

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COUNCIL
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

LADYACRE MONTHLY SUMMARY

Month: September, 1999

Resident: Lesley Ann Edwards

Date of Birth: 31.05.86

Key Worker: Evelyn Gray

Social Worker Lindsay Abrines

Team Manager: David Baird

Summary Prepared By: Carol Rammell

Significant Changes From Previous Month:
(including changes in sleeping/eating habits)

Slightly better at bedtimes re-settling for the night.

Contact with Natural Family and Reaction to Contact:

September

- 2nd Telephone call to Dad -
- 4th Dad arrived in Unit to take Lesly out - phoned him later on.
- 8th Staff phoned Dad re Dentist and home leave.
- 10th Mum phoned to pass on her new Telephone Number.
Visited Dad with Staff went extremely well.
- 11th Phoned Gran
- 12th Dad arrived to take Lesly out.
- 13th Received call from Mum and Gran
- 15th Visited Dad for a couple of hours.
- 18th Visited Dad, phoned Gran later on.
- 19th Gran phoned but Lesly was out.

20th Lesly phoned Mum

25th Visited Dad - went well.

26th Phoned her Mum

28th-29th :Phone calls to and from both Dad and Mum due to Lesly absconding overnight.

30th Phonecall from Mum to ask if Lesly was OK.

Record of Work:

(Counselling work completed)

**Relationships,
Group Living
Bullying
Winding people up
Respect**

**Abusive Behaviour
General Behaviour
Incentive Scheme**

Specific Concerns re Health:

(include Psychiatric/Psychological issues)

Lesly still smokes. Staff have contacted Nithbank Health Centre to request that Carol Lamont give Lesly counselling about smoking. However, Carol has left, but they promised that someone will get back to us.

Education/Work Placement Issues:

Lesly attends the Galloway Small School, which she appears to be enjoying and is doing well.

Contact with Social Worker and Other Agencies:

Lesly has regular contact with her Social Worker.

Behaviour Within Unit:

Lesly still becomes verbally abusive and aggressive when she doesn't get her own way. Can be polite and charming when she wants to be.

Relationships with Other Residents:

Lesly still has problems forming relationships with her Peers. Still 'tells tales' to get them to like her. Very immature and childish.

Relationships with Staff:

Is getting better, but can still be verbally abusive, especially if a lot of people are around. Acts better a one-to-one basis.

Leisure Interests:

(including outside community)

Swimming
Dancing
Arts & Crafts
Gymnastics
Listening to Music.

Restraints:

(Dates and brief summary)

N/A

Sanctions:

(Give brief summary and young person's views)

13th Staggered Pocket Money - Smoking in bedroom,
abusive to Staff and disruptive.
Behaviour within Unit.

20th Banned from bikes for not wearing helmet.

Significant Incidents:

- 2nd Doctor's appointment
Meeting at Ladyacre attended by V. Jones, L. Abrines, O. Bathgate,
G. Abrines and R. Shearman.
Out to buy clothing with Staff.
- 4th Dad arrived in Unit to take Lesly out. Phoned Dad later on.
- 5th Interviewed by Police re incident involving male resident two weeks ago.
Gave a statement.
Lesly assaulted by another resident, interviewed by Police.
Lesly wants to press charges.
Lest Unit without permission with other residents, very abusive (verbally).
Damaged some of her possessions in her room.
Social Worker brought in initiative scheme for Lesly.

- 8th Taken for Dental Appointment by Staff, needed treatment but refused.
Staff phoned Dad to explain about Dentist.
Dad said Lesly could have supervised visits.
Lesly went to Modern Dance Class.
- 10th Lesly's Mum phoned to pass on new Telephone Number.
Home visit.
- 11th Phoned Gran
- 12th Dad arrived at Ladyacre to take Lesly out. Lesly victimised by three other residents.
At night Lesly was smoking in other resident's room and left Unit without permission.
- 13th Phone call from Mum and Gran.
- 15th Taken to Dentist by staff, had Xmas token given.
Trial of inhalation sedation.
To go to D & G Infirmary for more x-rays.
Given 3 more appointments.
Visited home for a couple of hours.
Assaulted a member of staff.
Police became involved and took statements.
- 16th Disappeared from Unit at 4.15 pm.
Returned by Social Worker.
- 18th Taken by Staff to catch 12.10 pm bus for home visit.
Phoned Gran on her return.
- 20th Taken to opticians - will get her glasses tomorrow.
Phoned her Mum.
- 21st Lesly requesting to see GP to see if he would prescribe her sleeping pills.
She states she is having nightmares. A burning smell was coming from her room at 4.30 am, on checking, Staff found Lesly had put a woollen hat over her lamp and it was melting. Both were removed from her room as they were burnt.
- 22nd Meeting at Galloway Small School with Lesly, G. Abrines and Social Worker.
- 25th Off for home visit, returned 5 pm.
- 26th Phoned Mum.

- 28th Left Unit without permission with other residents at 9.50 pm.
Reported to Police as Misper.
Dad was notified of this.
- 30th Lesly was returned to the Unit at 2.45 am.
Police in Unit to speak to her.
Dad was notified of this, as was Mum.
Went to Doctor's and was prescribed eardrops.
Was found to be missing after teatime (5.45 pm) Reported as Misper.
Dad informed of this. Returned to Unit at 10.15 pm by Social Worker
and Police. Spoken to regards the risks involved in absconding.

Young Person's Comments:

(include their views on and their personal goals for the coming month).

This is fine - L. Edwards.

I agree with this and I will improve my behaviour in the future.

L. Edwards.

Writer's Comments:

Lesly is settling a bit better at bedtimes, although improvement is still needed. She likes getting her own way, becoming verbally abusive and very childish when she doesn't. Lesly finds it difficult if not impossible to say no to her Peers, which has led her to putting herself at risk. Lesly doesn't learn from her mistakes which lead to great concern from all Staff Members.

Key Worker's Comments:

It has to be noted that there are some aspects of Lesly's behaviour that have slightly improved. This may be a positive product of the incentive scheme. There are, however, many areas of concern one of them being that she continues to put herself at risk. Lesly is building relationships with some members of staff and is able to feel that she can trust certain adults. She can be delightful to work with on a one-to-one but doesn't cope so well in group situations. Her relationships with peers fluctuates and at times there can be friction between her and others. Lesly is slowly learning to stop getting caught up in other young people's situations. One major positive aspect is Lesly's attendance at Galloway Small School. Although there have been some difficulties generally Lesly is happy to be there and she fits into the environment very well.

Manager's Comments:

(Assistant Unit Manager or Unit Manager)

It is pleasing to hear the positive aspects of this Summary, i.e., Education, slight improvement in behaviour and a slightly better relationship with dad.
This being said the question still needs to be raised regarding whether or not Lesly's needs are best met in any group living situation.

Signed
(by writer)

C. Rammell (13.10.99)
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Checked By

L. Sturgeon
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Date

23.10.99
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Distribution: Team Manager - D. Baird
Social Worker - L. Abrines
~~Commissioning Manager - J. Kane~~
File - Ladyacre

Ref: CR/SD

Dated: 26th October, 1999

**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS TRUST
COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE
CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL HISTORY FORM FOR GENERAL ANAESTHESIA**

Patient's Doctor DR EDMUNDS

Address N11H BURNINGA
KIRKCONNEL

Telephone 01659 67376

To obtain the best and safest treatment for the patient, your dentist and anaesthetist need to know of any problems which may affect treatment.

Please note that a patient with a blocked nose, cough or cold will not be anaesthetised (i.e. put to sleep with gas or injection)

THE PATIENT:-	YES	NO	DETAILS
Attending or receiving treatment from a doctor?		✓	
Taking any medicines, tablets, creams, ointments, inhalers etc? Please bring them with you on the day of treatment.		✓	
Allergic to any medicines or materials?	✓		PENICILLAN
An expectant mother?		✓	
HAS THE PATIENT HAD:-			
Jaundice, liver or kidney disease?		✓	
Heart or chest trouble? e.g. murmurs		✓	
Asthma, diabetes or epilepsy?		✓	
her serious illness or operation?		✓	
Previous general anaesthetic?			
How long ago?			
What for?		✓	
Were there any problems?			
A reaction to local or general anaesthetic or has anyone in the family?		✓	
Does the patient bleed excessively? Bruise easily?		✓	
Does the patient carry a warning card?		✓	
Is there any other medical history which you think the Dentist and Anaesthetist should know about?		✓	

Completed by Self/Parent/Guardian J Edmunds

Date 15.09.99

L. Edwards
Ladyacre
Craigs rd
Dumfries
01387268527

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of me and my friend I am writing to apologise for my behaviour on the 4.10.99.

What we done was we put shampoo all over the female shower area, then we refused to clean it up, so the man with ginger hair told us we were banned for a week then he told us that we were banned until one of us wrote a letter to you. I have decided to do this because my friend has gone on holiday and I wanted to go swimming but I was told that I could'nt because I was banned.

So please could you except my apology let me come back to your swimming pool once again.

Yours truly
L. Edwards.

x



SCOTTISH
CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

DW/JH

11 October, 1999

Authority Reporter
Dumfries & Galloway
Miller H Caldwell

If calling please ask for:
Mrs Weston

Telephone:

Officer in Charge
Ladyacre Children's Unit
Craigs Road
DUMFRIES

Dear Sir

NOTIFICATION OF CHILDREN'S HEARING

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


on: **Wednesday 20 October 1999**

at: **3 Newall Terrace, Dumfries**

at: **10 a.m.**

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: **Lesleanne Edwards**
c/o Ladyacre Children's Unit
Craigs Road
Dumfries

Reason for Hearing: **To consider grounds for referral.**

Dumfries & Galloway

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Your Ref:

Our Ref: AK/Respond 20000 045

Ms Lesly Edwards
Ladyacre
Craigs Road
Dumfries
DG1 4EX

Social Services Department

Keith Makin - Director

Grierson House, The Crichton,

Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4ZH

Tel: 01387 260928 Fax: 01387 260924

20th October 1999

If telephoning or calling ask for
Alison Kerr 01387 260949

Dear Lesly

I write to confirm that I have today received your completed form lodging your complaint at being accused of assaulting a member of staff at Ladyacre. You state that you have not been charged with this assault and wish that reference to this situation be removed from your Panel report.

I am passing this complaint to Graham Abrines, Unit Manager, Ladyacre asking that he investigate the matter. Graham should speak to you in the near future and, hopefully, the matter can be resolved at this level. You should receive a substantive response by 29th November 1999 but, if it is not possible to meet this timescale, it may be necessary for Graham and yourself to agree to an extension.

I have noted that you have asked that your complaint be passed straight to a review panel. Jean Elgar, Commissioner, deals with the complaints review panel but is currently on holiday. I will let her know of your request on her return and she will be in touch with you to make necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely



Alison Kerr
Complaints Co-ordinator

LADYACRE YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNIT

CRAIG'S ROAD

DUMFRIES

DG1 4UT

REPORT FOR A CHILDREN'S HEARING.

SUBJECT: Lesly Anne Edwards

D.O.B. 31.5.86

D.O.A. 29.6.99

DATE OF HEARING: 20th October, 1999

Report prepared by E. Gray, Keyworker.

LESLEY ANNE EDWARDS.
(Prefers to be known as Lesly)

Lesly's Planned Admission to Ladyacre took place on 29th June, 1999. Prior to this Lesly was residing with her Father and Paternal Grandmother. Although Lesly has close bonds with them it was agreed that because of Lesly's needs, her Family were unable to offer her the care she required.

Lesly is an extremely vulnerable young person who requires safety and security. She has recently and in the past put herself at great risk. Prior to Lesly's admission to Ladyacre she was influenced by adults who were complete strangers who persuaded her to stay with them in their home. At this time Lesly was exposed to them using illegal substances and Lesly was also thought to have participated in this activity. Lesly was also enticed into shoplifting on their behalf with a view to funding further involvement with these illegal substances.

