difficulty in expressing her true feelings she expressed regret for her actions and I believe a concern for her victim. She regretted the loss of her friendship and the lack of contact since the incident.

She stated that she had written to the victim but felt that she would be breaching her bail by sending the letter.

### **Offence Analysis**

It was identified early on in the process of preparing this report that Lesley is a very troubled individual who has a number of unresolved issues from her past.

There was a suspicion initially that this attack was premeditated, though it is now apparent that Lesley was awaiting opportunity to vent her anger and previous frustration and anger spilled over into this incident.

The majority of recorded information relating to Lesley has an element of sensationalism about it, the narrative of her offending is often raised to a level that barely reflects the factual occurrence, as would appear to be the case in this incident.

Exploring her previous behaviour patterns there are similarities in that she can over-react to a situation, yet still be in control of her anger, often there is a question as to whether an incident has been considered in context. None of this belies the fact of her offending and Lesley fully accepts culpability for her actions. In analysis of her offending a number of factors are evident, some of which have now been negated, her negative peer associations and accommodation for example. The unresolved issues relating to her parents are undoubtedly predominant factors in her presenting behaviour. She has demonstrated anti-social behaviour that has not been criminal in nature and there exists the difficulty for her to differentiate between the two.

Mr Richardson's assessment has similar traits in that her emotional disturbance has manifested itself in behaviours that ultimately have placed her in breach of the law. He agrees that her management of her anger has to be addressed through a psychological perspective rather than a cognitive behavioural approach, though clearly there is room for cognitive behavioural interventions in relation to specific offending.

### **Options / Conclusions**

Lesley is a young person who has not had her troubles to seek. She reacted to her parents marital dysfunction in a way that reflected her instability. Compounded by her experience of sexual abuse her behaviour was seen as extremely difficult and she tended to be castigated for it rather than supported and helped. Circumstances and management of her behaviour took priority over treatment and support. Clearly if Lesley is to have a future that does not involve committing crime then she needs the help and support that can only be accessed through the welfare remit of the Children's Hearing.

In consultation with all the agencies a package of care has been established to meet her ongoing needs. It has been arranged that she remain with the Foster Plus agency and that they look towards developing her independent living skills. Colleagues in Livingstone at the ECHO project have carried out an assessment and are offering an intensive programme of intervention.

In consultation with careers office Lesley is currently seeking employment and is being assisted by Ms Mannifield in this matter.

It is hoped that Lesley will be able to access psychological support through the health board and I understand that negotiations are underway in this regard. Specialist agencies are available to address individual issues if a holistic approach is unavailable.


Mr Marshall will retain case management and is confident of developing the programme of support through the leaving care scheme.

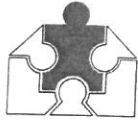
As Lesley has had to move on since this offence and support has been there to direct this move it has been difficult for agencies to contemplate the courts reaction to Lesley's offence at this time. However progress has been made and Lesley has responded well.

She has been assessed for community service, in consultation with colleagues in Criminal Justice in Livingstone she would be considered suitable and a place would be made available for her on their scheme. Lesley has indicated that she would be willing to undertake such work. A probation order may seek to address issues highlighted but would not have the intensity of intervention nor have the remit to address all the issues that need to be considered. Without an holistic approach I doubt that any degree of success could be anticipated. Other community disposals would not be considered appropriate.

Lesley is aware that a custodial sentence is an option available to the court and sees it as a distinct possibility. It is my opinion that such a disposal would have and extremely deleterious effect on her.

I would ask the court to consider remitting this matter back to the Children's Hearing for disposal, allowing all current support to continue and for the development of specialist work with a progression towards independent living acknowledging the progress made in that direction to date.

  
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PP - **John Stead**  
**Social Worker**  
**Youth Justice Service**  
**Dumfries and Galloway**



SCOTTISH

**CHILDREN'S REPORTER**  
ADMINISTRATION

**DECISION OF A  
CHILDREN'S HEARING**

Mr J Marshall  
Social Worker  
Social Services Department (Dumfries)  
5 Gordon Street  
Dumfries  
DG1 1EG

Dear Mr Marshall

**Lesley Edwards, (31.5.86), 105 Anderson Street, Kelloholm, Sanquhar,**

A children's hearing took place on 30/07/2002 for Lesley Edwards when the following decision was made:

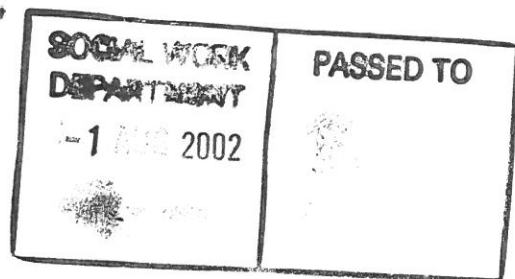
- to give advice to the sheriff

I enclose:

- a copy of the decision
- the written reasons for decision

Yours sincerely

Delna Weston  
Reporter  
Date: 31 July 2002



Lesley Anne Edwards. File: L-Edwards

NEC,  
New England Collections,  
PO BOX 1033,  
Barking,  
Essex,  
IG11 7EU.

Your Ref:

Our Ref: JM/AB/CH

If telephoning or calling please ask for:  
Jimmy Marshall

12<sup>th</sup> August 2002

Direct Dial

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re:- Membership No:- 416 273 757 735.**  
**Miss L Lesly, 105 Anderson Street, Kelloholm.**

I write to inform you the above named, also known as Lesley Anne Edwards, is a looked after and accommodated child under the terms of the Children (Scotland) Act, 1995 and that I am her Social Worker.

Lesley Anne is in care and has no contact with her family at the above address.

Can you please phone me or write to me informing of how you intend to pursue and settle this matter and whether you are prepared to come to any sort of settlement with this child that will allow her to repay you for her weekly pocket money.

Yours sincerely

Jimmy Marshall  
Social Worker

Social Services - Keith Makin - Director

5 Gordon Street, Dumfries, DG1 1EG

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## Children's Hearing Update Report

Name: Lesley Anne Edwards

Date of Birth: 31:05:86

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of relevant persons: Jim Edwards – father  
105 Anderson Street  
Kelloholm

Sharon Edwards – mother

Legal Status: Section 70, children (Scotland) Act, 1995

This report should be read in conjunction with Review Hearing Report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2002 and attached.

Reason for Report/Grounds for Referral: To review Lesley's current circumstances.

Basis of Report: Ongoing work with Lesley. Consultation with Foster Plus Care Mandy Mansfield. Reference to SSD case notes and reports. A new referral introducing the 'Throughcare and Aftercare' service from Livingston local authority, managed by J.J. Walsh.

Update: Lesley resides with carer Mandy Mannifield in Livingston. This placement remains stable and continues to be highly successful. Mandy and her family continue to provide Lesley with a welcoming and supportive home environment, dealing effectively with a changing number of issues as Lesley becomes more motivated and independent. Mandy is able to accommodate Lesley's emotional and developmental needs in response to Lesley's ability to accept and quickly take on board practical advice and guidance. This can often be a challenging process,

but Lesley genuinely wishes to please, do the right thing, in an effort to move forward in her life.

Lesley maintains contact with her mum in Ireland of whom she visited on the 20<sup>th</sup> May for 5 days, followed by a short stay with dad soon after. Lesley has become less dependent on contact with her parents which has removed pressure from all family members.

