

NICOLA AND CLAIRE MACINTOSH

This report is based on my contact with the children and family since 5th February, 1990, when at a Children's Hearing, the children were made subject of Supervision Requirements.

HOME CIRCUMSTANCES

Since the last review the family continue to reside at the address in Smithton Park. In spring of 1990, the children's maternal great-grandmother aged 76 came to reside in the home. This is the grandmother of Tracy MacIntosh, the children's mother, with whom Tracy MacIntosh was brought up and regards her as her mother. Mrs MacIntosh is very frail and has difficulties in mobility, and has had a period of hospitalisation in the time she has been at 162 Smithton Park, and it is assessed that she suffers from Alzheimer's Disease. The family have been supported by the Social Work Department in seeking transfer of tenancy to another part of Inverness with a view to not only providing what would seem to be a necessary move away from a long history of anti-social factors, but also to provide adequate accommodation on a ground floor for the children's great-grandmother. To date these efforts have not proved fruitful, but it is hoped that within the not too distant future alternative accommodation may be obtained.

During the period under review the children's mother and Mr Riley have received support,

During the period under review the children have remained on the Highland Regional Council's Child Protection Register, where the situation has been reviewed on three occasions. The names of the children have been retained on the register. The Panel members will, therefore, be aware that contact with the children and family have been very regular. Miss MacIntosh and Mr Riley are also ready to come to the office if there are particular difficulties regarding benefits and prescriptions and so on. Access to the home and the children has not been denied during the period under review.

In this year there have been no incidents which have required the department to intervene, in terms of removing the children. The only incident of any note was when Miss MacIntosh and her co-habitee went back to bed after putting Nicola to school and the younger daughter, Claire, while they were asleep came down stairs and let herself out of the house, and was found wandering locally and returned home. The department were involved in following up that incident.

Procurator Fiscal formed a view that Miss MacIntosh should be charged with wilfully neglecting her children, but in November, at Inverness Sheriff Court Miss MacIntosh was found not guilty of this offence. Tracy MacIntosh and Mr Riley are aware of the reasons for the department's concern about the children and their retention on the Child Protection Register.

All circumstances surrounding the family appear to be much calmer than they were one year ago.

On 25th May, 1990, Tracy MacIntosh appeared before Inverness Sheriff Court in connection with an offence of fraud and Breach of Bail. [REDACTED]

At the time of writing this report I am not aware of the outcome of the High Court, but do not anticipate a custodial sentence.

With regard to the family circumstances, there are still areas of stress in and around Smithton given the anti-social behaviour described in earlier reports. A further factor which exacerbate the situation was that the former co-habitee of Miss Tracy MacIntosh, the perpetrator of providing alcohol to the youngest child, Claire, which led to the hospitalisation and the the Regional Child Protection Registration and subsequently a Children's Hearing Supervision Requirement, moved in to stay with his present co-habitee who had been rehoused by housing department, a matter of 3/4 doors away from the MacIntosh family. In the late summer, the former co-habitee attempted to intervene with the children, which he had done on several occasions and a fight broke out, not in 162 Smithton Park, between Mr Riley and the former co-habitee.

Mr Riley

It should be noted that the children were not present when this incident took place. However, this incident does serve to show the stress under which the family have lived in and will continue to live.

NICOLA [REDACTED]

CLAIRE

Claire, this school session . . . began attending a pre-school nursery attached to the local primary school and again is progressing well. Again her progress can be monitored by the school as part of the Child Protection Registration. She seems to be developing into a normal child and again relates very well to her mother and to Mr Riley.

It should be noted that the emotional bond between mother and both children has never been in question, what has been the problems has been the conflict between care for the children and the effects of her previous lifestyle. Mr Riley does appear to relate well to the children and certainly over the past month has had to take on much of their care due to their mother's ill-health.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The period under review has progressed quite well and the family appear to have settled down to a much more calm and rational approach to daily living tasks. However, given their behaviour patterns of previous lifestyle, and some of the stresses indicated in this report such as the proximity of previous relationships and the maternal grandmother residing in the home, it is felt that the Supervision Requirements should continue.

HP Palmer

Terry Palmer,
Social Worker.

Social Work Department,
186 Smithton Park,
Smithton,
Inverness.

22nd January, 1990



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16 JAN 1991

Please ask for Mr. Ferguson Our Ref:PSF/MK(Lhear.sw)

14 January 1991

Mrs. Kate Birch,
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(Rural East),
186 Smithton Park,
SMITHTON,
By Inverness
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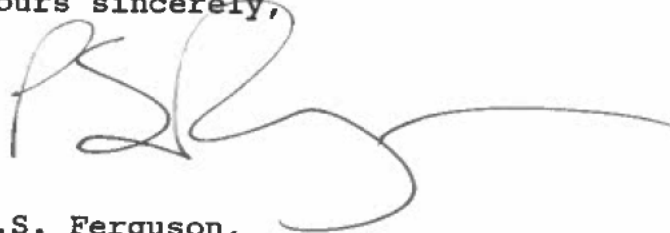
Dear Mrs. Birch,

Claire and Nicola MacKintosh,
162 Smithton Park, Inverness

I refer to my letter dated 8th January, 1991 in respect of the above named children.

I now write to advise that I have re-arranged the Hearing to take place on Friday 1st February, 1991 at 4.00 p.m. and I would be obliged if you could notify the social worker concerned of this change and let me have a report in time for this. ✓

Yours sincerely,


P.S. Ferguson,
Reporter

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5 FEB 1991

Please ask for **Mrs. Macpherson** Our ref: **HM/MG** (fresults.sw)

Your ref: **Mr. Palmer**

4 February 1991

Mrs. K. Birch,
Area Team Leader,
Highland Regional Council,
186 Smithton Park,
INVERNESS, IV1 2PF.

Dear Mrs. Birch,

Children's Hearing

The case noted below has been considered by a Children's Hearing and disposed of as follows:-

PLACE	Inverness	DATE	1.2.91
CASE		RESULT	
Nicola and Claire MacIntosh, 162 Smithton Park, INVERNESS.		supervision requirements continued without change.	