Only recently Lesly absconded from Ladyacre and was discovered by the Police at Crewe.

Lesly's Mother and younger Brother reside in Antrim, Northern Ireland. The contact with them in recent years has been minimal. This has resulted in Lesly being deprived of nurturing which she desperately requires.

It is noted that Lesly was admitted to Ladyfield East for a period of time at the start of 1999. There appears to be little in the way of information or assessment for this period.

Behaviour within the Unit

When Lesly was admitted to Ladyacre she familiarised herself with her new situation very quickly. Despite the fact that she initially had no desire to be looked after in a Residential Unit, she found the 'group living' situation quite attractive and seemed to think that she would have plenty of scope for escapades.

It was evident that Lesly felt a need to belong within the group of young people in the Unit. It has been unfortunate that Lesly has consistently used negative ways of doing this.

Lesly, for whatever reason, often has amounts of money in her possession and she has used this on occasions to manipulate certain young people in order to gain status and power over others. Lesly has also caused herself difficulties by passing pieces of information either to Staff or Residents. This information is often fabricated and detrimental to the other young people involved and has on several occasions caused disruption within the Unit. In the time that Lesly has been at Ladyacre Staff have tried various ways to help Lesly with group living. It is regularly explained to Lesly that her situation would be easier if she could manage to refrain from aggravating situations.

Lesly has been unpredictable and impulsive and seems unable to 'think ahead' to the consequences of negative behaviour. Due to Lesly having difficulties adhering to rules and boundaries a Strategy and Action Plan was set up on the 3rd August, 1999 to address and deal with Lesly's behaviour and at the same time offering ways of coping and to encourage her when she does act appropriately. Further to this a meeting of professionals took place on 2nd September, 1999. Those attending were Vivien Jones (Galloway Small School), L. Abrines (Social Worker), O. Bathgate (Clinical Psychologist), Graham Abrines (Unit Manager), and Ruth Shearman (Assistant Unit Manager). This resulted in a positive re-enforcement reward scheme being set up. It has been encouraging that there has been a 'measure' of improvement in this area.

Lesly is currently on 'Close Supervision' whilst at Ladyacre. She is allowed out only along with a Member of Staff. This measure was introduced after Lesly absconded along with a young male Resident from the Unit on the 28th September, 1999 and was subsequently found at Crewe and was returned to the Unit.

It transpired that Lesly and her fellow Resident had allegedly spent the night of the 28th September, 1999 at an older man's home in one of the housing schemes in Dumfries.

With Lesly and the other young person's reluctance to reveal details of this episode it has been difficult to make further enquiries into this.

On a positive role Lesly has a great interest in being creative and has been given the opportunity to be involved in Arts and Crafts. She is however very easily pre-occupied and this limits her concentration. At the times that Lesly allows herself to be 'focused' she is very endearing, pleasant company and good humoured.

Family Contact

At the time Lesly was admitted to Ladyacre it was agreed that she would have regular contact with her Father and Grandmother on a weekly basis spending weekends at the family home. This home leave situation has been fraught with difficulties. On several occasions Lesly has stolen quite large amounts of money from her Father and Grandmother. This has had a detrimental effect on her family relationships. This has also resulted in Lesly's Father stopping the home leave situation on various occasions. It is recognised that often when Lesly has been at the family home on home leave her Father has been unable to make himself available to care for Lesly. Mr Edwards has priorities with regards to how he relaxes after a weeks work and this does not always accommodate Lesly's needs. It is noted however that Lesly enjoyed a weeks holiday in Blackpool with her Father in July, 1999.

With regard to Lesly's contact with her Mother and Brother she was taken by her Social Worker, Lindsay Abrines to visit them in Ireland. This contact was beneficial in the respect that Lesly is now more aware of events that have taken place in the past. It also gave Lesly the opportunity to see her family after a long period.

Lesly has had many difficulties coming to terms with her Parent's separation in 1996. Lesly is confused about her loyalties towards her Parents and sees her Mother as being a disciplinarian and her Father as being more relaxed about rules.

Lesly has been in more regular contact with her Mother since she visited her in Ireland. An arrangement has been made for Mrs Edwards and Lesly's Brother to visit Lesly later this month. Lesly is looking forward to this visit.

Education

Lesly is currently attending The Galloway Small School and fits very well into this environment, which makes it easier for her to make progress in small group situations. The School has a holistic approach with emphasis on creativity and self-awareness. It is unlikely that Lesly would be able to cope in main stream education in the foreseeable future. The Staff at the School are involved with the Positive Reward System which was set up with regard to helping Lesly with improving of aspects of her behaviour.

Health & Well-being

Physical Health

Lesly has attended 99 George Street, Practice in Dumfries for minor ailments. Lesly has complained on several occasions about having difficulties with sleeping at night but no medication has been prescribed.

She has however had medication for Hay-fever and Headaches.

On two separate occasions in July it was necessary for Staff to take Lesly to Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, Out-Patients Department. On one occasion Lesly claimed to have fainted and on the other occasion hurt her head when on a trip to the beach. There were no major concerns from the Hospital Staff on both occasions.

Dental Health

Lesly is currently attending D.G.R.I. to have extraction's and fillings due to Lesly only agreeing to have the work done under anaesthetic.

Eye-sight

On the 20th September, 1999 Lesly was prescribed reading glasses as a result of an eye test.

Smoking

With regard to her Smoking habit Lesly has agreed to have counselling to help her to stop. An arrangement was made for a counsellor to see Lesly on the 29th September, 1999, however, at this time Lesly had absconded from the Unit. Another appointment will be made at the convenience of the Counsellor.

Alcohol & Substance Mis-use

Lesly has an opportunity to make use of and be guided through some written material which has been acquired.

Health & Sex Education

With regard to and taking into account Lesly's age and immaturity permission was sought from Lesly's Father to allow Staff and other professionals to offer Lesly appropriate information about these issues.

Psychological Input

Oonagh Bathgate, Clinical Psychologist contributed her views which resulted in the positive reward system which was set up to address Lesly's behaviour.

Relationships and Self Awareness

Staff at Ladyacre are regularly addressing the issues. Lesly's Social Worker has been working with Lesly on 'Things in the Past'.

Leisure Activities and Social Interaction.

Lesly lacks social skills and finds it difficult to interact appropriately with others. A great deal of work has been done to address these issues and offer Lesly the help she requires. Lesly enjoys many activities and has been offered various opportunities to participate in pursuits. She is currently involved with a Gymnastics Club and has been attending weekly dancing lessons. This has given her an outlet for her boundless energies and has allowed her to interact with other young people in the community. It has been necessary however, that Staff supervise Lesly on these occasions. It is hoped that Lesly will have the opportunity to participate in a Drama Group during the month of December.

Contact with Social Worker

Lesly has a high regard for and a close relationship with Lindsay Abrines her Social Worker who has weekly contact with Lesly and communicates with Staff on a regular basis.

CONCLUSION

Since Lesly has been looked after in Ladyacre it has been evident that she consistently displays a level of maturity that is well below that of other Residents.

Lesly has found it easier to cope on occasions for whatever reasons when the group is of a smaller number. Staff at Ladyacre have attempted to engage Lesly in pieces of work which would be likely to help her to make progress, however, it has been difficult for Staff to work on anything other than the presenting behaviours many of which are as a result of group living.

With regard to Lesly's needs it is unlikely in the foreseeable future that Lesly's Family will be able to offer Lesly the care she requires.

Lesly's needs would be better met whilst using statutory measure. Therefore we would ask the Hearing to facilitate this.

Evelyn Gray
Social Care Worker

Ref: EG/SD

Dated: 13th October, 1999

REF NO:

LOOKING AFTER CHILDREN
REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS

For a Child or Young Person Looked After
by a Local Authority

NOTE: To be completed within 3 days of child being looked after;
after 6 weeks; after 3 months and thereafter 6 monthly.

TYPE OF REVIEW:

- CHILD LOOKED AFTER
- POST ADMISSION
- 1ST REVIEW
- 2ND REVIEW
- SUBSEQUENT

FORENAMES: Lesleanne known as Lesly

FAMILY NAME: Edwards

GENDER: MALE FEMALE

DATE OF BIRTH: 31.05.86

DATE OF ADMISSION (if appropriate): 29.06.99

DATE OF LAST REVIEW: 17.08.99

DATE OF THIS REVIEW: 20.10.99

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:

To be completed before the review.

1. CURRENT PLACEMENT:

PLACEMENT TYPE: Residential - Young Person's Unit

NAME AND ADDRESS: Ladyacre
Craigs Road
Dumfries

NAME OF CARER/KEY WORKER:

Evelyn Gray

2. SOCIAL WORKER VISITS SINCE ADMISSION/LAST REVIEW:

DATE	PURPOSE	1	2	3	4
25.08.99		X			
26.08.99		X			
01.09.99					
02.09.99					
14.09.99				X	
15.09.99		X	X		
16.09.99		X		X	
17.09.99		X	X		
22.09.99		X		X	
30.09.99		X	X		
01.10.99				X	
04.10.99		X	X		
14.10.99		X	X		
18.10.99		X	X		X

- 1 = child seen alone
- 2 = child seen with carers/key worker
- 3 = placement visited but child not seen
- 4 = visit to parents/with parents to unit

3. ARE ALL NAMES AND ADDRESSES ON ESSENTIAL INFORMATION CORRECTLY RECORDED:

YES

NO

INDICATE ANY CHANGES/REASONS:

[Empty box for changes/reasons]

4. WHEN WAS ESSENTIAL INFORMATION RECORD LAST UPDATED:

29.06.99

SOCIAL WORKERS REPORT:

5. WHAT IS THE AGREED OVERALL PLAN FOR THIS CHILD/YOUNG PERSON:

- Time Limited Assessment
- Remain with Family with Support including Respite Care
- Return to Birth Family:
 - Within One Month
 - Within Six Months
 - Eventually Return (indicate how long)
- Live with Relatives/Friends
- Independent Living
- Special Residential
- Long Term Fostering
- Adoption

Other (specify)

Return to Mrs Edwards or to continue at Ladyacre with regular home contact to Mr Edwards.

6. CHANGES/DEVELOPMENTS IN CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE CURRENT CARE PLAN WAS FORMULATED. A STATEMENT MUST BE MADE ON THE FOLLOWING:

Health/Medical Issues
Education/Employment
Relationships with Family/Change of Circumstances
Relationships with Carers/Residential Staff
Relationships with Peers/Friends
Change of Social Worker
Present Legal Status - has this changed?
Emotional and Behavioural Development
Concept of Identity
Other

Social Worker's Report:

Lesly continues to reside at Ladyacre under Section 25 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995. There is a Children's Hearing on 20, October 1999 and the recommendation is to make Lesly subject to a supervision requirement naming Ladyacre as the place of residence. The social worker continues to be Lindsay Abrines.

Lesly attends the Galloway Small School for education. The beginning of term proved difficult for Lesly in that she was not following instructions, she was rude to people and was bullying. However, these incidents were managed and after a serious meeting including the writer and the unit manager there has been a vast improvement. Lesly enjoys school and has the academic ability to succeed, at present mainstream schooling would not be appropriate for her.

Lesly, generally keeps in good health although does smoke without Mr Edwards consent. Dental treatment has been pursued, Lesly having two teeth removed on 15 October under anaesthetic.

The last two months at Ladyacre has been a mixed picture. Lesly found it difficult living with a group and continued to 'gossip' and cause problems with her peers. She was, at times, defiant and rude to staff in the presence of others but exceptional on a one to one basis. Lesly has a great need to feel popular and belong that she is influenced greatly and tries to buy friendships with tales, cigarettes or money. Although this has improved Lesly placed her self at serious risk on 28 September, 1999 when she absconded with another male resident. They spent the night in a strangers home in Dumfries and then headed to Wales. They were apprehended in Crewe during the evening on the 29th. The following evening Lesly absconded again to go to the fair.