Lesley remains settled in Livingston and continues to become more involved in her surrounding community. On Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Lesley begins an "Introduction to Care" course at West Lothian college. She hopes to supplement this by obtaining part time work in the catering trade. Lesley has previous experience in this area when, earlier this year, she was employed by a local bar/restaurant.

Lesley now has high motivation to take control in all aspects in her life. She recently met with J.J. Walsh, manager of Livingston's 'Throughcare and Aftercare' service.

The service works in partnership with Youth Housing under Livingston local authority, with an holistic approach, providing access to a network of local services within Livingston. Lesley has already applied for access to leisure inclusion package and demonstrates particular interest in her long term housing plans in Livingston. A 'Throughcare and Aftercare' support worker should be allocated around October to work with Lesley to pursue individual housing needs within a realistic goal. An agreed time span is set for Lesley to be allocated her own tenancy by next summer. Lesley is already taking practical steps to prepare for this important move.

The Livingston 'Throughcare and Aftercare' service will work in conjunction with Dumfries 'Leaving Care' during this transition period. Lesley presents as a highly competent and happy young woman who, with the continuing support provided by her foster family, shall make a smooth transition into independent living.

Lesley has greatly benefited from this well structured, client led, care package which has helped her develop emotionally, physically, intellectually and socially. She now looks forward to planning her future with the knowledge that she can access relevant advice and assistance from the regional Aftercare services and foster plus carers under the terms of section 29 of the Childrens Act, 1995.

Lesley has moved on since the incident in Aberdeen on 29:10:01. She has fully engaged in a programme of intervention, demonstrating significant insight resulting in a positive change in her behaviour.

Lesley is now starting a new chapter in her life, of which no longer requires a statutory supervision requirement.

Action Plan / recommendations

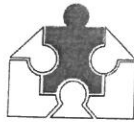
1. Lesley to be discharged from her Supervision requirement under of the Childrens (Scotland) Act 1995.
2. Lesley to continue to work with Dumfries Leaving Care team, meeting with her social worker on a voluntary basis.
3. Lesley to engage with her allocated 'Throughcare and Aftercare' support worker in October in which she will follow a Pathway Plan model - see attached.
4. Lesley to reside with Mandy Mannifield of Foster Plus Scotland at \_\_\_\_\_ until such time her own tenancy is identified through Youth Housing, Livingston.

Author: C. Donald

Date: 25 August 2003

J. M. M. , Acting SSW

C. Donald  
Leaving care  
Support worker



SCOTTISH  
**CHILDREN'S REPORTER**  
ADMINISTRATION

Jimmy.

3 September 2002

Authority Reporter  
Dumfries & Galloway - Dumfries  
Miller Caldwell

Mr J Marshall  
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Delna Weston

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Dear Mr Marshall

**Lesley Edwards, (31.5.86), 105 Anderson Street, Kelloholm, Sanquhar**

I should be grateful if you could prepare a report on Lesley Edwards.

Lesley Edwards's supervision requirement is due to be reviewed to consider a remit from Aberdeen Sheriff Court.

I have provisionally arranged the hearing for 1<sup>st</sup> October 2002 at 12 noon within 3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries.

Please submit a report by **24<sup>th</sup> September 2002.**

Yours faithfully

Delna Weston  
Reporter



Unique Reference Number:

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## REVIEW OF THE CARE PLAN

### PART 1 Social Worker's Report

1. Forename(s)

LESLEY ANNE
EDWARDS
LESLEY

Family name

Known as

2. Date of Birth

Day   Month   Year

3. Date when child/young person started to be looked after away from home

Day   Month   Year

(IN CURRENT PLACEMENT)

4. Date of the last Review meeting (if appropriate)

Day   Month   Year

5. Date of this Review meeting

Day   Month   Year

6. Reason for Review

Child/Young person  
Looked after for 6 weeks

Child/Young person  
looked after for 4½ months

6 monthly Review

Other (Please specify)

7. Current placement type

FOSTER CARE

Name of Carer(s)/Keyworker

MANDY MANNIFIELD - FOSTERPLUS

Relationship to child (if any)

NONE

Address (including postcode)

This form contains confidential information which should only be shared in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

8. Please state whom you have consulted before the Review, who has been invited to the Review and who has been invited to submit a report

	CONSULTED <i>(Please tick if applicable)</i>	INVITED <i>(Please tick if applicable)</i>	REPORT REQUESTED <i>(Please tick if applicable)</i>
Child / Young Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
His / Her Mother	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
His / Her Father	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
His / Her Carer(s) / Residential Key Worker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health professionals (please specify)			
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Education professionals (please specify)			
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Other interested persons (please specify)			
<u>JANET HINTON - ECHO PROJECT</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>GEORGE ARMSTRONG - FOSTERPLUS</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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9. How often has the Social Worker visited the child / young person since the last Review, or, if first Review, since the child started to be looked after away from home ?

Times

Is this as frequent as agreed in the Day to Day Placement Arrangements ?

Yes  No

If NO, please explain

Does this frequency meet statutory requirements ?

Yes  No

If NO, please explain

10. How often has the Social Worker visited the following ? (If parent(s) deceased or whereabouts unknown, please state).

Mother

Father

Other relatives, including siblings, or friends. (Please state whom).

11. Was a full assessment of the child / young person's needs completed either before being looked after away from home, or since ?

Yes  No

12. Has an Assessment and Action Record been completed since the last Review ?

Yes  No

If yes, attach a copy of the summary sheet from the Assessment and Action record in Part 5 of this Review folder

Not yet applicable

13. What is the child / young person's legal status ?

SECTION 70, CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1995

Has this changed or have there been any other legal developments, e.g. referral to the Reporter, since starting to be looked after away from home / last Review ?

Yes  No

If yes, please give brief details.

Referral to Reporter via Sheriff Court in Aberdeen to dispose with offence committed when resident at Oakbank, Aberdeen.

14. Is the child's / young person's name on the Child Protection Register ?

Yes  No

If yes, and the Reviews are not being held simultaneously, attach the decisions/recommendations of the most recent child protection review in Part 5 of this Review folder.

Has there been a change in child protection status since the child / young person started to be looked after away from home / last Review ?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain

15. Please list the recommendations / decisions of the last Review and indicate if each is fully met / partly met / not met. Where 'not met' or only 'partly met', please explain. If this is the first Review, add here a copy of Questions 16 and 17 from the Care Plan.

Recommendations / Decisions and Actions to be taken	By Whom ?	By When ?	Fully Met / Partly Met / Not Met. Please Explain
Lesley to live with Mandy and continue with studies at W. Lothian College.	All concerned	Ongoing	Partly met. Did not complete studies at college.
Contact Bob Taylor to arrange for Lesley to sit exams at local school.	David	ASAP	Not met. Not required as Lesley did not pursue her studies at W. Lothian College.
Continue to promote independent living skills.	Mandy	Ongoing	Fully met and ongoing.
Keep contact with Mandy + Lesley	David and Jimmy	Ongoing and as agreed.	Fully met though David now replaced by Geoff Armstrong.
Early review arranged	Meeting participants	30/05/02	Not met - Lesley due in court on same date in Aberdeen.