I enclose a copy of the requirement together with a copy of the Reasons for Decision for your confidential information.

Yours sincerely,



Hilary Macpherson
Assistant Reporter
encl.

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Notification of a Decision of a Children's Hearing

Mrs. Tracey MacIntosh,
162 Smithton Park,
INVERNESS.

The Decision

On 1st February, 1991 a Children's Hearing for Highland Region at Inverness decided to continue the supervision requirements relating to your children, Claire and Nicola.

(a copy of any Warrant or Supervision Requirement is enclosed)

The Reasons

We feel that Tracey and Sean have made great efforts to improve their life-style and the childrens' lives are obviously more stable. There are still fairly serious problems which relate to the neighbourhood in which the children are living and past history. We feel it imperative that this family have a transfer of tenancy to another area in Inverness in order that they may start afresh.

Your Rights

You have the right to appeal against this decision.

Any appeal must be made within **THREE WEEKS** of the day the decision was made. It must be lodged with the Sheriff Clerk at the Sheriff Court nearest to the place where the Hearing was held. You are advised to consult a solicitor. You may be entitled to legal aid. You will be notified of when the appeal will be heard. An appeal against a Warrant will be heard within **THREE DAYS** of it being lodged. Please read carefully any leaflet with this letter. If you do not understand something please contact the Reporter at the CHILDREN'S HEARING CENTRE, 1 WATERLOO PLACE, INVERNESS. (Phone 0463 243377)

Reporter.....*SM*.....

4 February 1991

Instrument continuing supervision requirement

Made on 5th February, 1990 in respect of:-

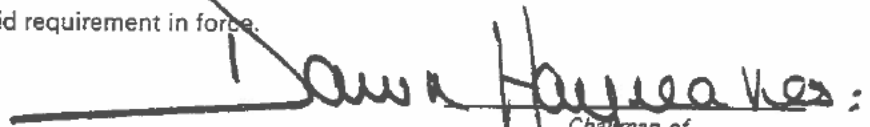
Claire MacIntosh,
162 Smithton Park,
INVERNESS

(Place and date)

INVERNESS

1st February, 1991.

A children's hearing for the Highland Region
considering that [the foregoing supervision requirement]* ~~[the supervision requirement attached and
dequoted with reference hereto]~~ is due to expire on 5th February, 1991, and being satisfied that it is
proper so to do, hereby continue the said requirement in force.


Dawn Haynes:
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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8 January 1991

Mrs. Kate Birch,
Area Team Leader,
(Rural East),
186 Smithton Park,
SMITHTON,
By Inverness
IV1 2PF

Dear Mrs. Birch,

Claire Nicola MacKintosh, b.27.12.83,
162 Smithon Park, Smithton, Inverness

I refer to my letter dated 12th December, 1990 in respect of the above named children.

I now write to advise that I have re-arranged the time of the Hearing to **3.45 p.m.** on Tuesday 22nd January, 1991 and I would be obliged if you could notify the social worker concerned of this change and let me have a report in time for this.

Yours sincerely,



Evelyn Grant,
Depute Reporter

ON COMPUTER

*14/1/91 F/c to G-Grant
Cancelled as clashes
until 10th Jan. - she will come new date
- 4.00 on 12/1/91
Evelyn Grant
14/1/91*



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Our Ref: PSF/JC (Rsocial.ann)

12 December 1990

Mrs. Kate Birch,
Area Team Leader,
Rural East,
Social Work Department,
186 Smithton Park,
Smithton,
INVERNESS.

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Dear Mrs. Birch,

Nicola, b.27.12.83 and Claire, b.01.08.86 MacIntosh
162 Smithton Park, Smithton, Inverness

I have arranged a Hearing for the purpose of the annual review of the supervision requirement relating to the above named children.

This Hearing will take place on Tuesday, 22nd January, 1991 at 3.30 p.m. at Inverness and I would be grateful if you could notify the Social Worker concerned and let me have a report in time for this. ✓

Yours sincerely,

P.S. Ferguson,
Reporter.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INITIAL/REVIEW CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE MINUTE

DATE	TIME	VENUE
19.09.90	11.40am	Kinmylies
NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN)	DOB	HOME ADDRESS
Claire MacIntosh	01.08.86	162 Smithon Park
Nicola MacIntosh	27.12.83	Smithton Inverness
		PRESENT ADDRESS

CHAIRPERSON Mr Robert Gibson, Area Team Leader

PREVIOUS CASE CONFERENCE HELD ON (DATE) at (VENUE)

28.03.90

CHILD'S FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD DETAILS

RELATIONSHIP	NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION
Mother	Tracy MacIntosh	28	
Mother's Cohab	Sean Riley or Stewart	21	

ATTENDING CASE CONFERENCE

NAME	DESIGNATION	AGENCY
Murdo Gillies	Assistant Divisional Education Officer	Education Department
[REDACTED]	Acting Nurse Manager	Highland Health Board
Terry Palmer	Social Worker	Social Work Department
Kate Birch	Area Team Leader	Social Work Department
[REDACTED]	Police Sergeant	Northern Constabulary
Ms Scott	Teacher	Education Department
	Smithton Primary	
Pamela Lemon	Admin Assistant (Minute)	Social Work Department

INVITED BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

NAME	DESIGNATION	AGENCY
[REDACTED]	Acting Community Nurse Manager	Highland Health Board
Dr	General Practitioner	Highland Health Board
Dr MacDonald	Paediatrician	Highland Health Board

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO CASE CONFERENCE

Review

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Mr Palmer tabled a written report detailing events since the last case conference.

Mrs MacIntosh senior is at present in hospital undergoing tests for what would appear to be the early signs of senile dementia. No further progress had been made regarding a change of tenancy for the family and it was noted that when Mrs MacIntosh senior returns home from hospital she will need toilet facilities on the ground floor. Mr Palmer advised that a further attempt would be made to obtain a transfer of tenancy for Miss MacIntosh away from the Smithton area although the consensus of opinion seemed to be that this would only be transferring the problem.

It was noted that at present the children seem to be more cared for in their home setting. [REDACTED]

Nicola

Mr Palmer was quite satisfied that Tracy's care of the children is adequate when she is in control. It was when things started to go wrong that Tracy could not cope.

