

APPLICATION

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*Indicate thus relative to be contacted in case of need.

OTHER AGENCIES/PERSONS TO WHOM KNOWN

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Name/Address/Telephone No.

Name/Address/Telephone No.

G.P.

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LIVING CONDITIONS

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SCHOOL

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EMPLOYMENT/SOURCE OF INCOME

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PROBLEM AREAS

Sep. reference

Behaviour

Delinquency

Education

Employment

Family relationships

Finance

Health

Housing

W1557

2.3.82

James [redacted] are [redacted] in care & with appropriate
bedding. They have been sick since L. for some time &
we are asked to take on a simple supervision to their
requirements in camp.

55W.

4. 3. 82

visited Mrs Lafferty accompanied by Mrs
Clarke Homemaker and was able to meet
James who informed us he had an
appointment at the University re employment.
[REDACTED] James seems to have settled
at Mrs Lafferty's alright. [REDACTED]

21.4.82

Register bar. 8 to LPM/AL ~~connect~~ 55W

22.4.80.

Reg'd Cal. 8 L.P.M./A.L.

22.6.82

Whitten reported as doing managing well. Agreed to
Kerns' control.

Release can be removed from LPMIAL released by 55W

30.6.82

Closed.

18 Aug 83

18th Aug 83 No contact. Did not keep
4:45pm appointment. Mr Buchanan D/O

[REDACTED]

Circumstances of the children
presently in the care of this
department and resident at
Kames Castle Children's Home,
Isle of Bute

[REDACTED]

James (DOB 28 12 64) Twin

James is a quiet, shy boy who prefers to wait and let others speak before he makes his contribution. He has always had problems with bowl control which continue to the present day despite medical attempts to rectify this. He appears quite a nervous child who will cry easily if someone calls him a name or interrupts when he is speaking. He never mentions the incident in 1972 when his leg was broken.

[REDACTED] James is a member of a local cub group which he attends weekly. His school is St Andrews RC Primary and he is reported to be of average intelligence.

[REDACTED]

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Kames Castle, Port Bannatyne, Isle of Bute

RESIDENTIAL HOME ASSESSMENT

Family BARR - In care under Section 10
(matrimonial Proceedings Act)

Religion - R. C.

Last Review - 15th May 1979

For Review - 12th December, 1979

James

James is a healthy fifteen year old boy and is the twin brother of Senga. He likes the other Barr children, has been in care for almost eight years.

James is a very immature and sensitive lad and would take almost anything said about him very seriously indeed, to the extent of going into his room in floods of tears. He is easily bullied and will on most occasions not fight back.

At present James is in a remedial class at school and although he tries hard he is a slow learner, his favourite subject at school being cookery.

James has regular visits from his family and being such a sensitive lad was recently disappointed when his mother did not phone or visit Kames Castle as she promised.

On occasions when his father visits the Castle James thinking he owes his father something, tries to impress him more so than the other children. His father, of course, has more time for Billy and James tends to feel a little rejected by this. James will take part in most activities, in particular swimming, avoiding games where direct physical contact is essential, for example football. He mixes well with other children, but if let down by a friend he is rather cautious in re-establishing the friendship. James has now joined the Boy's Brigade and is a regular attender on Monday and Friday evenings and enjoys the activities.

James is extremely popular with the staff and is always friendly and willing to help them in any way he can.

[REDACTED]

In view of the fact that this family have actually been in Kames Castle for almost 8 years, we feel it is imperative that urgent steps are taken to allow them to gain the experience of family life in a more normal setting. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We feel that it is essential that we pursue the plan of finding a foster placement for them. Although we are not too hopeful in view of shortage of resources within the Division,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Our present concern is with the remaining [REDACTED] children -
[REDACTED] Names who will be 15 on 28th December 1979. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] They do not present as close a family (the bond between the brothers seems especially weak) and there is general feeling that it might be easier to consider them individually for fostering; or perhaps the twins together; however, in conversation on 6th December, 1979 they expressed the wish to be "kept together".

In order that they don't feel further rejection it is vital that it is made very clear to the children that foster homes are NOT easy to find, and even if one did materialise it takes a long time to organise. During their 8 years here they have seen many other families come and go, and it is only natural that they are not beginning to feel very bitter about the situation. If they are ever to experience the benefits that can be derived from life outwith this type of institution all avenues must be explored as soon as possible.