Lesly was then placed on adult supervision and certain privileges withdrawn. There has been a marked change in her behaviour since although this tight monitoring has lapsed.

The two weeks following the trip to Northern Ireland, from 16 August proved problematic within Ladyacre, school and at home. It was felt to be a reaction to the visit and the confused feelings which arose thereafter.

A workers meeting took place on 2 September, 1999 where Oonagh Bathgate assisted with the behaviour strategies for Lesly. A positive behaviour chart was thus devised, although it has been amended Lesly continues to use this. Three specific behaviours are identified and gives Lesly an opportunity to succeed. Expectations are clear and she is generally managing well.

The incidents of 28 and 30 September were out of character for Lesly. There was no indication that she was going to abscond. Overall her presenting behaviour had improved. She had invested much into Ladyacre. Her room is personalised, she involves herself in card making, arranging celebrations for staff and has joined community activities. There have been occasions where she has been bullied and physically hurt by a female resident but this was not a factor in the absconding.

Recently, Lesly has been learning to make positive relationships with other residents and has shown some signs of 'being herself' rather than acting. Relationships with staff members have generally improved, she is beginning to depend on adults but states she does not trust any yet. Lesly has experienced a number of traumatic events in her life and this partly explains her presenting behaviour and her emotional immaturity.

Lesly does struggle to find her position within different environments. However, her confidence is increasing and thus life is becoming easier to understand and manage. Lesly attends gymnastics and modern dance classes once a week and thoroughly enjoys the experience. She has an innate talent for this and the class teachers have expressed their delight in teaching her. These activities are part of her care plan and unconditional of her behaviour outwith.

Lesly enjoys being at Ladyacre and wants to remain there. She is adamant that an alternative family is not an option.

Family

The relationship between Lesly and Mr Edwards has been erratic. It has changed from no contact to improved contact. At times Lesly has stolen money and cigarettes from the home and at other times she has been wrongly accused. Lesly is extremely loyal to her father and although he sometimes upsets her she loves him dearly. Mr Edwards, when angry or under the influence of alcohol; can make very unkind statements to Lesly which confuses her and upsets any stability. These are usually made after she has stolen money or absconded.

The relationship between Lesly and Mrs Edwards (mother) has improved greatly. There is regular telephone contact and this has been positive since the visit to Northern Ireland. Lesly misses her mother and brother but at the same time does not want to return to Ireland. She would like to have occasional visits. Mrs Edwards is hoping to visit Lesly at the end of October.

Future

Overall it is felt that Lesly should continue to reside at Ladyacre and attend the Galloway Small School. Her care plan needs to be monitored and reviewed on a regular basis. Lesly needs stability and to make major changes at present would be detrimental to her well being and would not meet her needs.

The Residential Report will address the above headings.

7. DOES THE CURRENT PLACEMENT MEET THE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON'S DAY TO DAY NEEDS AS IDENTIFIED IN THE CARE PLAN AND PLACEMENT PLAN:

	YES	NO		YES	NO
Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ethnic Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox" value="N/A"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leisure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Behavioural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify)	<input type="text"/>	

IF ANY OF THESE NEEDS ARE NOT BEING MET INDICATE WHAT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN:

At times Lesly has placed herself in risky situations, however there are controls placed on her behaviour.

8. ARE ALL KEY TASKS AS IDENTIFIED IN CARE PLAN BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THIS PLACEMENT?

YES NO

IF NOT INDICATE WHAT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN:

9. INDICATE WHETHER PARENTS/CARERS/RELATIVES ARE RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH TRAVELLING EXPENSES:

No.

10. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE CURRENT PLACEMENT?

- Very Stable
- Stable
- Fragile
- Approaching Breakdown

IF APPROACHING BREAKDOWN INDICATE WHY:

11. IF CURRENT PLACEMENT APPEARS UNSATISFACTORY WHAT ALTERNATIVES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED?

12. HAVE YOU DISCUSSED THE ISSUES FOR THE REVIEW WITH:

	YES	NO
Child	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mother	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Father	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keyworker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidance Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)	<input type="text" value="Galloway Small School"/>	

IF NOT - INDICATE REASONS

HAVE ALL ABOVE BEEN INVITED TO THIS REVIEW:

YES

NO

IF NO, INDICATE WHO AND FOR WHAT REASONS:

Mrs Edwards lives in Northern Ireland and would not be able to attend.

13. DATE OF LAST MEDICAL EXAMINATION

04.08.99

**14. DATE OF LAST INCLUSION ON
DISABILITY REGISTER**

N/A

**15. DATE OF LAST SCHOOL REPORT/
PARENTS' EVENING**

Unknown

**16. DATE OF LAST REVIEW OF SPECIAL
EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

N/A

17. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION:

- Update on placement.
- Outcome of Assessment
- Contact arrangements
- Children's Hearing decision
- Future Plans

18. RECORD OF DISCUSSION:

Present:

Lesly Edwards	Young Person
Jim Edwards	Father
Sharon Edwards	Mother
Evelyn Gray	Keyworker
Graham Abrines	Unit Manager, Ladyacre
Vivien Jones	Head of Care, Galloway Small School
Lindsay Abrines	Social Worker
David Baird	Team Manager
Eleanor Marshall	Assessment and Planning Officer/Chair

cc: Mike Briggs, Team Manager, Assessment and Planning Team
Helen Walker, Assistant Service Manager

Reports Presented: Social Workers Report
Residential Report.

Decisions of last Review:

All the decisions of the Review held on 17.08.99 have been addressed.

Information Update

Placement

Both Lindsay and Evelyn's reports (attached) discuss in detail Lesly's current placement. Generally, she is settling in but understandably pushing the boundaries. The relationships she has with staff are improving in that she is beginning to bond with staff, is gaining respect for staff and is starting to trust one member of staff.

There are concerns about her behaviour in the Unit and the risks to which she exposes herself and the lack of awareness of consequences. The supervision to which Lesly was subject is now reducing.

Since the beginning of October a huge improvement in Lesly's behaviour has been noted. She is more able to talk about issues and listens more effectively. She has also become involved in unit activities and has demonstrated she has some investment in the Unit.

A positive behaviour chart is in place both within Ladyacre and school. This appears to be working very well.

It is agreed that Lesly has experienced confusion in her life and that she continues to need assistance to address and clarify this.

Lesly attends gymnastics and modern dance classes once a week and thoroughly enjoys these. Lesly's teachers have said it is a delight to teach her and it is agreed these classes are an unconditional part of the care plan.

Contact with Parents

Jim advised that he and Lesly now spend Saturday's together and that he and Lesly enjoy this time. Contact has not always been weekly and has been dependent on Lesly's behaviour. At present Lesly goes home for an overnight on Saturday. It is envisaged this will continue with the introduction of an overnight midweek taking place soon. Jim is in agreement to this.

Lesly has regular telephone contact with her mother and Sharon described the relationship as being better. It is noted Lesly phones her mum in times of distress.

The importance of Lesly not being witness to parental arguments was stressed at the Review.

Education

Lesly attends the Galloway Small School where she is described as bright. She does exhibit a need to control situations which can be detrimental to other children. There are no difficulties when Lesly is in a one to one situation with a member of staff. It is acknowledged that Lesly needs more structured time than is usually on offer at the school and to this end her timetable is being reassessed and Lesly will be asked to opt in to classes. This is linked also to the positive behaviour chart although it is noted Lesly often forgets to bring it to school. Lesly agreed she would take it in the future.

Generally at school Lesly inspires a lot of affection and sympathy and if she relaxed at school she would benefit and gain enormously.

It is agreed that the holistic approach of the Small School is best able to meet Lesly's needs and is the lynchpin for Lesly's success in her living situation. Lesly is not able to cope in main stream school.

Future Plans

It is agreed that Ladyacre is not a long term option for Lesly and that consideration needs to be given to her moving on. Sharon suggested Lesly could go to a children's home in Northern Ireland and then back to Sharon's care but Lesly was adamant she was not going to move from one children's home to another. Lesly has also real concerns that were she to live in Northern Ireland she would not see her Dad or her Gran, both people who are very important to her.

The reasons why a return to Jim's care was unlikely were outlined and accepted by Jim. The importance of regular contact with her dad was stressed.

It was therefore agreed that Lesly would stay at Ladyacre for the immediate future and consolidate on the investment she's making there. An assessment of the home options will be completed within twelve weeks when an early Review will take place. It was agreed it is not appropriate to make a referral to CATCH at this time.

Completion of relevant parts of the Assessment and Action Record would inform this assessment and these can be completed by both Lindsay and Evelyn. All decisions about her future will be made in consultation with Lesly.

Legal Status

Lesly is now subject to a supervision requirement to stay at Ladyacre.

Health

Lesly is generally healthy. She recently attended DGRI to have teeth removed and appears to have recovered from this. Lesly continues to smoke without parental permission.

Care Plan

Lesly will remain at Ladyacre and attend the Galloway Small School. The positive behaviour chart will continue both in the school and Ladyacre. An assessment of the home options will be completed within twelve weeks when a Review will be held.

19. IS THE CHILD AWARE THAT HE/SHE HAS THE RIGHT TO APPLY FOR CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION?

YES

NO

20. DOES THE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON AND PARENTS HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE WITHIN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

YES

NO

21. DECISIONS OF REVIEW:

DECISION	ACTION	TIMESCALE	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
To remain c/o Ladyacre	To remain	Ongoing	Lesly, Ladyacre
Galloway Small School	To attend	Term Time	Lesly
Positive behaviour chart	Continue to use	Daily	Lesly, Ladyacre, Galloway Small School
Positive chart	Bring to school	Daily	Lesly
Contact with Jim	To take place	Weekly	Lesly, Jim
Contact with Sharon	To take place	Regularly	Lesly, Sharon
Assessment and Action Records	To complete relevant parts	Within 12 weeks	Lesly, Lindsay, Evelyn
Looked After Review	To take place	19.01.00	Meeting participants

22. DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:

TIME:

VENUE:

23. SIGNED CHAIR:

DATE:

POSITION:

DATE:

SIGNED SOCIAL WORKER:



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DW/JH

27 October, 1999

Officer in Charge
Ladyacre Young Persons Unit
Craigs Road
DUMFRIES

Authority Reporter
Dumfries & Galloway
Miller H Caldwell

If calling please ask for:
Mrs Weston

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTIFICATION OF CHILDREN'S HEARING DECISION

Please note that a Children's Hearing for Dumfries and Galloway has made the following decision.

Child: **LESLEANNE EDWARDS** (d.o.b. 31.5.86)
h/a 105 Anderson Street
Kelloholm

Date of Decision: **20 October 1999**

Decision: **Supervision Requirement made. Lesleanne will
reside at Ladyacre Young Persons Unit, Dumfries.**

Copies of the Supervision Requirement and statement of the reasons for the decision of the Children's Hearing are enclosed.

Yours sincerely

Delna Weston

PP. DELNA WESTON
Reporter



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SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

Date: 20.10.99

Place: Dumfries

A children's hearing for Dumfries and Galloway, having considered the case of
Resleanne Edwards d o b 3.5.86
105 Anderson Street, Kellonholm.

and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 70 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995, being satisfied that [he][she] is in need of compulsory measures of supervision require [him][her] to be under the supervision of the chief social work officer of Dumfries and Galloway

[to reside in *Radycare young Persons Unit*]

[to comply with the conditions stated below.]

[The children's hearing order that the place or places where the child is to reside in accordance with the requirement shall not be disclosed to]

CONDITIONS REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

1.