[REDACTED] Northern Constabulary, advised that there still appeared to be an ongoing drugs connection with Sean.

Mrs Birch was of the opinion that some progress had been made but the couple lead a very precarious lifestyle. Tracy does not seem to be strong enough to break away from Sean.

Nicola's

DECISION

CHILD(REN)'S NAME TO BE ~~PLACED ON~~*/RETAINED ON*/~~REMOVED FROM~~* CENTRAL REGISTER
*(delete as applicable)

PERSON/AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION -

RECOMMENDATIONS

KEY WORKER NOMINATED

NAME	DESIGNATION	AGENCY
Terry Palmer	Social Worker	Social Work Department

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT CASE CONFERENCE

Signed: *Robert D. Gibson*

Date: *2 October 1990*

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE

<p>NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN) <i>CLAIRE MACINTOSH</i> <i>NICOLA MACINTOSH</i></p>	<p>D.O.B. <i>01/08/86</i> <i>27/12/83</i></p>	<p>PRESENT ADDRESS <i>162 SMITHTON PARK</i> <i>SMITHTON</i> <i>INVERNESS.</i></p> <p>TEL NO</p>
<p>PARENTS/CARERS NAME & ADDRESS <i>TRACY MACINTOSH (MOTHER)</i> <i>SEAN PAUL RILEY STEWART (MOTHER'S COHABITEE)</i></p>	<p>HOME ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)</p>	
<p>LEGAL STATUS OF CHILD(REN) <i>SECTION 44(1)(a)</i></p>	<p>DATE OF REGISTRATION <i>AUGUST 1989</i></p>	
	<p>DATE OF PREVIOUS CASE CONFERENCE <i>28/03/90</i></p>	

RECOMMENDATIONS OF LAST REVIEW

The children should remain on the Register and reviewed in six months time.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE LAST CASE CONFERENCE

For much of the last six months, relationships between the Social Work Department and MacIntosh family have been reasonable. Mr Riley or Stewart

There have been no incidents of neglect or abuse regarding the children which have caused the Department serious concern. However, the factors about lifestyle and stability which led to the initial registration are still there and these could be heightened at any time.

In May of this year, Miss MacIntosh received a two year Probation Order after appearing at Court with regard to an offence of theft. Therefore, statutory access both to her and the children exists.

Attempts have been made through contact with the Housing Department and the Housing Link to facilitate transfer of tenancy for Miss MacIntosh away from the Smithton area. This has been supported by Psychiatric Services and the family G.P. and myself, but was turned down at a Housing Link by the Housing Department for MacIntosh and Riley to demonstrate that they were able to cope with a tenancy. Nominal period given there was for one year. The family coped reasonably well with that, albeit that the presence of Miss MacIntosh's aged grandmother who has difficulty with the stairs in the house, exacerbates their need for a transfer out of the area.

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Contact with the family has been a vary between extremely high, almost daily, particularly office visits from Mr Riley when there have been areas of concern, and visiting the family at home.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER AGENCIES

The Health Visitor, Doctor the Psychiatric Services of Dr Glenn and a Doctor at Dunain House, who has also been involved. Contact has been made with Smithton Primary School where Nicola attends and some support being given to finding a placement at local Nursery School for Claire.

AREAS OF CONCERN

The areas of concern at the present time relate to the previous history and continue to be a repetition of areas of concern from previous Conferences, mainly previous lifestyle and present pattern of mother and the unpredictability of her cohabitee's behaviour.

FUTURE PLANS FOR CHILD INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVIEW CASE CONFERENCE

At the present time the children seem to be more cared for in their home setting. However, in light of factors contained in this report, I would recommend that there has been nothing over the past six months which would lead to any recommendation other than the children's names be retained on the Register.

Signature *M. Holme* Counter signed *Kate Smith*
Social Worker Area Team Leader
Date: 10th September 1990 Date: 10th September 1990

REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE

CLAIRE MACINTOSH
NICOLA MACINTOSH

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE LAST CASE CONFERENCE (CONTD)

However, the housing position was greatly exacerbated recently by the giving of a tenancy some four doors from the MacIntosh household, to a young lady who appears to be cohabiting with a Mr Gordon MacRae. Mr MacRae is the father of the youngest child of Miss MacIntosh and administered the alcohol which led to the original Registration on the Child Protection Register. Relationships between Mr MacRae and Mr Stewart or Riley has been fraught over many months and on 27th August, a violent fight took place in the garden of 144 Smithton Park between Mr MacRae and Mr Stewart which led to them both being arrested, being treated for wounds and being detained in the cells overnight.

HEALTH VISITOR'S REPORT FOR CHILD PROTECTION REVIEW ON 19 9 1990

re - NICOLA MACINTOSH DoB 24 12 83
CLAIRE MACINTOSH DoB 1 8 86
162 SMITHTON PARK, SMITHTON

Members of Household -

TRACEY MACINTOSH - Mother
SEAN P RILEY - Co-habitee
MRS MACINTOSH - Great Grandmother

Contact with this family has been limited since the last review following instructions from my Nurse Manager.

Nicola

Claire started nursery class at Smithton Primary School on Monday 10th September 1990. She appears healthy and is reasonably confident. Mother failed to keep an appointment for Claire's routine developmental assessment at 4 years. No reason was given.

Tracey and Sean's relationship remains unchanged. Both are very anxious to be re housed away from Smithton.

Mrs MacIntosh is a rather frail old lady who is in a state of early dementia. District Nursing Sisters were required to attend her for a short period for general nursing care, to give nursing aids, and advise her future needs. She is very restless at night and gets up frequently. This disturbs the household and particularly Sean who feels that in time, she will require residential care. Tracey is adamant that this will not happen. I personally feel that Day Care for Mrs MacIntosh is strongly adviseable to aid family unity.

I would recommend that the children remain under close supervision of by a Social Worker.