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES IF REQUIRED

16. Please describe what has happened in the child/young person's placement since the last Review. (If this is the first Review, describe what has happened since the child or young person started to be looked after away from home). Make sure you describe positive developments as well as any problems. Always record something under each heading.

i) Has there been a change of placement? If yes, describe the circumstances and the effects on the child/young person.

No.

ii) Have there been any significant changes within the current placement which have affected the child / young person, e.g. someone arriving or leaving?

No.

iii) What are the child / young person's relationships like with adults and other children / young people in the placement?

Excellent relationships developed between Lesley and adults and child in placement.

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES IF REQUIRED

- iv) Does the child / young person understand and accept the rules and guidance provided by staff / carers ? Has s/he been subject to any sanctions ? If so, what, how often and with what results ?

Lesley fully understands rules of placement, accepts guidance from carer and has not been subject to any sanctions of recent.

- v) How does the child / young person spend his / her leisure time ? Are there activities s/he would like to be able to do which s/he is not going ?

Spends time with friends, listening to music and watching T.V.  
Lesley<sup>also</sup> enjoys camping with friends.

- vi) Are there any concerns about the child / young person's safety either because of his / her own or other peoples actions ? If yes, describe what will be done to protection him or her.

No.

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES IF REQUIRED

viii) Does the child / young person feel safe in the placement? If not describe why, and outline what is being done to help him / her feel safer.

Lesley feels very safe in placement.

viii) Is the placement appropriate for the child / young person? Is the placement stable, fragile or approaching breakdown? Is a move needed for other reasons, e.g. a time limited placement? If the placement might need to end, what alternative(s) has been considered and what needs to be done to achieve it?

Placement is both appropriate and stable.

17. Please describe the child/young person's development since the last Review. (If this is the first Review, describe what has happened since the child or young person started to be looked after away from home). Make sure you describe positive developments as well as any problems. Always record something under each heading. Attach copies of any relevant reports at Section 5 of the Review folder.

i) How is the child / young person's health? Has the child / young person had or refused any assessments or treatment? If the child / young person is disabled, are there any specific needs or issues arising for him / her or his / her carer(s)?

Lesley requires medication for asthma and back pains. She has not missed or refused any assessments or treatment.

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES IF REQUIRED

- ii) How is the child / young person progressing in pre-school provision / school / training / college / work? Are there barriers to him / her achieving his / her potential? If so, describe them. Does the child / young person have an education plan? If so, what date was it or will it be reviewed?

Lesley has left school and is more inclined to pursue work opportunities as opposed to educational or training placements.

- iii) What sense does the child / young person have of his / her identity, e.g. concerning gender, disability, sexuality, religion, culture, ethnicity, language, self-worth, knowledge and understanding of own and family circumstances? What is being done to support the child / young person to achieve a positive sense of identity?

Continues to develop a more positive sense of identity which has reflected growth in self esteem and self worth.  
Lesley has a good understanding of her own and her families circumstances.

- iv) With whom is contact taking place? Is it taking place as often as planned? What effect is it having on the child / young person? What contribution do the parent(s) or people with parental responsibilities make to the child / young person's day-to-day care?

Contact recently re-established with mother and Lesley recently visited her in Ireland.  
Telephone contact taking place with father.

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES IF REQUIRED

- v) How does the child / young person relate with members of his / her family? Have there been any changes in these relationships or of family membership? How have these affected the child / young person?

Relationships with family members can be volatile at times and contact can be erratic as a result of this.

- vi) How does the child / young person present him / herself in social situations? What impression does s/he make on other people?

Lesley presents well in social situations and can give an excellent impression of herself to others.

- vii) Describe the child / young person's behaviour. How is s/he developing emotionally? Have there been any changes? If so, give details and possible reasons why you think they happened.

Behaviour increasingly positive and age appropriate.  
Emotional development evident in her growth in self worth, reduced offending and general attitude.

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES IF REQUIRED

viii) What self-care skills does the child / young person have? Are there any barriers to the child / young person achieving appropriate self-care skills? If so, describe them.

Developing self care skills as appropriate though finance/budgeting is of concern as is the lack of motivation in getting out of bed if nothing planned.

18. Please describe the child/young person's, and his/her family's, relationship with you since the last Review. (If this is the first Review, describe what has happened since the child or young person started to be looked after away from home). If there has been a change of Social Worker, what effect has this had on the child / young person and his / her family? Make sure you record positive developments as well as any problems.

Contact with parents since last review very limited.  
Relationship between Lesley and Social Worker remain very positive.

19. Are there any other significant developments for the child / young person not outlined in Questions 16 - 18 above?

[Empty box for answer to Question 19]

I have checked this report for accuracy and completeness. [if applicable] The following questions have not been fully completed because :-

Signed

J.S. Marshall

Name

JIMMY MARSHALL  
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Date

18-09-02

Designation

SOCIAL WORKER

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## REVIEW OF THE CARE PLAN Part 6: Minute of the Review Meeting

Name of the child/young person

LESLEY ANNE EDWARDS

Date of Review

Day

19

Month

09

Year

2002

1. Have reports been received from the following? (See Question 8 in the Social Workers report for those requested to submit a report).

	Yes	No	Not requested		Yes	No	Not requested
Child/young person	√			Education professional			
Mother				Other interested parties (please specify)			
Father				SOCIAL WORKER	√		
Care(s)/ residential care worker	√						
Health professional							

2. Agenda for the Review

The agenda should be drawn up at the start of the Review. All those invited to the Review should have an opportunity to read the reports prior to the Review. The chairperson should ensure that actions on previous Review decisions and all issues of progress, change, difficulty or concern in the reports are put on the agenda for discussion.

Decisions of Last Review
Current Situation
Further Education / Monies
Health
Family Contact
Agency Contact
Plan

**3.** Record of discussion of the Review**Decisions of Last Review**

For outcomes please refer to Social Workers report.

**Current Situation**

Lesley's placement with Mandy continues to be stable – the relationship between the two is strong. While she causes no problems at home, Mandy is concerned about the current lack of structure and routine in Lesley's life.

Lesley helps around the house and her bedroom is generally kept clean and tidy. She is still not very good at managing her finances and is reluctant to address this.

Now that Court Proceedings are over, Lesley is much more relaxed and is presenting as being more mature.

Obviously consideration needs to be given to Lesley moving on. Available options will be identified and discussed with Lesley. Hostel type accommodation will not be pursued – Lesley struggled in a residential setting finding group living difficult.

At present Lesley is keen to stay in the Livingston area. She doesn't really want to look too far into the future as she's happy where she is.

**Further Education/Employment**

Although enrolled on a flexible course at West Lothian College, Lesley lacks motivation with regard to learning – she shows little commitment to her studies. Lesley would prefer to be in employment, earning.

Geoff explained that Foster Plus are keen to sponsor young people embarking on training for a career.

A bid has been submitted for a computer for Lesley from the monies made available by the Scottish Executive.

**Health**

Lesley has asthma. There are no other health concerns.

Lesley has missed two dental appointments she claims to have forgotten all about them.

Mandy will make an appointment for Lesley to have her eyes tested.

Dr Richardson completed a Psychological Assessment – he recommended ongoing psychological intervention to address childhood trauma. Lesley feels she is not ready to do this – those who work with her agree.