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



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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 20.10.99

CHILD'S NAME Lesleanne Edwards

DATE OF BIRTH 31.5.86
REF. NO. _____

CHAIRMAN

MEMBER

MEMBER

REPORTER

G. Hood

M. Hughes

R. McClintock

D. Weston

A. PERSONS PRESENT AT HEARING AS PARTICIPANT

CHILD

MOTHER

FATHER

Other relevant person: (name)

(name)

Representative (name) Evelyn Gray

Representative (name)

of child (address) Redyare

of (address)

(Key Worker)

Representative (name) V. Jones

Safeguarder (name)

of (address) Head of Cone

(office address)

Galloway Small

School

Social Worker L. Albines Other Other

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

(Name)

(Name) Roy Kirkpatrick

(Status)

(Status) CPAC

C. REASONS FOR THE CHILDREN'S HEARING

Grounds

D. GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL

Response to explanation of grounds for referral

Grounds on 4a dated	Child	Mother	Father	Relevant Person	Relevant Person
8.10.99					
accepted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
accepted in part	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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

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

E. DECISION/S OF THE CHILDREN'S HEARING

S of F 2, 3 & 5 Not Accepted were discharged.
 To make a Supervision Requirement naming
 Kacyare as Resleyannes place of residence

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

- ① Ladyacre are at present addressing Lesly's short term needs which are security, stability and most importantly boundaries.
- ② A comprehensive care plan including incentives has been set up for Lesly to use within Ladyacre + school. This at present seems to be working well, as well as looking at some of the problem areas in Lesly's life.
- ③ Galtonay small school is offering a package tailored to meet Lesly's needs and this hopefully will help eradicate some of Lesly's behavioural difficulties within the school.
- ④ Contact was discussed with both Lesly and her parents and was said to be working well for all parties. This was decided to be left at the discretion of social services with a view to possible increase.
- ⑤ A safeguarder was deemed NOT necessary.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

(Signed)

Gordon How
(Chairman)

(Date)

20/10/99.

RESIDENTIAL (CHILD CARE) UNITS INCIDENT REPORT:

DATE: 31/10/99

UNIT: Ladyacre

TIME: 8:40pm

Names: Young People Involved: Lesly Edwards, J

Staff Present: Anna Dickie Alan Pitcairn

Synopsis of incident including significant factors prior to the incident:

About 8:30pm Lesly went out to the local shop. She returned shortly after claiming that she had been attacked by another resident. Lesly was distressed and crying she claimed that the attacker had pulled her hair and stole cigarettes from her. Lesly refused to give details of who the attacker was but requested that I call the police.

The police arrived shortly after and interviewed Lesly. In her statement to them she claimed that the person who attacked her was

Anna Dickie
Assistant Unit Manager
Ladyacre

Unit Manager's comments/analysis:

Lesly has and possibly still is being bullied for her possessions. Staff will monitor the group dynamics and take Lesly out of situations to protect her as she often sets herself up. Police has made no charges that I'm aware of at this time.

A. Dickie
Assistant Unit Manager
Dated 19.11.99

Agencies Informed/Copies:

Social Worker - A. Tait, L. Abrines
Team Manager - G. Dean, D. Baird
Commissioning Manager - J. Kane
Unit x 4

Ref: AD/SD
Date: 20th November 1999

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COUNCIL
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

LADYACRE MONTHLY SUMMARY

Month: October, 1999
Resident: Lesly Ann Edwards
Date of Birth: 31.05.86
Key Worker: Evelyn Gray
Social Worker: Lindsay Abrines
Team Manager: David Baird
Summary Prepared By: Carol Rammell

Significant Changes From Previous Month:
(including changes in sleeping/eating habits)

Continues as before.

Contact with Natural Family and Reaction to Contact:

Lesly has constant contact with Dad and Gran through visits and telephone calls. Lesly also has contact with Mum through phone calls.

Record of Work:
(Counselling work completed)

Self-awareness
Skills & Activities
Health Issues
Sexual Health Issues
Psychological Health Education

Building Relationships

Specific Concerns re Health:
(include Psychiatric/Psychological issues)

Lesly still smokes but has seen Smoking Councillor twice this month. Was at Hospital and got two teeth out.

Education/Work Placement Issues:

Lesly attends the Galloway Small School and still seems to be enjoying it.

Contact with Social Worker and Other Agencies:

Has regular contact with her Social Worker.

Behaviour Within Unit:

Lesly still takes tantrums when she doesn't get her own way.

She doesn't seem to understand the word **NO**.

She constantly wants Staff's attention and can become verbally abusive if this doesn't happen immediately.

Can be very polite and angelic when the mood takes her.

Relationships with Other Residents:

Lesly gets herself into situations by spreading lies and gossip about other Residents. Group living isn't in Lesly's best interest. She seems happier when only one or two other residents are around.

Relationships with Staff:

Lesly tries to play Staff off against one another by telling lies.

She seems to cope better on a one-to-one basis and can be pleasant to be with in this way.

Leisure Interests:

(including outside community)

Gymnastics

Dancing

Swimming

Arts and Crafts

Restraints:

(Dates and brief summary)

N/A

Sanctions:

(Give brief summary and young person's views)

- 1st Lesly on close one-to-one supervision due to her behaviour.
- 24th Grounded due to failing to return to Unit from Dad's (Misper).
- 25th 9 pm bed for smoking in room previous night.

Significant Incidents:

- 1st Telephone call to mum - pleasant chat.
- 2nd Telephone call to Dad - fell out with him on the phone and hung up.
Dad phoned back.
Out with Staff to the Fair.
- 3rd Assaulted by another resident, didn't want any charges brought.
- 4th Out with Social Worker to Mabie Forest.
- 5th Phone Gran.
- 6th Taken to Neverland after school
Out to her Gymnastics
- 7th Lesly attended Stage Dance Class, done well.
Phoned Dad.
- 9th Staff spoke to Dad on phone regarding overnight, he was fine with those arrangements.
Lesly off for home leave.
- 10th Phone call from Dad stating that £30 had gone missing from his Wallet.
He had asked Lesly about it, but she had denied it. He had also searched her, but found nothing.
- 11th Out with Staff and another Resident to Brewer's Fayre.
Dad phoned to say he had received a letter from the Police to say Lesly's Jacket, Lighter, and Penknife should be picked up at Loreburn Police Station.
Staff informed him that on Lesly's return from home leave she was searched and there was no sign of the £30 and there was no indication that she had taken the money.

Dad phoned later to apologise to Lesly.
- 12th Lesly's Mum phoned - she had received a letter asking for her to attend Lesly's Panel on the 20th October, 1999. She said she is trying to come over on the 22nd October, 1999. Was told to phone Social Worker and talk to her.
Out to Police Station with Staff to get her clothes.
- 14th Lesly typed a letter to Dumfries Swimming Pool to apologise.
Out to her Dancing.
- 15th At Hospital to get teeth out. Visited by Dad.

- 16th Dad phoned re-overnight - Lesly arranged to go on the 3 pm Bus. Phoned her Mum to discuss arrangements for Mum's visit. Various phone calls back and forward from Lesly - very upset wanting back to Ladyacre. Eventually things settled down.
- 17th Lesly returned from home leave. Admitted that she had been unhappy and 'crabbit' because of her sore mouth and that was why there was upset last night.
- 18th Visited by Social Worker to sort out Mum's visit. Out to Cinema at Carlisle with Staff.
- 19th Off with Staff to collect Mum and brother off Ferry at Stranraer.
- 20th Lesly attended her Panel along with Mum, Dad, Lindsay Abrines, Vivian Jones and Evelyn Gray. Supervision requirement made naming Ladyacre as a Place of Residence with Family Contact included. Out with Mum and Brother.
- 21st Lesly had a visit from the 'Smoking Counsellor'. Mum and Brother visited and Lesly went out with them.
- 22nd Lesly left Unit to go out with Mum and Brother.
- 23rd Taken by Staff to get 12.15 pm Bus to go on home leave. Phone call from Dad to say Lesly hadn't got off Bus. Lesly eventually arrived home with another Female Resident. Dad put them on the 7.30 pm Bus back to Ladyacre but they didn't arrive back. Telephone Call back and forward to both Dad and Mum re Lesly being a Misper. Lesly found by Police in house at Kelloholm at 2.20 am. Returned by Social Worker to Ladyacre at 5 am.
- 24th Dad phoned re last night's events spoke to Lesly. Gran and Mum both phone to see how Lesly was. Discussion took place between Staff and Lesly about yesterday's events. Phoned Dad.
- 25th Staff spoke to Lesly's Social Worker re events of the 23rd. 9 pm bed for Smoking in her Bedroom the previous night.
- 26th Ladyacre Staff had it confirmed by the Galloway Small School that the 'Christmas Card Sale' was a 'scam' and the money from this has to be given back to them as compensation for materials. Lesly is aware of this. Lesly had a session with 'Smoking' Counsellor, it went well.

- 27th Halloween Party at school - Lesly enjoyed it.
Mum phoned and spoke to Lesly about her going over to visit in Ireland if her behaviour is good.
- 30th Lesly off for overnight at Dad's.
Lesly phoned Unit twice to talk to Staff.
- 31st Lesly returned from home leave stating she had one of the best weekends at home.
Out for the evening for Halloween with Staff.

Young Person's Comments:

(include their views on and their personal goals for the coming month)

This is fine, I will be good next Month.

Signed:- L. Edwards.

Writer's Comments:

Lesly is a very immature young person. Group Living is definitely not for her. She demands everyone's attention and dislikes it when Staff spends time with other Residents.

Lesly puts herself at Risk due to her lack of understanding and immaturity. She constantly annoys her Peers with her gossip. She doesn't seem to be able to learn from her mistakes. This could end up quite dangerous for Lesly.

Key Worker's Comments:

When comparing this Month's Summary with September it is clear that there has been no improvement in Lesly's relationships with the other young people. If anything her personal situation within the group has deteriorated. Of concern in Lesly's relationships with the Staff. This does not appear to have seen progress and has been fraught with difficulties and confrontation in the past month.

Manager's Comments:

(Assistant Unit Manager or Unit Manager)

As commented by both the Writer and Keyworker, Lesly's placement within the Unit still raises areas of concern. Our main concerns surround relationships and risk taking behaviour. Much work has been done with Lesly in these areas by both her Social Worker and her Keyworker without much success.

Lynn Sturgeon
Assistant Unit Manager

Signed C. Rammell
(by writer)

Checked By Lynn Sturgeon
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Date 14th November, 1999
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Distribution: Team Manager D. Baird
Social Worker - L. Abrines
File - Ladyacre

Ref: CR/SD
Dated: 21.12.1999

Carnsalloch
Kirkton
Dumfries
DG1 1SL
SCOTLAND

The Galloway Small School

5th nov '99

Dear Lynn,

I am aware of what must be a very concerning situation at Lachyacre at the moment, and further concerned with the effect that this is having on the pattern at school for Lesby

Our small community is vulnerable and I think it would be unwise to risk bringing the effects of what is happening outside school into school (in fact with Lesby this is already well beyond the area of "risk") Please don't send the girls to school until things around

The Galloway Small School

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them are much more settled - on your
say-so — and they have each expressed
to me a willingness to come back into
the regular pattern of attendance and
expectations of reasonable behavior.

Please take it that this is
an attempt on my part to
make our community work to
the benefit of all the kids & I
want this to INCLUDE Lesly &

Sincerely
Richard.

RESIDENTIAL (CHILD CARE) UNITS INCIDENT REPORT:**DATE:** 05.11.99**UNIT:** Ladyacre**TIME:** Midnight - 1am
06.11.99**Names: Young People Involved:**

, Lesly Edwards.

Staff Present: T. Quinn, F. Donald, Z. Oliver.**Synopsis of incident including significant factors prior to the incident:**

All the above Young People sat together watching a Film it was obvious to Staff Lesly was feeling uncomfortable with presence so Staff stayed in the room. Once the Film finishes the Young People were offered refreshments to take to their rooms. Whilst the refreshments were being made all the Young People stood at the Main Door, Staff (T. Quinn) also present. During this short period and started verbally intimidating Lesly. Lesly came into the Main Unit after being pushed through the door of by then continued to intimidate Lesly be name calling and attempting to trip her up. Staff told to leave Lesly alone and seeing as it was bedtime Lesly was advised to go to her room to where her refreshment would be brought.