Mrs M Lorrain Smith

Mrs M Lorrain Smith
Health Visitor
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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
ROSS AND CROMARTY AREA

REVIEW CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE MINUTE

15.02.1990 - 2.55 pm - Social Work Department, Kinmylies

Chairperson: Mr J Airth

PREVIOUS CASE CONFERENCE: 15.08.1990 - Social Work Dept, Kinmylies

NAMES OF CHILDREN: Claire MacIntosh (b. 01.08.1986)
Nicola MacIntosh (b. 27.12.1983)

HOME ADDRESS: 162 Smithton Park, Inverness

PRESENT ADDRESS: As Above

FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD DETAILS: Mother - Tracy MacIntosh
Cohabitee - Sean Paul Riley

ATTENDING CASE CONFERENCE:

Mr J Airth	Child Protection Co-ordinator	Social Work
Mr T Palmer	Social Worker, Smithton	Social Work
Mrs M Smith	Health Visitor	Health Board
Mrs M Davidson	Nurse Manager (Deputising)	Health Board
Mrs Blackwood	School Nurse	Health Board
Dr A Roche	Senior Medical Officer	Health Board
[REDACTED]	Police Liaison Officer	Police
Mr Gillies	Assistant Divisional Education Officer	Education
Mrs Scott	Teacher, Smithton Primary School	Education
Miss A Stoltman	Admin Assistant, Dingwall (Minute)	Social Work

INVITED BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Mrs Lloyd	Nurse Manager	Health Board
Mrs Williams	Nurse Manager	Health Board
Mrs K Birch	Area Team Leader, Smithton	Social Work

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO CASE CONFERENCE

Six monthly review as agreed at previous Case Conference.

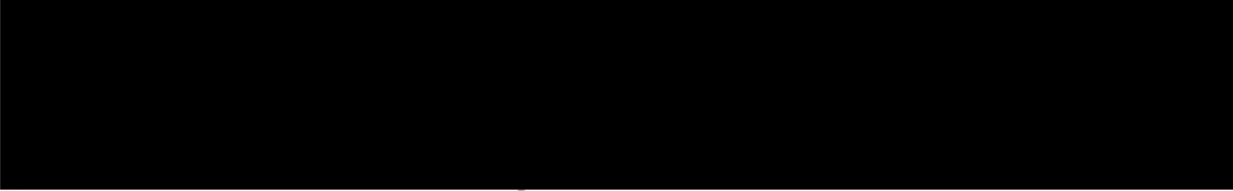
RECORD OF DISCUSSION:

Mr Palmer (Social Worker) presented a written report detailing events in the MacIntosh household since the last case conference - see attached.

Mr Riley

Miss MacIntosh have indicated that they wish to break away from their previous lifestyle. Both he and

Mrs Scott (Teacher) said that she was very concerned for the safety of the children. Nicola



Sgt

The conference agreed that the names of the children should remain on the Child Protection Register.

DECISION: Children's names to be retained on Central Register.

PERSON/AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

RECOMMENDATIONS:

KEY WORKER NOMINATED: Mr T Palmer, Social Worker

NEXT CONFERENCE: Six months

Signed: 

Date: 5.3.90.

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Our Ref: PSF/J (Lsocial.nfa)

10 April 1990

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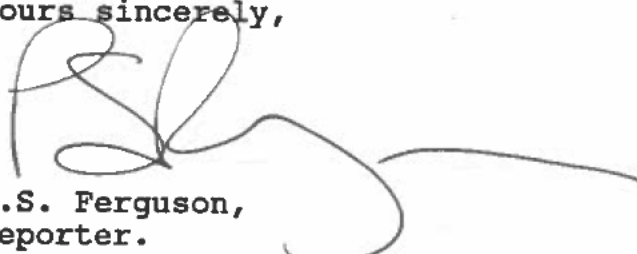
Dear Mrs. Birch,

Nicola, b.27.12.83 and Claire, b.01.08.86 MacIntosh
162 Smithton Park, Smithton, Inverness.

Thank you for Terry Palmer's report dated 5th April 1990 in respect of the above named children.

In view of the information contained therein and in other reports I have received, I have decided that I need take no formal action in this instance.

Yours sincerely,


P.S. Ferguson,
Reporter.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE

NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN)	DOB	PRESENT ADDRESS
Nicola MacIntosh	27/12/83	162 Smithton Park
Claire MacIntosh	01/08/86	Smithton Inverness
		TEL NO

PARENTS/CARERS NAMES AND ADDRESS	HOME ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)
Tracy MacIntosh Sean Paul Stewart or Reily	

LEGAL STATUS OF CHILD(REN)	DATE OF REGISTRATION
44 1(a) Supervision Order	15th August, 1989

	DATE OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCE
	15th February, 1990

RECOMMENDATIONS OF LAST REVIEW

Children's names to be retained on the register.

Review in 6 months.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE LAST CASE CONFERENCE

This review has been sought because I am not confident that this department is able to carry through the Child Protection Plan, to our complete satisfaction. This problem arises because of the continuing aggression with which we are met whenever a new problem or difficulty arises. Mr Stewart is a very threatening

individual [REDACTED] whose behaviour is very unpredictable . It has been necessary to request police support on several occasions so that he could be interviewed safely.

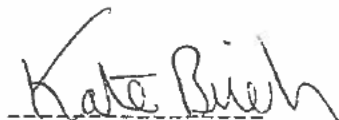
One of these situations arose on 14th March, 1990, when Claire, the youngest child, was brought to the Social Work Office, Smithton, at around 11a.m. by the janitor of Smithton Primary School. It appeared that Claire had arrived at Smithton Primary School on her own, looking for her sister, Nicola. The janitor was asked to take her home, but on arrival there, he was unable to obtain any answer to his knocking at the door. Thereafter, social worker, Michael Gutteridge, and two police officers visited the house and, when they too were unable to obtain any reply to their knocking, the house was entered through an unlocked backdoor soon after which, Miss MacIntosh came downstairs in her dressing-gown. Mr Stewart was still upstairs. It appears that the couple had been sound asleep and that Claire had let herself out of the house.

While there was no particular difficulty about returning Claire to her mother's care on this occasion, Mr Stewart's level of aggression was extreme, and his behaviour towards social worker and police officers both, was threatening.