[REDACTED]

..... [REDACTED] ..

M. S. MILNE
Officer-in-Charge

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

142 CROWNPOINT ROAD

GLASGOW G40 2AE

Review - 3 October 1977 - Barr children, Kames Castle

[REDACTED]
James (12) DOB 28 12 64
[REDACTED]

PRESENT:

Mrs Halcrow, North District Supp Services, Mrs McArthur, Fostering and Adoption Advisor, Dunbarton, Mr Sweeney, Social Worker, Rothesay, Miss Shilliday, Social Worker, Central 2, Mrs Milne, Matron, Kames Castle, Miss Sandieman, Deputy, Kames Castle. Mrs Hedges, Miss Glennie, Mrs Miller, Mr Nicholson, Staff, Kames Castle, Mr Barr, father, Mrs Barr, grandmother.

Summary:

The [REDACTED] Barr children have been in Kames Castle for five years, under Section 15 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1977. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the children are in care under Section 10 of the Matrimonial Proceedings Act. There is no contact from mother [REDACTED] but regular contact from father and parental grandmother who do visit. The kids have spent holidays and the odd weekend at father's home and grandparent's home. They seem to enjoy holidays but look forward to returning to Kames. On some occasions they have returned in a rather unwashed and untidy condition. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At Easter on a weekend at home with father James was rather unfairly and harshly treated. He seemed left out of general activities and had soiled himself, and was not afforded the opportunity to wash or change himself. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The possibility of the children returning to their father was looked at. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was agreed the children should remain in care and alternative forms of care were then examined.

The children's loyalties to Mr Barr was acknowledged, however, they have never known other parental figures [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Miss K Shilliday
Social Worker
Central 2

HAP

12 October 1977

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STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

GLASGOW DIVISION - NORTH DISTRICT

CASE REVIEW HELD AT Kames DATE 20.5.80

Insert in box whether:

1. Residential Report
2. Social Worker's report
3. Minute

Minute

PLACEMENT: Kames Castle

SOCIAL WORKER: Mr F Docherty

DATE OF LAST REVIEW: 12.12.79

AREA and ADDRESS: Central 2
142 Crownpoint Road

Name of Child	D.O.B.	Religion	D.O.A. to Care	D.O.A. to present Home	Section of Act	Date of Children's Hearing, if appropriate
James) Barr [REDACTED]	28.12.64	R.C.	Temp Adm 1968-72	3.3.72	Sec 10 Mat Proc	

Present at review

Mrs Milne, Head of Kames
Miss Sandemann, Deputy
Mrs Hedges, Mrs Macfie, Miss Ewing, Miss Glennie, Margaret
Mr F Docherty, Social Worker, Central 2
Miss L Heron, Social Work Assistant, Central 2
Mrs S Halcrow, Review Co-ordinator, North Supportive Services

For part of the review

Mr Barr (father) and Mrs Barr, Pat. Grandmother
Miss Ferrier (mother) and Mr David Sloan (Cohabitee)
James, [REDACTED]