**Family Contact**

Family contact has been more positive of late. Telephone contact between Lesley and her dad has been re established and Lesley has visited her mother in Ireland.

**Agency Contact**

Jimmy will continue to see Lesley once every 4 to 6 weeks – more frequently is required.

Geoff will have less contact with Mandy and Lesley given that the placement is going so well. Obviously he can be contacted if necessary.

Janet will begin a programme of work with Lesley, the focus of which is offending behaviour. She and Lesley will meet twice a week over a 10 week period.

### Plan

Lesley will attend a Children's Hearing on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

The plan is that she will continue to be the subject of a Supervision Order and will live with Mandy.

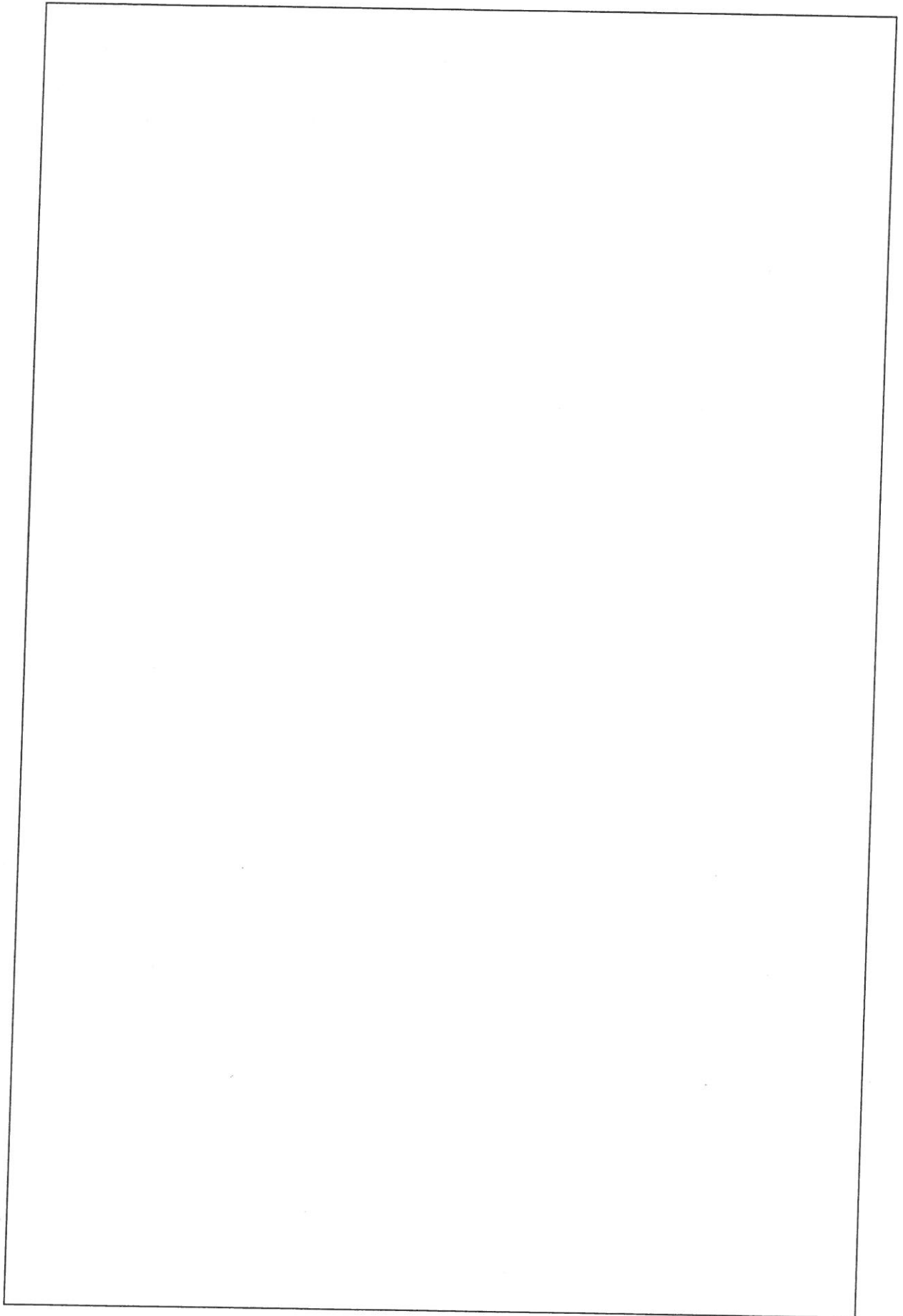
It is imperative that Lesley co-operates fully with the Echo Programme.

Work on Independent Living Skills will continue – budgeting in particular.

Lesley will start to consider options for her future.

Lesley asked if the Department would pay for a pair of figure skating boots for her. Jimmy advised that, if she put a third of the money forward, the Department would pay the balance.

3. Record of discussion of the Review (continued):



**4.** Review chairperson's checklist

Have all the following areas been addressed? If the answer is no to any item, either discuss before moving on to making recommendations/decisions or confirm that it is not necessary/applicable at the Review.

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Recommendations/decisions of last Review and actions taken.	√		
2. Legal developments and any need for further legal change.	√		
3. Need for/actions to be taken as a result of completion of an Assessment and Action record.			√
4. Changes/progress in placement.	√		
5. Use of sanctions.	√		
6. Child/young person's safety.	√		
7. Stability of placement.	√		
8. Health/disability.	√		
9. Learning/education/employment.	√		
10. Identity.	√		
11. Contact/family and social relationships.	√		
12. Social presentation.	√		
13. Emotional and behavioural development.	√		
14. Self-care skills.	√		
15. Relationship of child/young person and family with social worker.	√		
16. Whether the period of looking after should end and, if so, the actions needed to achieve this.			√
17. If applicable, leaving care and after care arrangements.			√
18. If applicable, pursuit of a claim for criminal injuries compensation.			√

5. Recommendations/decisions made at the review

Recommendations/Decisions and Actions to be taken	By Whom:-	By When:-
Lesley to continue to reside with Mandy	Mandy, Lesley	On going
Pursue employment/training	Lesley	ASAP
Follow up a computer	Jimmy	ASAP
Provide a diary to ensure that Lesley remembers to keep all appointments	Geoff	ASAP
Make appointment for Lesley to have her eyes tested	Mandy	ASAP
Co-operate fully with Echo Programme	Lesley	For its duration
Continue work on Independent Living Skills – budgeting in particular.	Mandy, Lesley	On going
Consider options for the future	Lesley	On going
Complete passport application form and have photos taken	Lesley	ASAP
Provide update to Jimmy	Janet	Monthly

Did anyone present at the Review not agree with any decision(s) or recommendation(s)? Yes  No

If yes, please outline who, which decisions/recommendations disagreed with and any action to be taken to resolve the disagreement(s):-

6. Attendance at the Review

Please list all those who attended the Review and whether they should receive all/part of the record.  
(cc Assessment & Planning Officer)

Name and Role/Relationship	parts of the record to be provided, e.g., all reports, some reports (specify), minute, decision/recommendation only
Lesley Anne Edwards – Young Person	Reports & Minute
Jimmy Marshall – Social Worker	Reports & Minute to file
Mandy Mannifield – Carer	Reports & Minute
Geoff Armstrong – Foster Plus	Minute
Janet Hinton – Echo Project	Minute
Sheila Inglis – Assessment & Planning Officer (Chair/Minute)	Minute

List anyone invited who was unable/did not attend and whether they should receive all/part of the record.