On the following day, I visited the house in the company of P.C. [REDACTED] to check the children. On this occasion we were relatively well received and Mr Stewart was more under control than he had been on the previous day. The family's social worker, Mr Palmer, has been off sick for 4 weeks, I have had several contacts with the family during that time. Further, relatively small problems continue to arise, for instance, social security benefits, and whilst I have had no further difficulty with Mr Stewart todate, his response to any given situation remains unpredictable and potentially violent.

Whilst our access to the children remains open at this point, the situation is a fragile one and the link may be tenuous. It is my impression that the other agencies involved have a similar view of the situation.

I would welcome the views of the case conference group on the issues of nature and frequency of contact, safeguards and realistic objectives in this case.



Kate Birch,
Area Team Leader.

27th March, 1990



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J Dick B.A., D.M.S.

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Please ask for *Mr Palmer*

Our ref. *36002378/02/03*

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date *4th April 1990*

*Mr Peter Ferguson
Reporter to Children's Hearing
Children's Hearing Centre
1 Waterloo Place
INVERNESS.*

Dear Mr Ferguson

*Re: Nicola, d.o.b. 27/12/83 and Claire, d.o.b. 01/08/86 MacIntosh
162 Smithton Park, Smithton, Inverness.*

Further to your letter to Mrs Birch concerning the above named children, dated 19th March 1990 and the grounds of referral therein contained, I have pleasure in providing the attached report.

Yours sincerely

*Terry Palmer
Social Worker*

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: *MACINTOSH* Date of Birth: *(1) 27/12/83*
(2) 01/08/86

Christian Names: *(1) NICOLA (2) CLAIRE* Religion: *N/K*
or Forenames

Address: *162 SMITHTON PARK*
..... *SMITHTON*
..... *INVERNESS.*

Marital State: *N/A* Occupation: *(1) SCHOOL PUPIL*
(2) PRE SCHOOL CHILD

~~are~~ to appear on at *INVERNESS CHILDREN'S HEARING* ~~Case~~

in connection with the crime or offence of *INCIDENT IN MARCH 1990*

Prepared by: *TERRY PALMER* Designation: *SOCIAL WORKER*

~~ORDER OF COURT~~ DECISION OF HEARING

This report is prepared following contact with the children's mother and mother's boyfriend.

The children appeared before a Children's Hearing on 5th February 1990, at which both Nicola and Claire were made subjects of Section 44(1)(a) Supervision Requirements and were returned to the care of their mother. Domestic circumstances are as pertained in that report for the Children's Hearing, other than recently Miss MacIntosh has taken into her home with a view to future permanent care with her, her 72 year old paternal grandmother. From previous reports will be seen the fact that Miss MacIntosh was brought up for a good period of her childhood and adolescence by this grandmother, who prior to coming to stay with her, lived in Bunchrew and Miss MacIntosh does, in fact, refer to her grandmother as mother in conversation. The reason for Miss MacIntosh taking the grandmother into her home is that there seems to have been some deteriorating family relationship between Mrs MacIntosh and her son, Tracy's father, who has returned to Bunchrew and remarried. It is the intention of Miss MacIntosh to apply for a transfer of house away from Smithton, which she has done and has been supported by this Department in this move. It is intended that this house would contain at least one ground-floor bedroom for Mrs MacIntosh.

The children have continued to remain, since the Children's Hearing, on the Child Protection Register and are visited frequently. The concerns which have been previously expressed about the family lifestyle are still around, as is the view that Miss MacIntosh's cohabitee, Mr Riley or Stewart, can be an aggressive individual and part of the attempt to transfer house is an attempt to break away from previous lifestyle.

Since the time of the previous Hearing, access to the children has not been a problem and there have been no other incidents, other than the one referred to in this report, which has led to any extra cause for concern about the children's welfare.

RECENT INCIDENT:

On 14th March 1990 it appears that Miss MacIntosh and Mr Riley were staying in the house and awoke to ensure that Nicola went safely off to school. Having achieved this end, Miss MacIntosh returned to bed and went back to sleep with Mr Riley or Stewart. At that time, Claire too, was asleep. Some time later Claire got up and with Miss MacIntosh still asleep, she went out of the open back door and went to school to look for Nicola. This was shortly before 11.00a.m. The school janitor at Smithton Primary was asked to take Claire back home, but on arrival there he was unable to obtain any answer to his knocking at the front door. Thereafter, the child Claire, was brought to the Social Work Office and the social worker, Michael Gutteridge and two Police Officers visited the house. When they too were unable to obtain any reply at the front door, the house was entered through an unlocked back door, soon after which Miss MacIntosh came downstairs in her dressing-gown. Mr Riley or Stewart was still upstairs. There was no particular difficulty about returning Claire to her mother's care on this occasion, although Mr Stewart was verbally aggressive towards the social worker and the Police Officers. The seriousness of the incident was pressed home to Miss MacIntosh.

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On the following day, Mrs Birch, Area Team Leader, in the company of Constable [redacted] visited the house to check the children. They were well received and Mr Stewart was more under control than on the previous day.

Access to the home is available to myself and Mrs Birch, Area Team Leader. The children are seen regularly by myself and by the schools. Whilst this is fine when matters are on an even keel, it is true that there will continue to be times when difficulties arise, such as with D.S.S. benefits, when Mr Riley's response can be unpredictable.

The position with the children with regard to their Child Protection Registration was reviewed on a six-monthly basis in February 1990 and was reviewed again on 28th March 1990, in response to the recent incident. It was decided that the children's names should remain on the Child Protection Register and the case should be reviewed in six months time.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The areas for concern with regard to the children's welfare which formed the basis of the decision to place the children on Supervision Requirements in January 1990 are still in existence. It is likely that these concerns will take a great deal of time to be worked upon and it would be unrealistic to set high goals for behaviour change over a short period.

With regard to the particular incident leading to the present ground of referral, it would appear there was a slight lack of parental care in that the child was allowed to rise and leave the house when the parents were sleeping, but given the response to this and the continued monitoring of these children through the Child Protection visiting scheme, as well as the present Supervision Requirement, I would suggest that whilst this present incident is recorded, there be no need for further measures to be taken in regard to it.