Lesly did as she was advised but was joined by
Whilst was in Lounge Room Lesly's bedroom window was smashed from the outside. Staff (F. Donald) were on the way to ask to leave Lesly's room as the window was broken. F. Donald pulled back Lesly's Curtain to assess the damage and saw and passing Lesly's window.

Shortly afterwards one Policewoman arrived at the Unit to speak to the Young People,

then came to look at the damage in Lesly's room before leaving the Unit.

Lesly

It won't happen again I hope.

Unit Manager's comments/analysis:

This is a further Incident to prove that Ladyacre is a unsettled Unit at present some Young People are feeling unsafe due to the dynamics of the group.

Ladyacre is very volatile at present and there must be several young people who feel unsafe. Staff work hard to try and make the Unit a safe environment for young people to live in but at present we have no control over the influences some young people have.

A. Dickie
Assistant Unit Manager

Agencies Informed/Copies:

**Social Worker - Keith Hollis, Alan Henderson, Lesley Farrell
Lindsay Abrines.**

**Team Manager - Tony Connor, Geoff Dean, David Baird
Unit x 5**

Commissioning Manager - J. Kane

Ref: TQ/SD

Date: 15th November, 1999

RESIDENTIAL (CHILD CARE) UNITS INCIDENT REPORT:

DATE: 7-8.11.99

UNIT: Ladyacre **TIME:** 11.20 PM - 4.30 AM

Names: Young People Involved:

ers, Lesly Edwards

Staff Present: T. Quinn, Z. Oliver, A. Pitcairn

Synopsis of incident including significant factors prior to the incident:

12.35 am

Fire Alarm Set off and all young people up.

left the building where Lesly, and sat in the Main Recreation Area. As the Fire Alarm was being constantly set off by the boys all of the girls didn't want to go to their rooms even though they were advised to do so by Staff.

Staff (Z. Oliver) telephoned Police to inform of situation.

Whilst Police were standing around by the Flat assessing the situation Lesly appeared, Staff (Z. Oliver) asked Lesly to go back around the front of the Unit. Lesly was not wanting to do this and became verbally abusive to Z. Oliver and shouting for her not to touch her. Z. Oliver was not touching her only advising Lesly to go back into the Unit.

Lesly along with [redacted] and [redacted] came back into the building for a short while but [redacted] and Lesly left the building via a Fire Exit to join the boys.

1 am

The Police were still on the grounds and were informed of the situation as was their Sergeant who had just arrived at Ladyacre. As all the young people were still on the grounds of Ladyacre Police were unable to assist but stressed if we had more problems we could call them out again.

For the next 1-1/2 hours [redacted] Lesly and [redacted] were around the Unit outside.

2.40 am

Lesly then [redacted] followed by [redacted] had knocked on her window to try and encourage [redacted] to join them and to provide them with cigarettes.

J.

3.05 am

and Lesly returned to the Unit and went to the Flat to see how much damage they had caused. All the Young People then sat in the Main Recreation Area demanding to be let into the kitchen to get something to eat and drink, it was agreed that if they settled to their rooms refreshments would be brought to their rooms. Just as was about to go to his room a car screeching to a halt and a bang was heard and all Young People ran out of the Unit down to Craig's Road to where the bollards had previously been. All Young People returned within minutes.

and Lesly were last to go to their beds.

4 am.

and Lesly went to their rooms at

All Young People settled by 4.30 am.

**Z. Oliver
Social Care Worker.**

Young Person's comments:

**I did not become verbally abusive to
Everybody smashed the window.
Everyone else was going so I thought I had to fit in with the crowds
initially I was in my bed.**

Lesly (L. Edwards).

Unit Manager's comments/analysis:

All young people involved were spoken to individually regarding their part in the Incident. The young people at present are working against the Staff not with them and relationships are fraught.

A. Dickie
Assistant Unit Manager

Agencies Informed/Copies:

**Social Worker - Jimmy Marshall, Alan Henderson, Keith Hollis,
Lindsay Abrines, Alison Tait.**
Team Manager - D. Baird, G. Dean, Tony Connor
Unit x 6

Commissioning Manager - J. Kane

Ref: ZO/SD

Date: 15th November, 1999

RESIDENTIAL (CHILD CARE) UNITS INCIDENT REPORT:**DATE: 16.11.99 UNIT: Ladyacre TIME: 8.30 pm****Names: Young People Involved: Lesly Edwards****Staff Present: E. Gray, Y. Douglas, M. Ward, T. Quinn, S. McLeary.
(On duty the above date).
Other Staff on Duty in the following days.****Synopsis of incident including significant factors prior to the incident:**

The situation on the above date was that Lesly was allowed to go out without supervision for 1 hour at a time.

At 5.45 pm Lesly informed M. Ward that she was going out with [redacted] and schoolfriend, [redacted] to walk this boy to his Bus Stop in the town. Lesly failed to return at 6.45 pm.

At 7.45 pm - E. Gray left the Unit for two purposes -

1. One to look around the town for Lesly

[redacted] of the Unit driveway E. Gray passed Lesly along with [redacted] were heading for the Unit.

On the road out
and [redacted] who

When Lesly entered the Unit she was spoken to by S. McLeary who informed Lesly that due to her being late in returning then a sanction of an early bed at 9 pm was to be put on her. Lesly seemed to accept this.

At 8.30 pm Lesly disappeared from the Unit without permission.

As the car passed the roundabout one of the residents in the car said that she saw Lesly, [redacted] and [redacted] at the bottom of Craig's Road.

On arrival at the Unit, the two residents who had been in the car [redacted] ran down the drive saying that they would go down and get Lesly to return.

E Gray entered the building and updated the Staff and got confirmation that Lesly had absconded at 8.30 pm.

E. Gray discussed the situation with T. Quinn who agreed to have a look for the young people.

E. Gray
Social Care Worker

Both girls were reported as missing to Dumfries Police at 10 pm on category **Amber**.

Thomas Quinn
Social Care Worker

At 1.30 pm 17.11.99

Lesly arrived back to the Unit in the company of a woman who was passing Nithbank. Lesly had informed her that she was scared to return to the Unit after absconding.

Police Officers arrived at the Unit and were told by Lesly that she had wandered around Dumfries Area all night with . Lesly was asked by R. Shearman if she was in a relationship with but she denied this. Lesly was informed that she was grounded until further notice and her footwear (outdoor) were removed. Lesly then went for a shower after having had some food.

At 3 pm whilst Staff were having a changeover Lesly left the building via the Fire Escape Door. The Staff who were monitoring her immediately ran after her. Lesly was again reported to Police as missing. Throughout the rest of the day various information and sightings were reported to Staff and are logged on the Protocol Log.

18.11.99

Lesly was not accounted for in the duration of this day.

19.11.99

Lesly was returned to Ladyacre by the Police at 11.10 am who had found her at Hope Place in Lesly had her shoes removed and was shadowed closely by Staff - Alison Fleming. Despite this close monitoring Lesly took off from the Unit at 1.30 pm across the grounds and through a hedge. Staff immediately left the Unit to look for her to no avail. Lesly once again was reported as a missing person to the Police.

At 4.50 pm Lesly's Grandmother called to notify Staff that Lesly had appeared at the Family Home but had by this time left.

At 9.45 pm Lesly arrived back to the Unit of her own accord. The Police were contacted and came to the Unit at 10 pm to speak to her. Anna Dickie offered Lesly the opportunity to have a Medical Check Up - however, Lesly declined this initially and then said that she would think about it.

E. Gray
Social Care Worker

Young person's comments:

Half of this is a load of bollox but the other half is O.K.

L. Edwards

Unit Manager's comments/analysis:

It seems that despite Staff's best efforts to keep Lesly in the building she was hell bent on leaving. The Police, ourselves and her family are very concerned at the level and extent of risk she appears to be placing herself in.

Graham Abrines

Agencies Informed/Copies:

Social Worker - L. Abrines
Team Manager - D. Baird
Commissioning Manager - J. Kane
Unit x 2

Ref: EG/SD
Date: 19.11.99

Dumfries & Galloway

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Your Ref:

Our Ref: JK/AK/Respond 2000 072

Miss Lesly Edwards
c/o Ladyacre
Craigs Road
Dumfries

Social Services Department

Keith Makin - Director

Grierson House, The Crichton,

Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4ZH

Tel: 01387 260928 Fax: 01387 260924

15 November 1999

If telephoning or calling ask for
Jim Kane 01387 260946

Dear Lesly

Thank you for letting me know about your current problems with accommodation at Ladyacre.

I have asked Graham Abrines, Unit Manager to look into your complaint and he should meet with you in the near future. You should also receive a written response to your complaint within 28 days, i.e by Monday 13 December 1999.

In the meantime, if I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Yours sincerely



James Kane
Commissioning Manager-Children's Services

For FILING

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The Galloway Small School

19.11.99

Dear Graham,

As I write Lesly has just been returned to Ladyacre . I am writing to fill you in on some of the background from the school's point of view and to look for a good resolution.

Lesly : I gather that Lesly is now back at Ladyacre after three days on the run. This was a sad conclusion to the week when Monday & Tuesday had been such good days, with Lesly putting herself into school, particularly in the drama, much more wholeheartedly. The first week in November had seen a mixture of absence and disruptive behaviour that led me to write on Nov 5 to say that Lesly was to contact me to ask to return. To her credit she phoned on the morning of Wed 10th and asked to come in with Vivien and I met with them at 12.30 am . Lesly looked at three key questions we asked :

1. Does she want to be at school ? Yes....." I love it here "
2. Does she accept the school is not her personal playground ? Yes
3. Can she suggest how the school can support her when she's upset without her upsetting everyone else ? Yes, she's willing to try.

Lesly stayed that afternoon and put in good, creative energy (she has a pivotal role in the school entertainment as her various talents merit) until Tuesday evening when she had arranged to go to the cinema with and She was dropped of in Dumfries....the rest you know.

Our feeling is that Lesly should be back at school on Monday as usual , notwithstanding any measures you may need to take around the absconding. We would be glad to talk as soon as you can.

yours sincerely



The Galloway Small School

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Head Teacher: Richard Jones. Registered in Scotland as a company limited by guarantee no. 176492 and recognised as a Scottish charity no. SC026795.

RESIDENTIAL (CHILD CARE) UNITS INCIDENT REPORT:

DATE: 21/11/99 **UNIT:** Ladyacre **TIME:** 11.30 pm

Names: Young People Involved: Lesly Edward

Staff Present: T. Quinn, F. Donald, A. Pitcairn

Synopsis of incident including significant factors prior to the incident:

Prior to this Incident Staff had been informed that Lesly was planning to set off the Fire Alarm's. Staff spoke to Lesly about the information they had received and reminded her of the consequences of such action.

This included the possible consequences of a false alarm becoming a regular occurrence. Lesly assured Staff that she had no intentions of setting the Fire Alarm's off.

The evening progressed with Staff monitoring Lesly and with Lesly continually going in and out of her room. At approximately 11.30 pm Lesly came out of her room and Staff could distinctly smell smoke. On entering Lesly's room Staff found that Lesly had been making a small fire in her room with a greeting card. Confronting Lesly about this I insisted that she hand-over any matches or lighters she had. Lesly refused and put a lighter down her Bra. After a period of time with Staff insisting that the lighter be handed over Lesly eventually complied. Staff also removed matches from her jacket pocket.

During this Incident Lesly became abusive and threatening towards Staff. Staff informed Lesly that her room would be searched as she was now presenting a serious risk to other young people.

The matches and lighter which were confiscated have been destroyed.