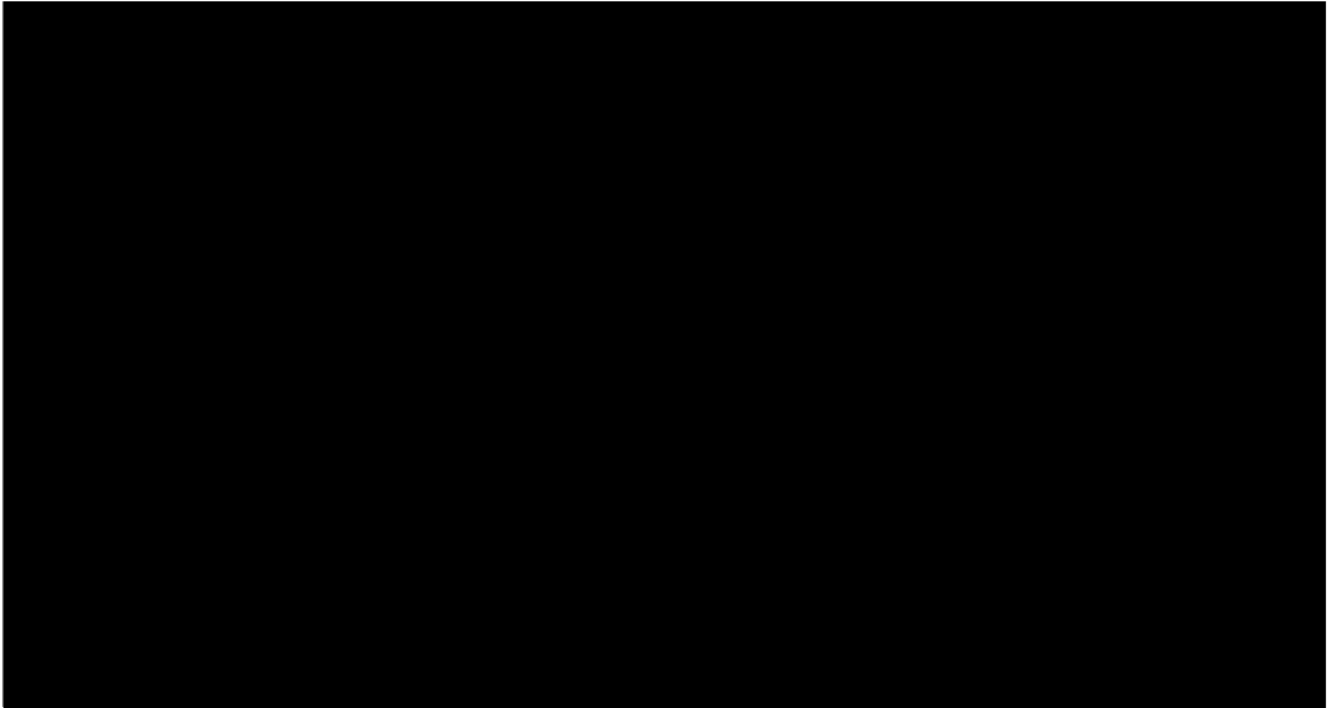
References:

Minutes of last review
Written report - Mr Docherty
Written report - Kames

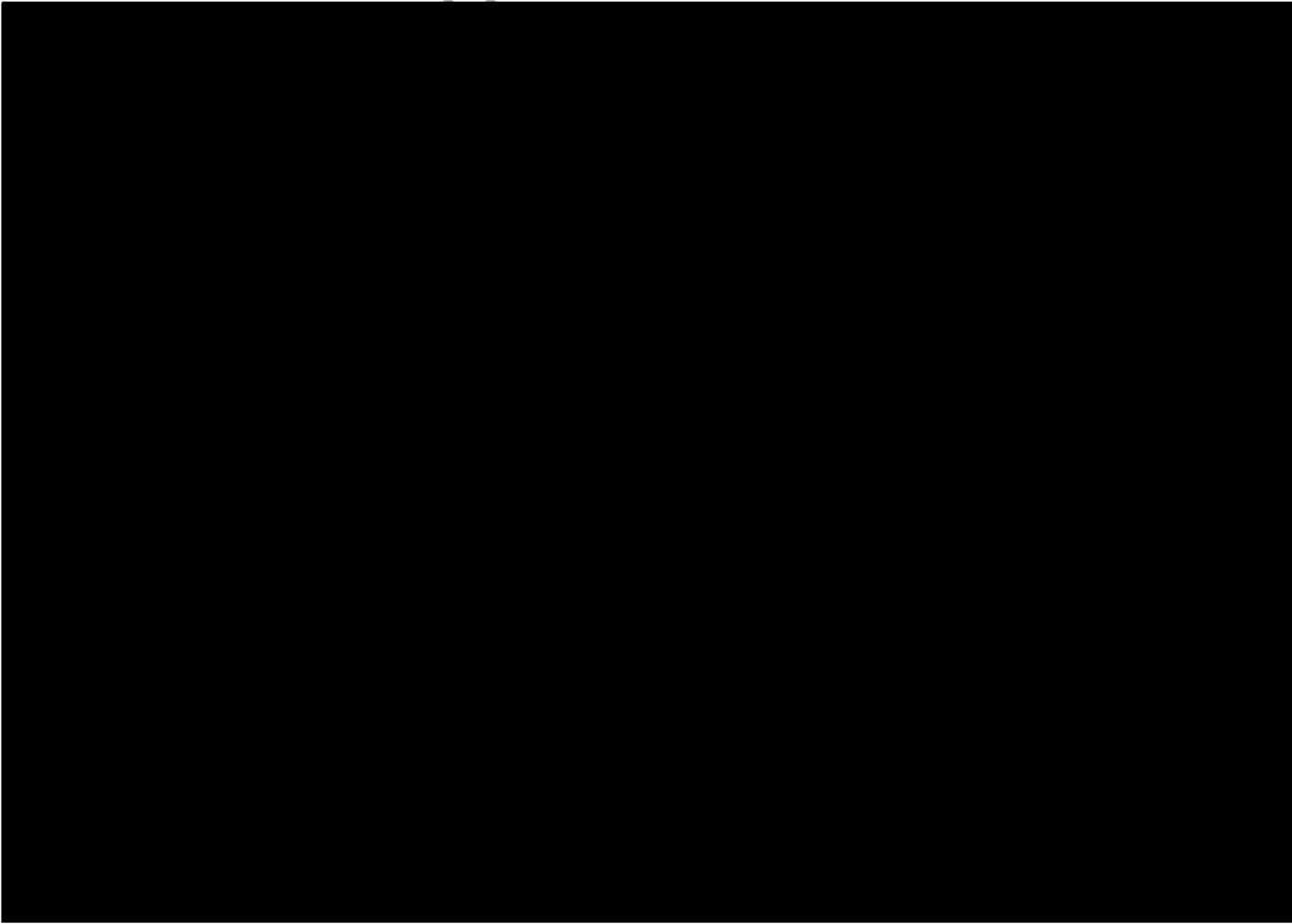
Action taken on decisions made at last review