Name and Role/Relationship	parts of the record to be provided, e.g., all reports, some reports (specify), minute, decision/recommendation only

List anyone else who should receive all/part of the record.

Name and Role/Relationship	parts of the record to be provided, e.g., all reports, some reports (specify), minute, decision/recommendation only
Mike Briggs – Team Manager	Minute
Jackie Dean – Team Manager	Minute
Geoff Dean – Team Manager	Minute

7. Date and time of next Review Day  Month  Year

at 2:00 pm

Venue of next Review Carers Home, Livingston

Part 6 above is an accurate and complete record of the Review meeting.

Signed Sheila Inglis Name SHEILA INGLIS Date 25.10.02  
Chairperson of the Review Meeting *Block Capitals please*





iii) What are the child/young person's relationships like with adults and other children/young people in the placement?

As stated, Lesky does not get on with [redacted]  
Lesky gets on well with [redacted], she is really  
Patient with him and spends a great deal  
of time with him.

iv) Does the child/young person understand and accept the rules and guidance provided by staff/carers? Has s/he been subject to any sanctions? If so, what, how often and with what result?

Lesky has been sticking to house rules fine.  
Although she does need a more balanced routine.

v) How does the child/young person spend his/her leisure time? Are there activities s/he would like to be able to do which s/he is not doing?

Lesky enjoys going to the gym + being in bed!

vi) Are there any concerns about the child/young person's safety either because of his/her own or other people's actions? If yes, describe what will be done to protect him or her?

NO  
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vii) Does the child/young person feel safe in the placement? If not describe why, and outline what is being done to help him or her feel safer.

Lesly has said she feels safe + secure and she can speak to me regarding any issues that may be bothering her.

viii) Is the placement appropriate for the child/young person? Is the placement stable, fragile or approaching breakdown? Is a move needed for other reasons, e.g. a time limited placement? If the placement might need to end, what alternative(s) has been considered and what needs to be done to achieve it?

Lesly's placement here is very stable, I have no problem whatsoever.

2. Please describe the child/young person's development since the last Review. (If this is the first Review, describe what has happened since the child/young person started to be looked after away from home.) Make sure you describe positive developments as well as any problems. Always record something under each heading.

i) How is the child/young person's health? Has the child/young person had or refused any health assessments or treatment? If the child/young person is disabled, are there any specific needs or issues arising for him/her or you as carer(s)?

Lesly has been to her mums for a visit, which was very positive.  
she has had two dentist appointments, which she has missed!!

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES IF REQUIRED

ii) How is the child/young person progressing in pre-school provision/school/training/college/work? Are there barriers to him/her achieving his/her potential? If so, describe them. Does the child/young person have an education plan? If so, has it been reviewed or does it need to be reviewed?

Lesky has been offered a few days work with her friends mum, cleaning, she seems keen on this.

I still feel Lesky needs more structure to her day, a stable job of course!

iii) What sense does the child/young person have of his/her identity, e.g. concerning gender, disability, sexuality, religion, culture, ethnicity, language, self-worth, knowledge and understanding of own or family circumstances? What is being done to support the child/young person to achieve a positive sense of identity?

Lesky's at a difficult age, but as we are quite close in age she can speak to me regarding anything that may bother her.

iv) With whom is contact taking place? Is it taking place as often as planned? What effect is it having on the child/young person? What contribution do the parent(s) or people with parental responsibilities make to the child/young person's day-to-day care?

Lesky has not had as much contact as usual with her dad, due to problems with money.

Lesky went to visit her mum and has since had a lot of telephone contact with her.

v) How does the child/young person relate with members of his/her family? Have there been any changes in these relationships or of family membership? How have these affected the child/young person?

[Empty response box for question v)]

vi) How does the child/young person present him/herself in social situations? What impression does s/he make on other people?

*Lesly is always pleasant and polite.*

vii) Describe the child/young person's behaviour. How is s/he developing emotionally? Have there been changes? If so, give details and possible reasons why you think this happened.

*I feel Lesly is developing fine, I don't see any problems.*

viii) What self-care skills does the child/young person have? Are there any barriers to the child/young person achieving appropriate self-care skills? If so, describe them.

Lesly takes her turn at cooking, which she is doing really well.  
She is responsible for her own bedroom, which she generally keeps clean + tidy.

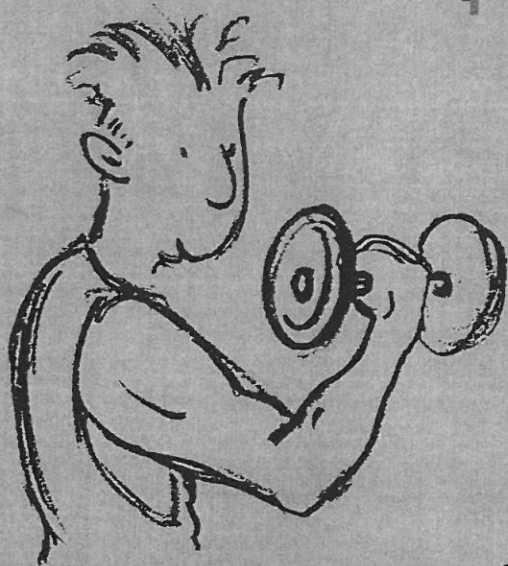
3. Please describe the child/young person's and his/her family's relationship with the social worker since the last Review. (If this is the first Review, describe what happened since the child/young person started to be looked after away from home). If there has been a change of social worker, what affect has this had on the child/young person, his/her family and you as carer(s)? Make sure you record positive developments as well as any problems.

Lesly gets on really well with

I have checked this report for accuracy and completeness. [If applicable] The following questions have not been fully completed because:-

Signed A. Mannifield Name Ammanda Mannifield  
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Date 19/9/02 Designation .....



# Having Your Say



## At Your Review Young Person's Report

Name *Lesley*Age ~~15~~ *31-05-86* 16Date of Birth *31-05-86*Date of Review *19.9.02*

A Review is where changes can be made to your Care Plan. It's important that you give your views. Use this form to help you decide what you want to say. Ask an adult to help you fill it in if you want. Try and tick a box for each question and write any comments you wish to make.

How do you like living where you are now? Like it  It's OK   
Don't like it  Do you want to say why you ticked this box?

*I love it, it's great.*

1

2

How do you get on with the people you live with?

Very well  OK  Not very well

Do you want to say why you ticked this box?

Some of them, well all of them  
but [redacted]

3

Is there anything else you would like to say about where you live - for instance about the food, pocket money, or the rules and what happens if you break them?

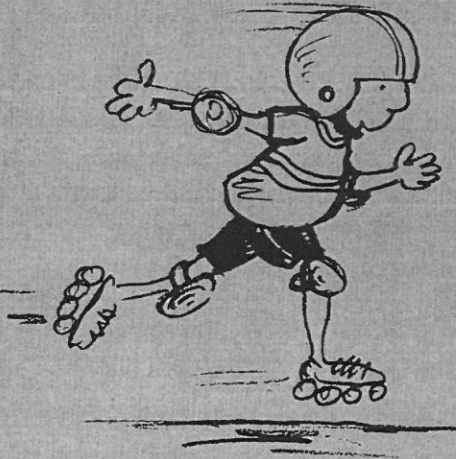
See 4 yourself, there's nothing to say!