Thomas Quinn
Social Care Worker

Young person's comments:

When asked to explain this Lesly said "she didn't know why she had behaved like this".

Unit Manager's comments/analysis:

Lesly continues to cause 'difficulties' - she has no explanation for her behaviour far less a rational one. It has been made clear to her that Staff will search her and her property if they believe she is in possession of anything that presents a threat to her, others or the building.

Graham Abrines

Agencies Informed/Copies:

**Social Worker - Lindsay Abrines
Team Manager - D. Baird
Commissioning Manager - J. Kane
Unit x 2**

**Ref: TQ/SD
Date: 23rd November, 1999**

RESIDENTIAL (CHILD CARE) UNITS INCIDENT REPORT:

DATE: 15th/16.11.99 **UNIT:** Ladyacre **TIME:** 5.50 pm

Names: Young People Involved: Lesly Edwards,

Staff Present: L. Sturgeon, Y. Douglas

Synopsis of incident including significant factors prior to the incident:

and Lesly had left Unit at 5.50 pm with Staff permission. Lesly had been told to return for 6.50 pm at the latest 7 pm as per her agreed Care Plan.

Staff out looking for all Young People primarily Lesly around 8 pm.

Lesly was found shortly afterwards in Flat.

and Lesly returned to the Unit around 9.45 pm. Lesly and [redacted] came into the office and [redacted] a stated that Lesly had had £5 stolen/taken from her by [redacted] Lesly was asked if she wanted the Police informed so L. Sturgeon call the Police to inform them of the theft. They were then asked to go to there rooms as it was well after 10 pm.

Lesly kept asking/saying that the boys were her friends and couldn't understand why they had done this to her.

15.11.99

Police arrived at the Unit 10.45 pm to interview Lesly Edwards re £5 that she said that [redacted] had stolen from her. When Police spoke to Lesly it transpired that Lesly had given the boys the £5 to buy alcohol, but the boys had ran off with the money.

Police informed Lesly how wrong that was. Lesly was unable to understand that she had given the boys the money willingly. When Police left the Unit Lesly appeared in Main Unit saying she would be going down to the Police Station to sort this out as the Police that interviewed her were just minors. It was pointed out to Lesly that wouldn't be happening and if she had a witness to the boys keeping money it could be sorted out in the Unit re boy's Pocket Money. This Lesly accepted, and returned to her room.

Young person's comments:

No Comment

Unit Manager's comments/analysis:

Graham Abrines

Agencies Informed/Copies:

Social Worker - J. Marshall, L. Abrines, K. Hollis, A. Henderson.
Team Manager - T. Connor, D. Baird, G. Dean
Unit x Unit 6

Commissioning Manager - J. Kane

Ref: YD/SD

Date: 20th November, 1999

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COUNCIL
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

LADYACRE MONTHLY SUMMARY

Month: November 1999

Resident: Lesly Ann Edwards

Date of Birth: 31.5.86

Key Worker: Evelyn Gray

Social Worker: Lindsay Abrines

Team Manager: David Baird

Summary Prepared By: Carol Rammell

Significant Changes From Previous Month:
(including changes in sleeping/eating habits)

Still has great problems settling at bedtimes.

Contact with Natural Family and Reaction to Contact:

Lesly has regular contact with both Mum and Dad.

Record of Work:
(Counselling work completed)

Education	Boundaries
Incentive Scheme	Behaviour
Putting herself at Risk	Health & Safety
Positive Behaviour	
Safety	
Relationships	

Specific Concerns re Health:
(include Psychiatric/Psychological issues)

Lesly still smokes

Education/Work Placement Issues:

Lesly attends the Galloway Small School.
Although she failed to attend most of the beginning of the month, she had a meeting at school and went back full-time from the 11th November, 1999.

Contact with Social Worker and Other Agencies:

Lesly has regular contact with her Social Worker, Lesly Abrines.

Behaviour Within Unit:

Lesly's behaviour is still quite difficult. She tends to become verbally abusive when not getting her own way.

Relationships with Other Residents:

Lesly still has problems interacting appropriately with her peers. Very immature and childish. Lies constantly to try and 'win' friends.

Relationships with Staff:

Gets on better on a one-to-one basis.
Tends to try and play Staff off against one another.

Leisure Interests:

(including outside community)

Dancing
Arts & Crafts
Listening to Music
Gymnastics
Swimming

Restraints:

(Dates and brief summary)

Sanctions:

(Give brief summary and young person's views)

- 3rd Pocket Money withheld until Saturday due to being verbally abusive.
- 4th Pocket Money to be staggered over the weekend due to her behaviour.
- 16th Grounded - returned late.
- 25th Pocket Money withheld until Saturday - smoking in front of Staff.

Significant Incidents:

- 1st Failed to attend School.
Barricaded herself along with three other residents in the Kitchen.
- 2nd Off on Bus for visit to Dad's.
- 3rd Failed to attend school caught up the town, returned to school by Staff.
Police at Unit to interview Lesly as she was caught on tape shoplifting
Lesly not in but they will come back.
- 4th Lesly absconded from Unit at approximately 6 p.m. - returned at Midnight
- running in and out of Unit being verbally abusive to Staff.
- 5th Absconded from Unit. Police on Unit to interview Lesly re 3rd.
Lesly charged with theft - verbally abusive to Police.
Lesly taken to Police Station re another incident. She gave statement,
admitted the theft of 2 packets of Cigarettes from the Garage last night.
She was charged with theft, had her fingerprints taken photos etc., being
taken due to her only being 13.
- 7th Involved in major incident - causing damage to window.
- 8th Set off Fire Alarm. Threw food over Kitchen floor and walls.
Interviewed and charged by Police for theft from Haddows last week.
- 9th Left Unit without permission brought back by Staff.
Phoned Dad and arranged to visit for a
few hours tonight. Verbally abusive to Night Staff. Set off Fire Alarm.
- 10th Attended meeting at school. Lesly now back full-time.
Off on home visit for a few hours.
- 11th Off to school, but didn't arrive back to Unit until 5.30 p.m.
Left Unit without permission - reported as Misper.
Mum phoned.
- 13th Lesly off on overnight to Dad's.
- 15th Lesly not feeling well - Doctor called - but after visit made a miraculous
recovery and decided to go to school.
Lesly stating two male resident's stole £5 which her Gran had given her.
- Police called. When Police arrived, it emerged that Lesly had given the
boys the £5 to buy her alcohol, which they didn't do. This she admitted too.
- 16th Left Unit without permission. Telephone Call from Nithbank Stores a woman
complaining that Lesly along with other residents last night was shouting
abuse outside Shop after being refused entry due to previous incidents.
Reported as Absconder at 10 p.m.

- 17th Lesly back in Unit for lunchtime after being missing all night. Both Mum and Dad phoned. Lesly absconded again at 3 p.m. - put on **RED**.
- 18th Lesly still missing
- 19th Lesly returned to Unit 11.10 am by Police. Found at Hope Place. Absconded yet again and was policed at 1.30 p.m. Returned to Unit of her own accord at 10 p.m. Police on Unit to interview her. Trashed her bedroom.
- 21st Police on Unit to interview Lesly about incident on 5th November, 1999 involving another resident. Dad phoned as did Gran. Lesly started a small fire in her room.
- 22nd Lesly had a meeting with G. Abrines about her recent behaviour.
- 23rd Lesly was the instigator in an incident between herself and another resident.
- 26th Lesly off on home leave.
- 27th Dad phoned at 3.15 p.m. to say £35 had gone missing from his wallet. He stated that Lesly would be on the 4.10 p.m. bus and would arrive in Dumfries at 5.10 p.m.
- 29th Lesly gave statement to Police re last nights incident involving a male resident.

Young Person's Comments:

(include their views on and their personal goals for the coming month)

Lesly is currently on home leave in Ireland with her Mum and therefore unable to make comment.

Writer's Comments:

Lesly is still very immature and has constantly put herself at risk with her constant absconding. She has great difficulties trying to adhere to the boundaries set out for her. She can be easily led by other residents and is finding it increasingly difficult to say no to them.

Key Worker's Comments:

This month has seen a catalogue of incidents with Lesly displaying very negative behaviour. Lesly is at present having no regard for boundaries of behaviour and has many problems interacting positively with young people and adults working with her. Lesly has many difficulties which require to be addressed and work done with her, however, Staff are fully occupied with the presenting difficulties and so this has proved difficult to make progress. Lesly's Family contact has been marred by money being stolen.

Manager's Comments:

(Assistant Unit Manager or Unit Manager)

Work with Lesly has proved very demanding because (as stated above) her presenting behaviour. Lesly is a bright and creative young lady who could do so much for herself if she accepts the proper guidance offered from a stable placement.

Signed C. Rammell - 1.2.00
(by writer)

Checked By L. Sturgeon
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Date 9th February, 2000
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Distribution: Team Manager - David Baird
Social Worker - Lindsay Abrines
File Ladyacre

Ref: CR/SD
Dated: 16th February, 2000

RESIDENTIAL (CHILD CARE) UNITS INCIDENT REPORT:

DATE: 13.12.99 **UNIT:** Ladyacre **TIME:** 9.30pm

Names: Young People Involved: Lesly Edwards,

Staff Present: E. Gray, R. Shearman, C. McLaughlin, M. Cairns

Synopsis of incident including significant factors prior to the incident:

Staff and Young People enjoyed a pleasant evening with Craftwork and Activities.

Toward the end of the Suppertime, [redacted] challenged Lesly about a missing Video Tape that she had heard that Lesly had hidden.

[redacted] immediately became verbally aggressive towards Lesly and started to throw Toast across the table at Lesly. [redacted] was being told to stop this when he lunged around the Table intending to lash out at Lesly. He was held by Margo Cairns to prevent him from striking her. At this point Lesly moved out of the Kitchen Area and was escorted to her room by E. Gray. [redacted] followed. E. Gray had to open Lesly's door to let her in before Lesly actually got into her bedroom. [redacted] was successful in kicking Lesly twice on her leg.

Signed: - E. Gray
Social Care Worker

Young person's comments:

Lesly walked out of her room refusing to comment

Social Care Worker - C. McLaughlin.

Unit Manager's comments/analysis:

Graham Abrines
Unit Manager

Agencies Informed/Copies:

Social Worker - L. Abrines, A. Henderson, A. Tait.
Team Manager - G. Dean, D. Baird
Commissioning Manager - J. Kane
Unit x 4

Ref: EG/SD

Date: 17th December, 1999

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COUNCIL
Social Services Department-Ladyacre Young People's Unit
Internal Memorandum

Date: 13th December, 1999

To: G. Abrines Unit Manager

From: E. Gray, Social Care Worker

Your ref:

Our ref: EG/SD

Young Person - Lesly Edwards

I am greatly concerned about Lesly Edward's safety and well-being. Lesly is currently being bullied and intimidated by other Residents in the Unit,

instigated a situation which resulted in physically attacking Lesly. In the event before she managed to get into her room. Duty being "on the floor".

her comments toward Lesly having to be held back from managed to kick Lesly twice This transpired despite All Staff on

It is recognised that Lesly has the unfortunate ability to provoke others to respond to her negatively however, in this instance she has not warranted the level of intimidation that she is suffering from.

As Lesly's Keyworker I have no alternative but to bring this to your attention and notify you that Lesly's safety is at present extremely vulnerable.