Terry Palmer

Terry Palmer
Social Worker

Social Work Department
East Rural Area Office
186 Smithton Park
Smithton
Inverness.

5th April 1990

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CHILD PROTECTION CASE CONFERENCE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
28th March, 1990	12.00 noon	Kinmylies Building
<u>CHILDREN'S NAMES</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>
Nicola MacIntosh	27.12.83	162 Smithton Park,
Claire MacIntosh	1.8.86	Smithton, Inverness.
<u>PRESENT ADDRESS</u>		

CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Robert D. Gibson, Area Team Leader.

PREVIOUS CASE CONFERENCE HELD ON: 15th February, 1990

CHILD'S FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD DETAILS

<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>
Mother	Tracy MacIntosh	28	
Mother's Co-hab	Sean Riley or Sewart	21	

ATTENDING CASE CONFERENCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
Dr. A. Roche	Senior Medical Officer	Highland Health Board
Mrs. M. Lorrain-Smith	Health Visitor	Highland Health Board
Mrs. S. Young	Student Health Visitor	Highland Health Board
Mrs. M. Blackwood	School Nurse	Highland Health Board
[REDACTED]	Police Constable	Northern Constabulary
Mrs. K. Birch	Area Team Leader	Social Work Department
Mr. T. Palmer	Social Worker	Social Work Department

INVITED BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
Dr. J. MacDonald	Consultant Paediatrician	Highland Health Board
Mrs.	Nurse Manager	Highland Health Board
Mr. M. Gillies	Assist. Div. Ed. Officer	Education Department
Mr. I. MacGregor	Group Officer	R.S.S.P.C.C.

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO CASE CONFERENCE

Area Team Leader's concern that Social Work Department was unable to carry through the Child Protection Plan because of Mr. Stewart's aggression.

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

A report was tabled by Mrs. K. Birch, Area Team Leader.

This early review is being held because the social worker and Area Team Leader have been met with aggression from Miss MacIntosh's co-habitee when they have visited the home.

Mrs. Birch stated that one never knew how Mr. Stewart was going to react and, therefore, when a member of the Department called at the house to interview either Mr. Stewart or Miss MacIntosh, the presence of a member of the Police Department tended to help.

Mr. Stewart is very possessive of Miss MacIntosh and it is almost impossible for the social worker to speak to her on her own. Mr. Stewart tends to dominate the conversation and speak for Miss MacIntosh.

On 14th March, Claire, the youngest child, went to Smithton Primary School at around 10.30 a.m. looking for her sister. The school janitor took her to the Social Work Office as he received no answer at the mother's house. Later Mr. Gutteridge and two Police officers called at the house and when they too received no reply, they went into the house by the back door, which was unlocked. Miss MacIntosh came downstairs in her dressing gown saying that she and Mr. Stewart had been sound asleep and Claire had gone out of the house on her own. When Mr. Stewart arrived on the scene his behaviour towards both social worker and police officers was threatening.

The following day Mrs. Birch called at the house in the company of P.C. to check on the children. Mr. Stewart's behaviour on this occasion was more under control.

On another occasion Mr. Stewart and Miss MacIntosh called at the Social Work Office requesting a loan as they were having some trouble with their D.S.S. money. Mr. Stewart

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Mrs. Birch said that one must always stop to think before addressing any issues with this couple.

Mr. Stewart

Mrs. Scott, Head Teacher of Smithton Primary
Nicola

Mr. Palmer informed the meeting that Miss MacIntosh and Mr. Stewart are both drug users. He has never been denied access to the house, but conversation is limited and the couple will not discuss their personal relationship.

Mr. Stewart

Nicola

Miss MacIntosh's grandmother is now living with the family. She is 72 years old and had previously been in a home for the elderly. Miss MacIntosh has now applied for a transfer of house, which the social worker is supporting.

The health visitor stated that on most of her visits Claire is at home with Mr. Stewart. However, on her last visit Miss MacIntosh and Mr. Stewart were both at home. For the first 15 minutes Mr. Stewart dominated the conversation, but he left the house and Mrs. Lorrain-Smith was able to speak to Miss MacIntosh on her own and took the opportunity to ask her about Nicola

. Miss MacIntosh stated that the children go to bed at the same time, but Claire takes some time to go to sleep which keeps Nicola awake. It appears that after Miss MacIntosh sees Nicola off to school, the family return to bed, taking Claire with them, therefore it is late when Claire gets up and is not tired at bedtime.

Mrs. Williams, Nurse Manager, has mentioned to Mrs. Birch that she felt it was unfair to expect the health visitor to call on this family so frequently, under the circumstances.

W.P.C.

Mr. Stewart

After some discussion, Mr. Gibson stated that the concerns in this family were the parent's lifestyle and Mr. Stewart's unpredictability. The social worker will require to be vigilant, recognise and monitor the situation. He also requested that other agencies should not hesitate to advise the social worker of any concerns.

Nicola's

DECISION

CHILDREN'S NAMES TO BE RETAINED ON CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER.

PERSON/AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION: Child Protection Co-ordinator

RECOMMENDATIONS

Case to be reviewed in 6 months time.

KEY WORKER NOMINATED

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
T. Palmer	Social Worker	Social Work Department

DATE OF NEXT CONFERENCE:

September, 1990

SIGNED: Robert D Gibson

DATE: 28. March 1990.

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Our ref: PSF/JC (rsocial.on)

19 March 1990

Mrs. Kate Birch,
Area Team Leader,
Highland Regional Council,
186 Smithton Park,
Smithton,
INVERNESS.

9/4/90

Dear Mrs. Birch,

**Nicola, b.27.12.83 and Claire, b.01.08.86 MacIntosh
162 Smithton Park, Smithton, Inverness**

The above named children, who are presently under supervision, have been referred to me on the undernoted grounds. Would you please advise the Social Worker concerned.

I would be grateful if you could submit a report as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

**P.S. Ferguson,
Reporter.**

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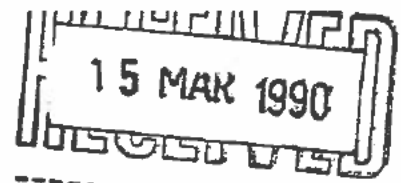
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GROUNDS OF REFERRAL

Lack of Parental Care.