Mr Docherty has not proceeded with the decision to find foster homes for the children owing to the renewed interest of both father and mother and the children's increased contact with them.

Summary of recent events



The children



[REDACTED]

James - Senga's twin, but a very immature indecisive boy who would accept any plan made for him. He is attached to his mother and could go and live with her but is not keen on Mr Sloan. The same options were discussed with James [REDACTED] - i.e. hostel or lodgings but doubts were expressed at James' readiness for a hostel placement. Mrs Halcrow suggested Redhu Kilwinning as possibly being more appropriate than Mount Bruce. Again arrangements can be made for James to visit a hostel and have his name down on a waiting list.

[REDACTED]

Weekend visit to parents

Mr Docherty suggested the children choose whom they wished to visit rather than be told by Mr Docherty which parent and whose turn it was to visit. This plan was agreed by both parents and all the children. James opting to visit his mother [REDACTED] James [REDACTED] opting to visit their father. Mr Docherty will check up on father's accommodation and bedding.

Plan

Fostering not be pursued for [REDACTED] James [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Visits to appropriate hostels to be arranged by Mr Docherty for James [REDACTED] and application to be made in good time to have their names added to waiting lists.

Mr Docherty to look into Miss Ferriers request to have James for the summer and find him a summer job in the local butchers.

[REDACTED]

Next Review October 21st 10.00 ferry - earlier if necessary.

[REDACTED]

S D Halcrow
Review Co-ordinator
North District W.

Distribution: Mr F Docherty, SW,C2 142 Crownpoint Rd ✓
Mrs Milne, Kames

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENTGLASGOW DIVISION - NORTH DISTRICT

CASE REVIEW HELD AT

Kames

DATE 18.9.80

Insert in box whether:

1. Residential Report
2. Social Worker's report
3. Minute

Minute

PLACEMENT: KamesSOCIAL WORKER: Mr F DochertyDATE OF LAST REVIEW: 20.5.80AREA and ADDRESS: Central 2
142 Crownpoint Road

Name of Child	D.O.B.	Religion	D.O.A. to Care	D.O.A. to present Home	Section of Act	Date of Children's Hearing, if appropriate
James) BARR [REDACTED]	28.12.64	R.C.	Temp Adm 1968-72 [REDACTED]	3.3.72 [REDACTED]	Sec 10 Mat. Proceed.	