RISK ASSESSMENT

NAME: Lesly Edwards

KEY WORKER: E. Gray

	<u>Perceived Risk</u>	<u>To Self</u>	<u>To Others</u>
1.	Sexualised Behaviour	<p>Has the ability to express herself in explicit language. Lesly is aware of Sexual Issues. Lesly currently has a folder of information on Sexual Health which she can look over herself or alone with Staff or both. Lesly's Parents have given permission for this. Lesly recently was missing from the Unit for 3 / almost 4 complete days. She was in the company of an 18 year old male.</p>	<p>Whilst at Ladyacre was found in grounds along with a male resident in a state of undress.</p>
2.	Absconding	<p>Has been influenced in the past which resulted in her staying with strangers in their house. Whilst at Ladyacre Lesly has absconded on several occasions and has taken off from Staff, when being on a one-to-one supervision both in and outwith the Unit. As stated above - Lesly recently absconded for a period of 3 days in the company of an 18 year old male friend.</p>	<p>Lesly is likely to be influenced to abscond by other young people. Lesly is also very likely to influence others to abscond.</p>
3.	Smoking	<p>Lesly is a Smoker and has been offered Counselling which she agreed to have. Denise Smithers based at Nithbank and Counsellor for helping clients to give up has had several sessions with Lesly, however Lesly continues to smoke. Lesly is not allowed to Smoke whilst at Ladyacre - her Father has stipulated this - Lesly should have smoking materials removed from her room on her person if she is found in possession of them.</p>	<p>Lesly is likely to offer other young people smoking materials and is likely to ask the other young people for cigarettes etc.</p>

4.	Physical Assaults	<p><u>To Self</u></p> <p>Lesly has been involved in fighting with other young people within and outwith the Unit. This situation occurred prior to Lesly being 'looked after', and also in the time that she has been in Ladyacre. Lesly has put herself in situations where she has provoked others to assault her. However Lesly has also been assaulted by other young people when there was no provocation on her part.</p>	<p><u>To Others</u></p> <p>Lesly has assaulted a Member of Staff and has used verbally aggressive language to both Staff and Residents. Lesly has made threats to assault Staff and Residents.</p>
5.	Substance Abuse	<p>Has been known to use aerosols in the past and actually took an aerosol from a person's home. Lesly has in the past experimented with Soft Drugs (Cannabis, Hash). This Issue, however, has not been a problem or concern recently.</p>	<p>Lesly was found recently to be in the company of a young person (not a resident) purchasing Lighter Fuel.</p>
6.	Alcohol Abuse	<p>Generally it has been recognised that Lesly has a dislike for alcohol. However, there have been occasions where she has taken it. Lesly is unpredictable in any situation.</p>	<p>Would be easily influenced by others.</p>
7.	Medical Issues	<p>LESLY IS ALLERGIC TO PENICILLIN!!!!!!</p>	

Updated 16.12.99 - E. Gray

CONCLUSION

Lesly is a 13 year old girl admitted to Ladyacre on 29th June 1999. Lesly requires safety and security. She is a vulnerable young person who has recently and in the past put herself at great risk by being influenced by adults who were complete strangers who persuaded her, and allowed her to stay with them in their home. At this time Lesly was exposed to them using illegal substances. More recently, Lesly absconded from the Unit and was missing for three days. At this time she was in the company of an 18 year old male friend.

Lesly is a smoker and accepted the offer of help to curb this habit. Lesly has had several sessions with a 'smoking counsellor', however Lesly now has lost interest in continuing the session. Lesly is aware that her father has stipulated that he will not give permission for her to smoke whilst at Ladyacre and it has been made clear to her that staff will remove cigarettes/tobacco from her if she is found to be smoking.

With regard to aggressive behaviour, Lesly has been known to be involved in fighting with other young people. Lesly has assaulted a member of staff since her admission to the Unit. Lesly has also, on several occasions, made threats to assault staff and residents. Lesly has on many occasions been the victim of bullying, intimidation and threats from other residents in the Unit. Recently a young male assaulted Lesly and was charged by the Police accordingly.

Lesly has been known in the past to have mis-used aerosol sprays. On the weekend of 10th July 1999 Lesly was found to have stolen an aerosol and a towel from a person's home and was subsequently charged with theft.

Lesly has a genuine fear of hard drugs but has experimented with Cannabis. Lesley has stated that she has a dislike for alcohol, but has been known to be under the influence on certain occasions.

With regard to medical issues, it is important that everyone is aware that LESLY HAS AN ALLERGY TO PENICILLIN.

Restraint

In the event of Lesly requiring to be restrained then the CALM techniques and methods can be used although it would be unlikely that a full restraint (ie Prone) would be necessary due to Lesly's slight build and strength.

Triggers

It is evident that Lesly is prone to mood swings. Lesly is likely to "kick off" if she is under any kind of pressure, ie from an escalation in the 'group dynamic', if she is excitable for any reason, or if she is being prevented from leaving the Unit (for her own safety).

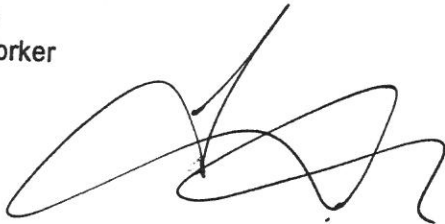
De-escalation

It would be possible to 'distract' Lesly from 'losing control'. Staff should use their skills in appropriate ways depending on the circumstances.

In the event of Lesly being absent without reason, then staff should endeavour to trace her with regard to the circumstances.

It any event Lesly should be reported as per the Protocol at AMBER within a period of 1 hour. This should be moved up to RED with regard to the situation and depending on the circumstances. It is a possibility that there may be a situation which might arise that would necessitate her being placed immediately at RED. It is stated again that Lesly is a vulnerable young person.

E Gray
Key Worker



Ref: EG/SD

Dated: 22nd December 1999



CHILD HEALTH DIRECTORATE

Nithbank, Dumfries DG1 2SD

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23rd December 1999

**BOOSTERS OF DIPHTHERIA/TETANUS & POLIO
IN SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS
SESSION 1999/2000**

Name of Pupil: Lesleanne Edwards

DOB: 31 05 86

Address: c/o Ladyacre, Craigs Road, Dumfries

School Attended: Sanquhar Academy

GP: Dr Edmund

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your daughter did **NOT** receive boosters of diphtheria / tetanus / polio in school this year. The reason for this is that Lesleanne was absent on both occasions ie 26th October 1999 and 9th November 1999.

PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR DAUGHTER TO BE IMMUNISED IN YOUR GP'S PRACTICE.

A copy of this letter will be sent to your doctor. If you have any queries please contact me at the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely

Phone no.

Staff Nurse - Julie Orr

7/11/2000 at 12 noon.

14/1/200 4:30pm

Dr A Joshi
Associate Specialist Child Health/Audiology

Copy to: Dr Edmund - GP

Lesly is saying she's not going!



Update is that Lesly ~~still~~ has now been given the above

00-11-118
DCC 1009

RESIDENTIAL (CHILD CARE) UNITS INCIDENT REPORT:

DATE: 26/12/99

UNIT: Ladyacre

TIME: 11.50 pm - 2.45 am

Names: Young People Involved:

; Lesly Edwards

Staff Present: Bill Moody, Carol Rammell

Synopsis of incident including significant factors prior to the incident:

There seemed to be a lot of whispering among the three residents just before bedtime. All went off to bed when asked at 11.40 pm. At 11.50 pm the fire alarm went off. While staff were checking the building for any signs of fire and silencing the alarm, all three residents absconded out of the rear door adjacent to the laundry room.

Approximately 10 minutes later the Police arrived at the Unit. All three residents were standing outside smoking. They were asked to return into the Unit. All refused. Staff went into the building to explain the situation to the Police. All three residents took off.

While the Police were checking round the grounds the three residents were spotted going into Nithbank. A short time later voices could be heard over at the College. All three residents returned to the Unit at 12.55 am. They were talked to by staff re sanctions and then asked to go to their own rooms. This they did, but minutes later all returned and sat in the main area and refused to go to their rooms. All asked for a cup of tea. They were told they would get one once they were in their own rooms.

and Lesly ran after him and all were in his room with the door shut. Lesly came out and demanded a cup of tea. Again things were explained re cups of tea. Lesly became verbally abusive, stating that they would just stay in room. All came out of room 10 minutes later, and once again sat in the main area. They were once again asked to go to their rooms, and once again they ignored staff. They started singing vulgar songs and telling each other dirty jokes. At 2.10 am both girls left the Unit. B Moody followed them and seen them go past the Ship Inn. B Moody returned to the Unit and phoned the Police to report them as Mispers.

Approximately 5 minutes later the Police arrived at the Unit with and Lesly. The Police had picked the girls up outside Baker Street pub. They told the Police they had gone out to get cigarettes. On returning to the Unit both girls asked if they could go outside for a cigarette. They were both told that due to the time (now 2.45 am) and their behaviour, the answer was "No". Lesly became verbally abusive and at first refused to go to her room. Within a few seconds both girls went to their respective rooms and settled.

C Rammell
Social Care Worker (Nights)

Young person's comments:

I have no explanation for this behaviour.

Unit Manager's comments/analysis:

This Incident could have been a lot more serious than it actually was. I am suitably convinced that this was a planned piece of behaviour by the 3 young people involved, exacerbated by only having 2 on Night Shift. The damage to the Alarm Systems is becoming increasingly worrying and it cannot be allowed to go on.

Graham Abrines

Agencies Informed/Copies:

Social Worker - Alison Tait, Alan Henderson, Lindsay Abrines.
Team Manager - Geoff Dean, David Baird
Commissioning Manager - J. Kane
Unit x 4

Ref: CR/SD

Date: 29th December, 1999

RESIDENTIAL (CHILD CARE) UNITS INCIDENT REPORT:

DATE: 27/12/99

UNIT: Ladyacre

TIME: 11.50 pm - 4.30 am

Names: Young People Involved: , Lesly Edwards,

Staff Present: Freda Donald, Morag Ferguson

Synopsis of incident including significant factors prior to the incident:

- 11.00 pm Lesly asked staff who and how many were on duty
- 11.50 pm Lesly and ran from front of Unit
- Midnight Alarm went off for the first time, re-set, alarm off again, and again
- 12.15 am Telephoned Police for advice re charge for damage (glass at fire alarms). Police said they would call back but would we like assistance anyway - Yes Alarms continued to be set off. and Lesly still outside but in grounds.
- 12.35 am Two officers, a PC and a WPC, arrived. Stated as 2 witnesses hadn't seen who broke the alarms there was nothing they could do. Should we require assistance if situation escalated we were to call back again. Police then left.
- 12.40 am and Lesly returned but sat in the main unit causing a disturbance.
- 12.45 am and Lesly took themselves off to , room, remained there.

and Lesly were sitting on the make-shift couch, M Ferguson was sitting on the bed,

All 3 then tried to say that M Ferguson insinuated they were simple. M Ferguson left the room to see if the young people would voluntarily leave room. All 3 did and the alarm was set off again.

The 3 remained in the main area for a short time, being loud and disturbing then took themselves back to , room.

When M Ferguson got to the room and Lesly were outside smoking (window wide open).

and Lesly came back into the room via the window.

2.1:

2.20 am

At approximately 2.20 am Mr and Mrs Abrines arrived at the Unit.

Mrs Abrines walked Lesly.

Lesly was also given milk and appeared to have settled. Mr Abrines contacted Standby and the Police. Mrs Abrines left.

2.45 am

Checked on Lesly who was also missing. On advice from Mr Abrines staff contacted police and updated them stating the girls were gone and we would phone again in a short time should they not return on their own accord.

Mr Abrines contacted Standby, gave an update, then went out to look for the girls. Some 15 minutes later the Police called to ask if the girls had returned. Advised them that they hadn't but Mr Abrines had gone out to look for them.

4.00 am

At 4.00 am both girls were seen walking up the drive. The Police were contacted and Mr Abrines telephoned Standby.

M Ferguson took Lesly. Staff remained outside the bedrooms until the girls were asleep - approximately 4.30 am.

M Ferguson
Social Care Worker (Nights)

Young person's comments:

I have no explanation for my behaviour except that I am scared of

Lesly

Unit Manager's comments/analysis:

This was the second night in a row, these three young people had been involved in extremely disruptive and in my view dangerous behaviour. Again I believe it was planned and was exacerbated by only having two night shift on duty.