See attached copy Confidential Police Report.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS AT RISK



To be completed and sent simultaneously to the :-

- (i) Designated Officer, Social Work Department,
- (ii) Reporter to the Children's Panel, and
- (iii) Community Involvement Department, The Castle, Inverness

Name(s) of Child(ren)	DOB	Address
CLAIRE MACKINTOSH	1/8/86	162 Smithton Park, Smithton.
NICOLA MacKINTOSH	27/12/83	162 Smithton Park, Smithton.

Other Members of Household/ Family	Age/ DOB	Relationship to Child
SEAN PAUL STEWART or RILEY	5/7/63	Mother's Boyfriend
TRACEY MACKINTOSH	11/8/61	Mother

Brief Details of Case:

Whilst mother asleep upstairs with boyfriend child left house and went to nearby school. Janitor of school took child back to house but got no reply. Then took child to Social Work Office, Smithton. Nicola

Initially Reported by : Mr. Gutteridge, Social Work Department, Smithton.
 Details of Alleged/Suspected Offender (if known) : TRACY MACKINTOSH
Bn. 11/08/61, 162 Smithton Park, Smithton.

Has a Medical Examination Taken Place : NO

Has a Place of Safety Order Been Obtained : NO

Investigating Officer :

Police P.C.

Social Work Mr. GUTTERIDGE

Designated Officer :

Police Detective Inspector

Social Work _____

Submitted by : Name P.C.

Rank and No Constable

Station INVERNESS

Date 14th March 1990

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
ROSS AND CROMARTY AREA

REVIEW CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE MINUTE

15.02.1990 - 2.55 pm - Social Work Department, Kinmylies

Chairperson: Mr J Airth

PREVIOUS CASE CONFERENCE: 15.08.1990 - Social Work Dept, Kinmylies

NAMES OF CHILDREN: Claire MacIntosh (b. 01.08.1986)
Nicola MacIntosh (b. 27.12.1983)

HOME ADDRESS: 162 Smithton Park, Inverness

PRESENT ADDRESS: As Above

FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD DETAILS: Mother - Tracy MacIntosh
Cohabitee - Sean Paul Riley

ATTENDING CASE CONFERENCE:

Mr J Airth	Child Protection Co-ordinator	Social Work
Mr T Palmer	Social Worker, Smithton	Social Work
Mrs M Smith	Health Visitor	Health Board
Mrs M Davidson	Nurse Manager (Deputising)	Health Board
Mrs Blackwood	School Nurse	Health Board
Dr A Roche	Senior Medical Officer	Health Board
Sgt	Police Liaison Officer	Police
Mr Gillies	Assistant Divisional Education Officer	Education
Mrs Scott	Teacher, Smithton Primary School	Education
Miss A Stoltman	Admin Assistant, Dingwall (Minute)	Social Work

INVITED BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Mrs Lloyd	Nurse Manager	Health Board
Mrs Williams	Nurse Manager	Health Board
Mrs K Birch	Area Team Leader, Smithton	Social Work

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO CASE CONFERENCE

Six monthly review as agreed at previous Case Conference.

RECORD OF DISCUSSION:

Mr Palmer (Social Worker) presented a written report detailing events in the MacIntosh household since the last case conference - see attached.

Mr Riley

Mrs Scott (Teacher) said that she was very concerned for the safety of the children. Nicola had, for some time, been arriving late for school. MacIntosh was approached regarding this and the situation did improve

Riley Mr
Miss MacIntosh. Again Miss MacIntosh appeared to be under the influence of something and was unable even to speak coherently.

Sgt

The conference agreed that the names of the children should remain on the Child Protection Register.

DECISION: Children's names to be retained on Central Register.

PERSON/AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

RECOMMENDATIONS:

KEY WORKER NOMINATED: Mr T Palmer, Social Worker

NEXT CONFERENCE: Six months

Signed: 

Date: 5.3.90.

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE

NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN) CLAIRE MACINTOSH NICOLA MACINTOSH	D.O.B. 01/08/86 27/12/83	PRESENT ADDRESS 162 Smithton Park, Smithton 162 Smithton Park, Smithton
		TEL NO.
PARENTS/CARERS NAME & ADDRESS TRACY MACINTOSH SEAN PAUL RILEY	HOME ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) 162 Smithton Park, Smithton 162 Smithton Park, Smithton	
LEGAL STATUS OF CHILD(REN) SECTION 44(1)(a) Supervision Order	DATE OF REGISTRATION 15TH AUGUST 1989	
	DATE OF PREVIOUS CASE CONFERENCE 15TH AUGUST 1989	

RECOMMENDATIONS OF LAST REVIEW

- (1) The children should be Registered.
- (2) To be reviewed in six months time.
- (3) The matter to be referred to the Reporter.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE LAST CASE CONFERENCE

Home circumstances and relationships have basically remained the same, although they have undergone some periods of change. The matter was referred to the Reporter and at the Hearing on 27th September, the case was sent for Proof. In early October 1989, the relationship between Miss MacIntosh and her cohabitee, Mr Riley, deteriorated, and she sought relief for herself and her children and was placed in Women's Aid in Inverness for a weekend. She and the children subsequently returned to the home and recommenced the relationship with Riley. However, further strains surfaced and in October Miss MacIntosh asked for the children to be received voluntarily into care for some 10 days while she could bring some harmony to the relationship with Mr Riley. The children were returned to her at her request, 10 days later.

As was discussed at the last Case Conference, the children's mother, Miss Tracy MacIntosh, faced in December, Court cases relating to two incidents, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Miss MacIntosh appeared before the Sheriff Court on 21st December 1989 and sentence was deferred until 11th January for reports. On 11th January, Miss MacIntosh was remanded in custody and sentence was remitted to the High Court in Edinburgh. At this time, and with Miss MacIntosh's co-operation, the children went to reside with her brother and sister-in-law and family in Aberdeen. The brother's family kept contact with Miss MacIntosh in prison.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT INVOLVEMENT/LEVEL OF CONTACT

Over the period of time since the last Review, contact has been extremely frequent, both with the children, Miss MacIntosh and Mr Riley, other extended family and various Agencies. Police, Health Visitor, school and the Social Work Department in Aberdeen, where the children were residing temporarily with Miss MacIntosh's brother, have all been involved in case discussion over the 6 months. Both Mr Riley and Miss MacIntosh have had regular support on an Outpatient basis

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER AGENCIES

Police, Health Visitor, School, Social Work Department (Aberdeen) - as above.