4

Are there times when you don't feel safe or are bullied either where you live or somewhere else?

Yes  No

If yes, what happens and where?



6

I see my social worker:-

Too much  About right

Not enough

Do you want to say why you ticked this box?

[redacted]

5

If you are moving soon, are you getting the help and preparation you need?

Yes  No

Do you want to say why you ticked this box?

I'm Not Moving  
Ever  
period

7

Are you happy with the contact you have with your family and friends?

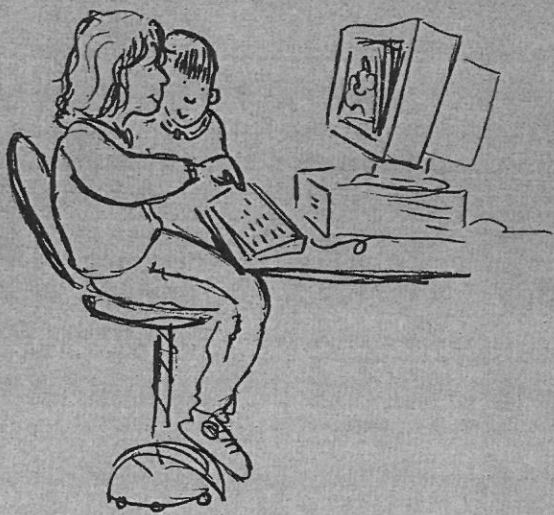
Yes  No

Do you want to say why you ticked this box?  
Not really.

Is there anyone you'd like to see more or less often? Yes  No

If yes, who and how often?

Mum - 1 visit  
Dad - 2 weekends



8

Are you at: School  College  Work  Training  Other

What's it like? Is there anything you need help with?

Bed!

Great, no help needed!

9

What interests and sports do you take part in? Going to the gym

Are there any others you'd like to try?

I would love to get some boots, and go figure skating! Again

10

Do you know why you are being looked after away from home?

Yes  No

Has anyone talked to you about what was decided at your last review?

Yes  No

This is my first review  being 16  
Amy Wilson

11

Do you know how to contact your Who Cares? worker or your Children's Rights Officer?

Yes  No

Don't want one!

12

What decisions would you like made at your Review?

your the pro's  
you decide -  
I trust you guys

13

If you could change anything about your care, what would it be?

Nothing  
Right Now

14

Please use this space to say anything else you want the Review to know. You might want to ask some questions or draw a picture. Add another piece of paper if you haven't got enough room.

hesley  
♥

Mandy  
♥

[Redacted]

♥

[Redacted]

4  
eva

+ eva!

Tick here if you've added another piece of paper.



Try to find it

Signature:

Lesty Edwards

Date:

Remember your **Who Cares?** worker or **Children's Rights Officer**, or someone else you trust can come with you to your Review to help you Have Your Say.



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**CHILDREN'S REPORTER**  
ADMINISTRATION

**DECISION OF A  
CHILDREN'S HEARING**

Mr J Marshall  
Social Worker  
Social Services Department (Dumfries)  
5 Gordon Street  
Dumfries  
DG1 1EG

Dear Mr Marshall

**Lesley Edwards, (31.5.86), 105 Anderson Street, Kelloholm, Sanquhar,**

A children's hearing took place on 01/10/2002 for Lesley Edwards when the following decision was made:

- to continue the supervision requirement.

I enclose:

- a copy of the decision
- the written reasons for decision

Yours sincerely

pp Delna Weston  
Reporter  
Date: 2 October 2002

SCOTTISH CHILDREN'S REPORTER ADMINISTRATION

CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995  
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF A CHILDREN'S HEARING

Start time: 12.32  
End time: 13.00

FOR Dumfries and Galloway AUTHORITY

Place	<u>Dumfries Children's Hearing Centre, 3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries, DG1 1LN</u>	Date	<u>01/10/2002</u>
Child's name	<u>Lesley Edwards</u>	Date of Birth	<u>31.5.86</u>
Chaired by	Member	Member	Reporter
<u>George Paterson</u>	<u>Kathryn Ross</u>	<u>Joan McAndrew</u>	<u>Delna Weston</u>

Persons Present		Represented by
Child	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mother	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Father	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Relevant Person 1	<input type="checkbox"/> (See cover)	<u>AMANDA MANNIFIELD - CARER</u>
Relevant Person 2	<input type="checkbox"/> (See cover)	
Safeguarder		
(Designations as per guidance)		
Social Worker		<u>JIMMY MARSHALL</u>
Other		<u>GEOF ARMSTRONGS - LINK WORKER</u>
Other		
Other		

**Purpose(s) of Hearing**

consider Lesley's case which was referred to the children's reporter by Aberdeen Sheriff Court on 2nd September 2002

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### Grounds for Referral

Dated	Child	Mother	Father	Relevant Person 1	Relevant Person 2
Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accepted in Part	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not understood	<input type="checkbox"/>	Through inability			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	After explanation			

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	After explanation			

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Decision(s) of Children's Hearing

1. TO DISPENSE WITH THE PRESENCE OF LESLEY'S PARENTS AT THE HEARING.
2. THAT A SAFEGUARDER IS NOT REQUIRED
3. THE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT IS TO CONTINUE FOR LESLEY TO RESIDE WITH AMANDA PLANNIFIELD.

Reasons for Decision(s)

The Panel were of the view that they were able to consider the case fully in the Parents' absence.

1. The current arrangements for Lesley were working well and she had her life well organised.

2. The support presently in place both from Mandy and Social Services provided all that she required.

3. Contacts with <sup>Lesley's</sup> ~~Mandy's~~ parents was working well and should therefore continue to her discretion.

4. A Safeguarder was not appointed.

Signed

(Chairperson)

*Janet M. Paterson*

Date: 01/10/2002

Child's name: Lesley Edwards

Date: 01/10/2002

Reasons for Decision (continuation page)

Lined area for writing reasons for decision.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairperson)

Date: 01/10/2002



SCOTTISH  
CHILDREN'S REPORTER  
ADMINISTRATION

CONTINUATION UNDER SECTION 73(9)(e) OF THE ACT OF  
SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

Date: 1st OCTOBER, 2002  
Place: 3 NEWALL TERRACE,  
DUMFRIES

A children's hearing for Dumfries and Galloway, considering the case of  
LESLIE ANNE EDWARDS d.o.b 31.5.86  
c/o

and the supervision requirement (a copy of which is attached), and in exercise of its powers under section 73(9)(e) of the Act, continues the said requirement [in force] ~~[subject to the variations of that requirement noted below] [with the insertions in the requirement noted below]~~

~~[The children's hearing in [varying] [imposing] a requirement order that the place where the child is to reside shall not be disclosed to~~

~~[VARIATION(S) REFERRED TO]~~

~~[INSERTION(S) REFERRED TO]~~

.....  
Chairman of the Children's Hearing

MONTHLY REPORT FOR:  
LESLEY ANNE EDWARDS.