Graham Abrines

Agencies Informed/Copies:

Social Worker - Alison Tait, Alan Henderson, Lindsay Abrines
Team Manager - G. Dean, David Baird
Commissioning Manager - J Kane
Unit x 4

Ref: MF/SD

Date: 29th December, 1999

RESIDENTIAL (CHILD CARE) UNITS INCIDENT REPORT:

DATE: 27.12.99 **UNIT:** Ladyacre **TIME:** 11.50pm -
4.30 am Approx.

Names: Young People Involved: Lesly Ann Edwards

Staff Present:

Synopsis of incident including significant factors prior to the incident:

Lesly had come to Staff earlier asking who and how many Staff were on Duty. At 11.50 pm she went outside with 2 other residents for fresh air. It was during this time Lesly and a female resident ran off to the bushes at the front of Unit to whisper and giggle and failed to come back into the Main Building. Staff went outside to look but they hid in the bushes, a short time later the Fire Alarm went off. When checked it was the Fire Glass that had been smashed on the wall next to bedrooms.

The door must have been unlocked prior to Lesly leaving the Unit to gain access to it from outside. Fire Alarm was silenced then minutes later it was triggered off again. This vien continued until all the Fire Glass Alarms were broken. Lesly returned to the Unit at approximately 12.45 am and sat in Main Area being loud and causing a disturbance, it appeared as if Lesly was not the ring leader but had got caught up in the Incident and didn't know how to get out.

The Police arrived but as no-one witnessed the damage when it was done there was nothing they could do so they left. By this time Lesly had gone with 2 other young people to a male residents room. F. Donald and M. Ferguson were also in the bedroom and asked young people to leave. Lesly declined. F. Donald left the room to tend to another resident which left M. Ferguson in the bedroom with Lesly and 2 other residents. Lesly participated in ridiculing and to a certain degree intimidating the Staff Member. When Staff withdrew to allow Lesly and others to leave the room voluntarily, she did come to Main Unit and joined in causing a disturbance i.e., a Bin with rubbish got kicked over and a small table (pool) got broken and strewn all over the floor. Lesly took off with others back to the male residents room. On checking Lesly was smoking outside bedroom window. M. Ferguson stayed until they came back inside. At this point the male resident switched off the light and blocked doorway preventing M. Ferguson leaving young male stating he and other residents would restrain M. Ferguson who called F. Donald to telephone the Police. F. Donald opened door from corridor. The light in room was then turned on.

Lesly was in the middle of the room and uttered her concern that no-one had touched M. Ferguson, claiming she definitely had not laid hands on. When the Police arrived Lesly was back in Main Unit she didn't say much but she didn't go to her room either. At 2.20 am when Mr and Mrs Abrines arrived, Lesly was escorted by her Social Worker to her room. Approximately 3 pm Lesly was found to be missing again. When she returned almost an hour later M. Ferguson went to her room and sat with Lesly till she settled. Lesly insisted she at no time broke the Fire Alarm Glass. Also she was convinced the 2 other residents were going to assault M. Ferguson earlier in the bedroom incident, the thought of this happening shocked Lesly. Also she feels it has taken so long for the older female to become "friends", with Lesly that Lesly is prepared to skivvy for this girl and jeopardise her placement at Ladyacre by getting herself involved in negative incidents when this girl is involved. Leaving Ladyacre would appear to be the better option as far as Lesly is concerned rather than face this older girl's wrath. Lesly settled by 4.30 am.

M. Ferguson
Social Care Worker

Young person's comments:

See Main Report

Unit Manager's comments/analysis:

Lesly has more than enough of her own problems without the added pressure she outlines above. She will become involved in "things" as she did the previous evening. She feels that being confronted by adults, irrespective of the consequences is, in fact, easier than saying no to her peers and facing those potential consequences. If anyone has any constructive ideas please get in touch?

Graham Abrines

Agencies Informed/Copies:

Social Worker - L. Abrines
Team Manager - D. Baird
Commissioning Manager - J. Kane
Unit x 2 Ladyacre

Ref: MF/SD
Date: 29th December, 1999

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COUNCIL
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

LADYACRE MONTHLY SUMMARY

Month: December, 1999

Resident: Lesly Ann Edwards

Date of Birth: 31.5.86

Key Worker: Evelyn Gray

Social Worker: Lindsay Abrines

Team Manager: David Baird

Summary Prepared By: Carol Rammell

Significant Changes From Previous Month:
(including changes in sleeping/eating habits)

Lesly seems to be very unsettled at the moment and feels intimidated by other residents.

Contact with Natural Family and Reaction to Contact:

Regular contact with Dad and Gran
Contact by phone with Mum.

Record of Work:

(Counselling work completed)

Social Skills	Environmental Issues
Behaviour	Psychological Health
Relationships	Normalisation
Group Living	Responsibilities
Trust	

Specific Concerns re Health:

(include Psychiatric/Psychological issues)

Still smokes
Has admitted to 'buzzing' gas

Education/Work Placement Issues:

Lesly still attends the Galloway Small School, but at times her attitude towards the teachers has been poor.

Contact with Social Worker and Other Agencies:

Has regular contact with Social Worker.

Behaviour Within Unit:

Lesly has once again become verbally abusive and even physically abusive towards Staff. Her behaviour has gone backwards of late.

Relationships with Other Residents:

Lesly has stated she feels intimidated and is frightened of some of the other residents. Also she has stated that she doesn't feel safe in Ladyacre and doesn't want to be here.

Relationships with Staff:

Gets on fine on a one-to-one basis, but has become verbally and physically abusive towards Staff. Feels she has to do this to 'keep in' with certain other residents.

Leisure Interests:

(including outside community)

Gymnastics
Swimming
Dancing
Arts & Crafts
Listening to Music

Restraints:

(Dates and brief summary)

Sanctions:

(Give brief summary and young person's views)

- 7th Grounded - returned late
- 16th No Tuck Shop Money - had plenty of time but refused to make bed before going to school.
- 27th Grounded and early bed - involved in incident.
- 28th Grounded and no late TV due to being involved in incident.

Significant Incidents:

- 1st Visited by Social Worker and started Life Story Work.
Set off Fire Alarm.
- 2nd Planning Meeting - this was to address the fact that Lesly puts herself at risk on a regular basis. Involved in hiding in a male resident's bedroom - then letting a male resident hide in her room.
- 3rd Lesly informed by her Social Worker, had she been able to get her an emergency Foster Placement for the weekend, she would have. This is due to her recent behaviour.
- 4th Off to her Drama Class.
Lesly being intimidated and threatened by other residents so much so that she slept in the Flat for the night.
- 5th Phoned Ex Foster Carer. Being intimidated by other residents.
Her bedroom window was smashed by other residents.
Lesly stating she feels unsafe in the Unit.
- 6th Lesly caught taking articles from Office. Telephone Call from School stating she had left without permission. Didn't return to Unit until 5.40 pm.
- 11th Staff found alleged stolen goods in Lesly's room. Lesly took a tantrum and smashed her Lamp. Left the Unit without permission and phoned Emergency Services for another placement. When told this couldn't be done, Lesly gave the woman verbal abuse.
- 12th Conned Staff to give her £3 out of the Safe - saying it was hers when she knew fine it wasn't. Verbally abusive to Night Staff. Behaviour well out of order.
- 13th Lesly assaulted by another resident and being seriously intimidated.
- 14th Lesly to the Dentist. Staff phoned Lesly's Dad re the Christmas Holidays. He is happy to have Lesly home for Christmas from the Friday to the Monday. Police up and interviewed Lesly re assault on the previous night. Had a nightmare at bedtime and then had an 'accident' in her bed. Poor Lesly was very embarrassed by this.
- 15th Lesly fell on the ice, hurting her head, but was okay after a few minutes. Out with Staff to Boyzone Concert.
- 16th Lesly claiming somebody had broken into her room yesterday and smashed several items.

- 17th Teacher not too happy with Lesly's attitude at school. Lesly apologised, but Mr Jones said if it changed he would phone Ladyacre to have her removed.
- 18th Off to visit Dad and Gran for day. Taken to Hospital with Rodent bite, but Doctor said she was okay.
- 20th Off to Dentist for fillings. Lesly was suspected of setting off Fire Alarm. Interviewed by Police regarding stealing Perfume and Bath Salts on 12th December, 1999 and smashing Flat Window back in November. Statements taken and Lesly was charged. Lesly wanting to make complaint about WPC who interviewed her.
- 22nd Lesly spoken to by Police regarding complaint against WPC on 20th. Phoned Dad, very verbally abusive towards Staff and also aggressive. Left Unit without permission and was returned by Staff. She had been at the Waverly Hotel. Lesly stating she doesn't feel safe in Ladyacre. Taken by Staff for some 'time-out'.
- 23rd Social Worker visited Lesly in the morning. Phoned Gran and also spoke with Dad. Off home for Christmas.
- 26th Telephone Call from Dad stating Lesly took 20 Cigarettes last night and Dad found Lesly in his bedroom this morning going through his drawers.
- Dad returned Lesly at 11.15 am. Lesly taken to Out-Patients complaining of very sore head, was prescribed 'Buccastern' and told it was probably a Migraine. Lesly admitted to have been buzzing. Dad informed of this. Left Unit without permission. Was party to Fire Alarm being set off.
- 27th Involved in setting off Fire Alarm. Very inappropriate behaviour. Threatening Staff.
- When Staff asked why she had lied on the phone to her Aunt - Lesly refused to discuss the matter and became extremely verbally aggressive. Outside building at approximately 1 am refusing to come back inside.
- 28th Spoken to re last nights behaviour. Stated she was afraid of another female resident and 'keeping in' with her made life easier.
- 29th Telephone Call from Dad to say Lesly can go home tomorrow for the New Year. Telephone Call from Mum but Lesly refused to speak to her.

- 30th Mum phoned and invited Lesly to Ireland with her Dad but Lesly stated that she was not invited in the first place and she would not be going and she put the phone down. Staff spoke with dad, he stated that Lesly has to stay with her Gran if she doesn't go to Ireland with him. Lesly was put on 6.25 pm Train to Kirkconnel.
- 31st Lesly phone Ladyacre stating she wasn't happy that she was having to stay with her Gran for Hogmanay. It was pointed out to Lesly that it was her own fault she didn't go to Ireland when she had been invited. It was explained to Lesly that these were the arrangements made by Dad. Lesly phoned back stating she wanted to go to Ireland now but it was too late, no more Ferries. Telephone call from Sanquhar Police to say that Lesly was on her way to Dumfries and Gran was with her. Staff got them at Railway Station and took them home.

Young Person's Comments:

(include their views on and their personal goals for the coming month)

Lesly is currently on home leave in Ireland with her Mum following a family bereavement and is therefore unable to comment on this Report.

Writer's Comments:

I feel that Lesly has regressed recently and she no longer feels safe here. She constantly puts herself at great risk and does not / will not acknowledge the dangers. I feel at the present time, Lesly is a very confused and frightened little girl.

Key Worker's Comments:

Another month of situations and incidents which have seen Lesly putting herself at risk and displaying negative behaviour. Lesly has many difficulties at present with other young people in the Unit and seems to be under very negative influence of particular young people. Lesly's current attitude and demeanour is also affecting her progress with her Education. Lesly is repeatedly stating that she feels unsafe at Ladyacre and is constantly torn between the devil and the deep blue sea, which is resulting in being in conflict. Lesly did however have a successful home leave at Christmas but the New Year Break was fraught with difficulties due to Lesly having refused initially to visit Ireland with dad and then changing her mind when it was too late and subsequently trying to control matters her way.

Manager's Comments:

(Assistant Unit Manager or Unit Manager)

I can only endorse the comments made by both the Writer and Keyworker.

Lynn Sturgeon

Signed C. Rammell 2.2.00
(by writer)

Checked By L. Sturgeon
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Date 9.02.2000
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