Present at Review

Mrs Milne, Officer in Charge, Kames
 Miss Sandemann, Deputy
 Mrs MacFie, Assistant, Kames
 Mr Henderson)
 J Dauble)
 M Miller) Houseparents
 M Ewing)
 Mrs Hedges)
 Mr Docherty, Social Worker, Central 2
 Mrs Halcrow, Review Co-ordinator, North Supportive Services
 Mr Barr, Father, Mrs Barr Snr. Grandmother for part of review
 Miss Ferrier, mother, for part of review
 James, [REDACTED] for part of review

References

Minutes of last review 18.9.80
 Written report, Mr Docherty, Kames

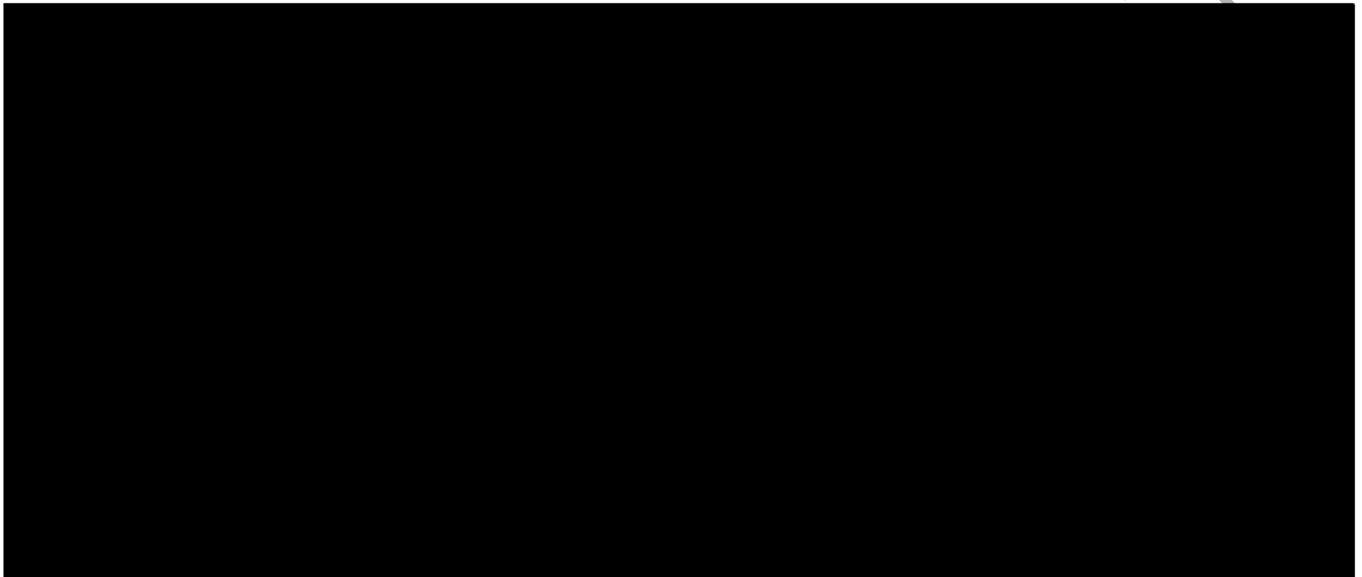
Action taken on decisions made at last review



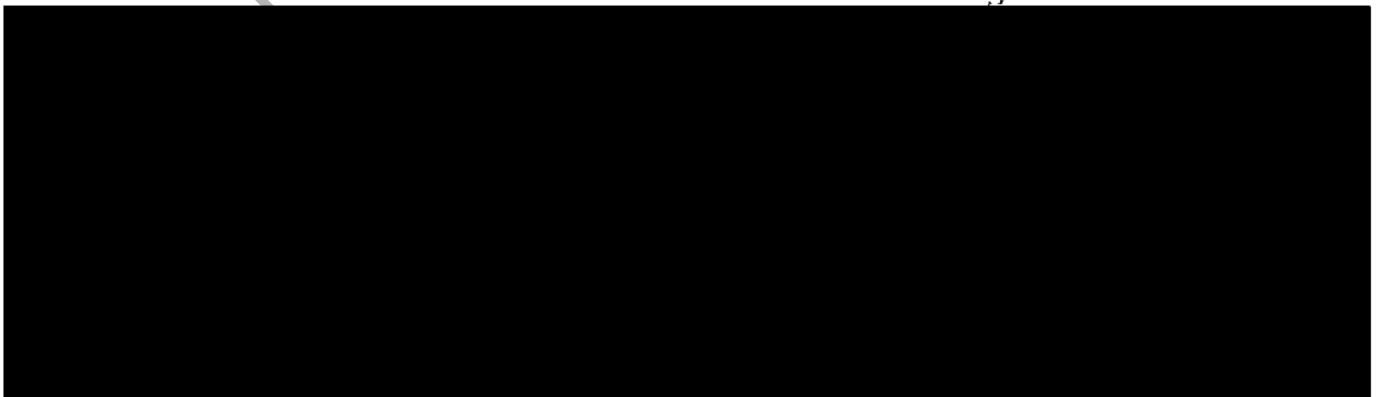
No application made to hostels for James [redacted] owing to their increased contact with parents.