10/11/02

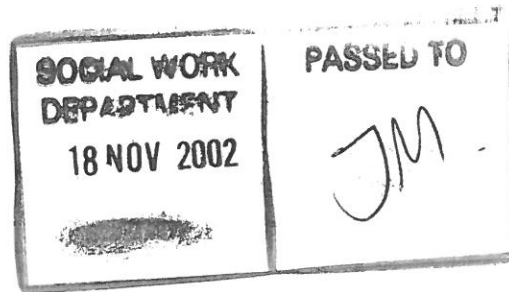
There hasn't been a lot of changes within Lesley's placement since my last report, other than her starting and finishing employment twice. Lesley was working in the local chip shop which she seemed to enjoy at first but she was paid off

Lesley then went on to get a job at Fyffe's Banana Factory but she was two hours late, then she was paid off as she was smoking in the toilets. Since then Lesley has applied for a job at NEC but was unsuccessful. I feel Lesley is becoming more and more used to being unemployed, Lesley has to be woken up in the morning, repeatedly or she just lies in her bed till the afternoon, I am also concerned about Lesley and her finances! Lesley gets her pocket money every Tuesday and can have nothing left by the Tuesday night, she then spends the rest of the week asking to borrow money, which I have now stopped doing as I feel she won't learn anything about budgeting her finances if she has a constant back-up. I am also concerned at the way she goes about getting extra money, Lesley asked Jimmy Marshall to send her money for ice-skating boots, which he did as he felt she had been doing really well lately but when Lesley received the £70.00 she did not have any intentions of buying the boots and spent the money on other things, Jimmy has now asked me to stop giving her her clothing allowance money and instead, take Lesley to the shops to buy clothes, as she has not been spending that money correctly either.

Another incident was when she called Diane from Foster Plus asking for money to go to her dad's, she said she wanted to go on the express train as it was quicker but as I found out later on, she had no intentions of getting that train she just wanted extra money.

Foster Plus is now going to purchase the train ticket themselves instead of giving Lesley the money. Lesley's meetings with Janet from the Echo Project are not going so well either, every time Janet has arranged to meet Lesley, Lesley has either just got up or is still getting dressed so Janet has been kept waiting, and as I've explained to Lesley she really has to be more responsible as it is important the courts get a good report from Janet.

Jimmy Marshall  
Dept of Social Services  
5 Gordon Street  
Dumfries  
DG1 1EE



15 November 2002

Dear Jimmy

Please find the enclosed Monthly Placement Report which was completed by Lesly's carer, Mandy Mannifield.

The only issue I have to add at this time is one of our support to Mandy regarding Lesly's lack of budgeting skills. We will continue to issue Lesly with travel tickets rather than cash until her ability to manage money improves.

I would also like to confirm that as agreed at her last review, Fosterplus provided a computer table and chair for Lesly. This was in accordance with our policy of support for young people who may require additional equipment in pursue of a particular career. Lesly has already started to use her computer to process job applications.

We will also monitor the issues with regard to Lesly's involvement with Janet Hinton.

Yours sincerely

  
Geoff Armstrong  
Team Leader

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File - Lesley Edwards

My life so Far:

The Date is 3.12.02

Ok first things first I am still living at Mandys, hats going great, everyday getting better and better it really does feel like my family, I love them so so much, I can't bear the thought of leaving, which in all in progress just now.

I think that I am thinking about all this is well is leaving soon, very soon, 3 days to be exact I really am going to miss him, even though he is little shit.

But anyway, this is my life. This whole moving thing is really getting me down, well just the money part of it, I am sure I will be able to provide for myself, I know all the solutions, but they seem so so far away. I am scared of a lot of things about moving obviously but my financial situation is getting the better of me. I still think that this bit handout or what ever is going to come my way, but I also know somewhere in the back of my mind that that is not true, but, I don't know what it is I want something to come up at the right time, you know, I think somethings I need to wake up and smell the coffee, but when I don't know, something big needs to happen, something big to make me relise that I need to survive on my own.

I worry though, that even if I do get a job, it will be shit wage and I won't be able to keep it, I know everyone says that at my age this is suppose to happen, to get me into the swing abit I like to think. But I don't need this shit, I need something thst will help me build up a great savings plan for my future which all happening so fast that, I need fast cash, there are not many legal ways to get fast cash at my age, but I am cool now, and sticking to the better way of life is the way to stick to I relise that now. But its hard, you know, I still remember what I've done in the past, I am the same person, physically I still know all the tricks of the trade, there just out of practice.

I mean money is not that bad at mandys at all well I think it good anyway, it is definety enough for any teenager living at home. And even better for someone not, lets just say, cos I really am at home at Mandy but I am talking when I leave, the time is nigh, I would obviously love to live in a nice house not any that I have seen with my pals, not the dirty kind, but nice, you know.

And yes I know that takes time and all but I could not for the life of me be waiting that long for it, that first few months on my own I know will be so so hard, but to be on my own in a hell of a shithole would send me crazy, I see myself being stuck like that, turning back into the old me and just getting worse because who will be there, who will be there to help me, I know you all say you will be ther to help me, but I am not so sure. Life will go on as usual for you lot, but me, I will be in my little shithole counting out my penny jar.

I need to make something better than that, and I need to make it fast, I just have not got a clue right now. I know Jimmy wants me to get a part time job till Christmas, I can't even do that, even though it is not what I need. People don't want people to start work just now if they can not work over the Christmas period, which is a bummer so in the job front right I am doing as pish as ever.



# West Lothian Council

Community Services

Our Ref: 013/JH

18<sup>th</sup> December 2002

Jimmy Marshall  
Social Services  
Craigs Road  
Dumfries  
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*Jimmy  
For file - thanks -  
looks good.  
G.*

## The Echo Project

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Phone numbers  
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01506 774085

Dear Jimmy

Here is a summary of the work I have undertaken with Lesly to date. I am now seeing Lesly on a weekly basis as most of the work is now completed. The sessions are likely to finish mid January 2003.

- **Consequences For Self And Others**  
Lesly was excellent at taking responsibility for her behaviour and could clearly see the impact this had both on victims, others and self.
- **Employment And Housing Issues**  
Lesly will be receiving support from the Youth Housing Team. This looks at both single tenancies and supported accommodation. Employment has involved trips to the job centre, escorting her to job interviews and encouragement. Lesly has not as yet secured any form of employment.
- **Anger Management And Self Esteem Work**  
Lesly again is completely aware of the need to try and control her emotions and deal with them in a constructive manner. Lesly is aware of her weaknesses and explained she finds it difficult to accept positives.



We have also addressed communication of thoughts and feelings and began to discuss the use of Lesly's recreational hours. This has led to her stating she would like to join a gym. I have agreed in the New Year to attend a gym class with her until she feels confident enough to go alone. Another area Lesly is keen to pursue is 'relaxation', as all other areas agreed have been addressed I am likely to finish working with Lesly some time in the middle of January 2003. I have attached work sheets for your information

Your sincerely

Janet Hinton

Enc.

Ps - Have a great Christmas and New year

**REVIEW REPORT - 20 JANUARY 2003**  
**LESLEY ANNE EDWARDS (31.1.86)**

**1. Current Situation**

Since the last review, Lesly's placement with Mandy Manifold has remained positive. Mandy reports that she believes Lesly to be doing extremely well and remains committed to ensuring that the previous difficulties remain as part of her past. Lesly presents no management difficulties with Mandy reporting how well she continues to get on with [redacted], with whom she is really fond. Lesly spends a lot of time with [redacted] and is very patient and caring with him.