Summary

Home Situation



James - Very definitely wishes to go to live with his mother and David Sloan as soon as possible. He is due to leave school at Christmas but Miss Ferrier has approached St Gerard's Secondary School who have exceptionally agreed to take James for his last two months of schooling - he leaves at Christmas. This will facilitate his return home and enable him to be on the spot to look for employment. He is interested in hotel work. It was agreed that this would be the best plan for James. Mr Docherty will check the legality of sending James home on trial under the terms of the custody order, Section 10 Matrimonial Proceedings Act. Hopefully therefore James can return home permanently on 3.10.80, the October holiday. Mr Docherty will liaise with careers adviser re hotel work.



Plan

Mr Docherty to check on legality of the children returning home on trial pending a variation of the custody order under Section 10 Mat. Proceedings Act and inform Mrs Halcrow.

James to return to his mother on 3.10.80.

Mr Docherty to forward RIC5 to North District Admissions - places to [redacted] not for James [redacted] who in the event of a home breakdown would probably require hostel accommodation.

No further reviews.

for S D Halcrow
Review Co-ordinator
North Supportive Services

Distribution

Mrs Milne, Officer in Charge, Kames
Mr Docherty, Social Worker, Central 2 ✓

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Kames Castle- Port Bannatyne, Isle of Bute

RESIDENTIAL HOME ASSESSMENT

James BARR (Twin of Senga)

d.o.b. 28.12.64

Religion R. C.

Date of Admission to Kames Castle 18. 4.72

James is one of a family of six who came into care at Kames on 18. 4.72. For full details of incident leading to admission to care - see background report and Residential Home Assessment for last case review.

Medical Report

June 1976 operation for appendix. In the past James soiled his pants badly due to psychological origins. He saw a Pediatrician in 1972 regarding this problem. In the last two years, not only has it improved James no longer has the problem at all. Only by handling this matter with kindness and understanding has this been achieved, plus a lot of help from James.

Relatives

James has regular visits from Father and Granny Barr. James is very pleased when Father comes and goes out of his way trying to get his Father's attention. He is so eager to please him but it appears that Father has very little tolerance towards James at all. James is also very happy now that Mother has appeared on the scene.

Relationship with staff and other outside contacts

James is a friendly boy who appears to be rather timid and nervous - if he is chastised will burst into tears quickly but soon gets over this. James is a very sensitive child and popular with staff. James has a very good relationship with one of the Domestic Staff - Miss Cahill. He frequently spends time at her home also with her relatives. He is a child who would greatly benefit from a deep relationship with a family of befrienders.

Other Children

James mixes well enough with other children but can become upset if he feels he is being cheated in some way. It is doubtful if he could stand up to any boy of his own age - is easily bullied.

Ability to Play

James plays with other children quite well. He likes cycling, swimming and model making. We did have a football team but James was one of the least effective members of that team. Recently became a member of the Boys Brigade.

Other observations

James is a friendly boy with a sensitive nature. He over reacts in his excitement and appears to be gushing. He has a good healthy appetite. Likes to take time over his food. He sleeps well and is reasonably clean and tidy. James is a loveable child.

School Report/

School Report

James is receiving remedial instruction. He is improving but is a very slow worker. He tries hard but could work harder at some subjects.



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M. S. MILNE
Officer-in-charge

February 1979

Copy abbreviated Record from Children's Dept Record.

CONTINUATION SHEET

2.1.69. R.S.L.P.C.B. emergency admission of [redacted] children

James to Temp. H.P.

10.1.69. R.S.L.P.C.B. report [redacted]

16.1.69

James

Do.