Lesly has been actively seeking employment, although nothing has come up, apart from her working a few nights in the local 'chip shop'. However, this has not put her off and she continues to visit the local Job Centre looking at what may be available.

At the last review Mandy commented on Lesly's poor routines, which saw her lie in bed until lunchtime. Both Lesly and Mandy have worked at addressing this concern and Mandy is pleased to report that Lesly is having some success in this area by going to bed earlier at night and subsequently getting up earlier in the morning. This is an important issue as an organised and regular routine would be essential to Lesly's employment prospects.

Lesly is still working with Janet Hinton from the Echo Project. They seem to be progressing well with the work and it won't be too long until the work is completed.

**2. Employment/Further Education**

Lesly continues to struggle in terms of her commitment to her studies and clearly lacks the motivation to make any improvements. She would much rather be working and is trying hard to find a job.

Lesly was given a computer by her Local Authority and although she does not use it much for studying, she does make good use of it in her applications for employment.

Mandy will continue to support Lesly with her efforts to find suitable employment.

**3. Health**

Lesly continues to have problems with her back. She has been receiving physiotherapy and continues to see her doctor regularly.

Lesly's asthma continues to be monitored closely.

Lesly missed her last dental appointment. Another is yet to be arranged.

Lesly is due to visit the opticians for an eye check.

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#### **4. Family Contact**

Lesly went to her mum's on the 19 December 2002 to visit for Christmas. The visit went really well and she really enjoyed it. Mandy believes it was a real step forward for Lesly as it's the first time she has spent any great deal of time with her mum. Mandy spoke to Lesly's mum and she reported there were no problems. She too thought the visit went extremely well.

At the New Year, Lesly went to visit her dad, spending a couple of days there. Mandy believes that it also went really well, with no reported issues or concerns. Given the problems of the past

this is another area of significant progress and an example of how Lesly is maturing and trying to put the past behind her.

#### **5. Summary**

Lesly continues to be appropriately placed and uses the support offered by Mandy in a positive manner, whilst at the same time developing her independent living skills. She has intimated that she wishes to remain in Livingston but feels she is not yet ready for independent living. However, she recognises that one day she will have to move on and is looking at her future realistically.

**Geoff Armstrong**  
**Team manager**

# Looking After Children in Scotland: Good Parenting, Good Outcomes

## REVIEW OF THE CARE PLAN

### PART 2

### Carers'/Key Worker's Report

Name of child/young person

LESLEY EDWARDS

Current Placement Address

[Redacted Address]

Date of Review

Day 19

Month 02

Year 2003

1. Please describe what has happened in the child/young person's placement since the last Review. (If this is the first Review, describe what has happened since the child or young person started to be looked after away from home.) Make sure you describe positive developments as well as any problems. Always record something under each heading.

i) Has there been a change of placement? If yes, describe the circumstances and the effects on the child/young person?

Lesley's placement has not changed since last review. Although she has completed her work with Janet Munton from Echo.

ii) Have there been any significant changes within the current placement which have affected the child/young person, e.g. someone arriving or leaving?

No.

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES IF REQUIRED

iii) What are the child/young person's relationships like with adults and other children/young people in the placement?

Myself and Lesley Continue to have a good relationship.

[redacted] and Lesley normally get along together well.

iv) Does the child/young person understand and accept the rules and guidance provided by staff/carers? Has s/he been subject to any sanctions? If so, what, how often and with what result?

Only Problems with Lesley, is getting up in the morning.

v) How does the child/young person spend his/her leisure time? Are there activities s/he would like to be able to do which s/he is not doing?

Lesley has just joined a gym and has made a friend, Claire, who she spends a lot of time with.

vi) Are there any concerns about the child/young person's safety either because of his/her own or other people's actions? If yes, describe what will be done to protect him or her?

No.

vii) Does the child/young person feel safe in the placement? If not describe why, and outline what is being done to help him or her feel safer.

I think Lesley feels safe and secure living with myself.

viii) Is the placement appropriate for the child/young person? Is the placement stable, fragile or approaching breakdown? Is a move needed for other reasons, e.g. a time limited placement? If the placement might need to end, what alternative(s) has been considered and what needs to be done to achieve it?

Lesley hopes to stay with myself until she is 18, which I think is good for her.

2. Please describe the child/young person's development since the last Review. (If this is the first Review, describe what has happened since the child/young person started to be looked after away from home.) Make sure you describe positive developments as well as any problems. Always record something under each heading.

i) How is the child/young person's health? Has the child/young person had or refused any health assessments or treatment? If the child/young person is disabled, are there any specific needs or issues arising for him/her or you as carer(s)?

Lesley has continued to see her doctor regarding her back complaint, she is being referred to Ashley Ansley.  
Lesley went to the opticians, which went well.

ii) How is the child/young person progressing in pre-school provision/school/training/college/work? Are there barriers to him/her achieving his/her potential? If so, describe them. Does the child/young person have an education plan? If so, has it been reviewed or does it need to be reviewed?

lesley is considering whether to go to college or join the training centre.

iii) What sense does the child/young person have of his/her identity, e.g. concerning gender, disability, sexuality, religion, culture, ethnicity, language, self-worth, knowledge and understanding of own or family circumstances? What is being done to support the child/young person to achieve a positive sense of identity?

lesley is growing into a confident, smart young woman.

she continues to have a good relationship with her parents

iv) With whom is contact taking place? Is it taking place as often as planned? What effect is it having on the child/young person? What contribution do the parent(s) or people with parental responsibilities make to the child/young person's day-to-day care?

lesley has regular phone contact with her mum.

lesley phones and visits her dad as and when she wishes

v) How does the child/young person relate with members of his/her family? Have there been any changes in these relationships or of family membership? How have these affected the child/young person?

Jo.

vi) How does the child/young person present him/herself in social situations? What impression does s/he make on other people?

lesley is a very likable person, who generally gets on very well with any one she meets.

vii) Describe the child/young person's behaviour. How is s/he developing emotionally? Have there been changes? If so, give details and possible reasons why you think this happened.

I feel lesley is doing well emotionally, she feels able to discuss any worries or problems with myself.

Behavioural wise, lesley has normal teenage moods!!

viii) What self-care skills does the child/young person have? Are there any barriers to the child/young person achieving appropriate self-care skills? If so, describe them.

lesley is very clean and her appearance is always well groomed.

lesley's Bedroom is not taken care of as well, she has to be encouraged to keep her space clean + tidy.

3. Please describe the child/young person's and his/her family's relationship with the social worker since the last Review. (If this is the first Review, describe what happened since the child/young person started to be looked after away from home). If there has been a change of social worker, what affect has this had on the child/young person, his/her family and you as carer(s)? Make sure you record positive developments as well as any problems.

lesley has a good relationship with her Social Worker, Jimmy Marshall. lesley calls him regularly.

I have checked this report for accuracy and completeness. [If applicable] The following questions have not been fully completed because:-

Signed A. Mannifield Name Amanda Mannifield  
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Date 16/2/03

Designation.....