AREAS OF CONCERN

The areas of concern remain as previously expressed at the Initial Case Conference. These fall into two areas. Firstly, Miss MacIntosh, while having good maternal abilities, has a life history which is characterised by association with people who would be classed as undesirable and whose influences detract from her ability to provide a stable home. She and Mr Riley have agreed to co-operate with the Department and other Agencies, including Craig Dunain, in an effort to overcome the negative aspects of this lifestyle and indeed, are considering seeking a transfer of house to commence a fresh start.

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FUTURE PLANS FOR CHILD INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVIEW CASE CONFERENCE

The future of this case depends very much upon the ability of Miss MacIntosh and Mr Riley to co-operate with this Department and other Agencies in child care matters, and to break away from their previous lifestyle.

These children have been placed on Supervision Requirements by the Children's Hearing, which is an added protection for them.

In the light of the factors contained in this report, there does not appear to be any justification at this stage for considering removing the children's names from the Register. The family would appear to continue to require close monitoring and support in an attempt to break from previous patterns of lifestyle.

I would therefore recommend that both children remain on the Child Protection Register.

Signature

Social Worker

Date: 9th February 1990

Counter signed

Area Team Leader

Date: 9th February 1990

REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE

CLAIRE MACINTOSH
NICOLA MACINTOSH

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE LAST CASE CONFERENCE (CONTD)

A Hearing was convened on 16th January and given that, at that stage, Miss MacIntosh's ultimate sentence was not yet determined by the Court, the Hearing continued for three weeks under warrant, the children's position. The children continued to reside after that Hearing, with Miss MacIntosh's brother in Aberdeen. One week later, on 23rd January 1990, Miss MacIntosh appeared before the High Court in Edinburgh where sentence was deferred for one year to be of good behaviour. It appeared at that time that the Court had made a requirement that Miss MacIntosh should reside in Aberdeen with her brother and matters were pursued in order that this requirement should take effect. However, in the intervening days, Miss MacIntosh refused to go to Aberdeen and gave some indication that she was afraid to go and reside with her brother. The relationship between herself and her brother rapidly deteriorated and in the light of the deteriorating relationship between Miss MacIntosh and her brother, which had led to some period of disturbance for the children, it was felt by the Department in discussion with her brother, that the children should be returned to Inverness and placed in a foster home until the Hearing which was due to be convened on 5th February 1990. The children returned to Inverness on 29th January and were placed in a foster home. A period of supervised access was given which went very well. Eventually, on 30th January 1990, following a protracted investigation by Miss MacIntosh's solicitor, it appeared that the High Court had not formally required that she should reside in Aberdeen with her brother. The emphasis of the case was therefore altered.

At a Children's Hearing on 5th February 1990, the children were made subject to Supervision Requirements under Section 44(1)(a) and returned to the care of their mother. The Hearing underlined the view that the Social Work Department and other people involved with the family that co-operation should continue if, as was the expressed wish of both Miss MacIntosh, Mr Riley and the children, that they would reside together, was to be allowed to take place.

AREAS OF CONCERN (CONTD)

The other area of concern of itself follows on from the first in that unless the cycle of social contacts and history is broken, Miss MacIntosh is unlikely to be able to provide a permanent stable home in which the children can fully develop.



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8 FEB 1990

6 February 1990

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Mrs. Kate Birch,
Area Team Leader,
(Rural East),
185 Smithton Park,
SMITHTON,
By Inverness

Dear mrs. Birch,

Children's Hearings

The case noted below has been considered by a Children's Hearing and was disposed of as follows:-

PLACE Children's Hearing Centre, INVERNESS

DATE 5.2.90

CASE


RESULT

Nicola, b.27.12.83 and
Claire, b.1.8.86 Macintosh,
162 Smithton Park,
INVERNESS

Supervision requirement made.

I enclose a copy of the requirement made together with the reasons for making the decision for your information.

Yours sincerely,


P.S. Ferguson,
Reporter.

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Notification of a Decision of a Children's Hearing

Ms. Tracy Macintosh,
162 Smithton Park,
INVERNESS

The Decision

On 5th February, 1990 a Children's Hearing for Highland Region at INVERNESS decided to make a Supervision requirement in respect of your children Claire and Nicola Macintosh.

(a copy of any Warrant or Supervision Requirement is enclosed)

The Reasons

It was felt that the children should return home under supervision. The Social Work Department have expressed confidence in Tracy's ability to provide a good home for them. Tracy is fully aware that this will require a fair amount of effort on her behalf. It is essential that Tracy co-operates with other Agencies to ensure a secure family environment.

Your Rights

You have the right to appeal against this decision.

Any appeal must be made with **THREE WEEKS** of the day the decision was made. It must be lodged with the Sheriff Clerk at the Sheriff Court nearest to the place where the Hearing was held. You are advised to consult a solicitor. You may be entitled to legal aid. You will be notified of when the appeal will be heard. An appeal against a Warrant will be heard within **THREE DAYS** of it being lodged. Please read carefully any leaflet with this letter. If you do not understand something please contact the Reporter at the CHILDREN'S HEARING CENTRE, 1 WATERLOO PLACE, INVERNESS. (Phone 0463 243377)

Reporter.....


6 February 1990

Supervision Requirement

(Place and date)

INVERNESS

5th February, 1990

A children's hearing for the Highland Region

in exercise of the powers conferred by section 44(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, being satisfied that Claire Macintosh

is in need of compulsory measures of care requiring her [to reside in ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~]†
[to be under the supervision of the Highland Region]* subject to the conditions noted below.

~~[The operation of this supervision requirement is postponed until]*~~


Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

~~Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement~~

- ~~†1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.~~
- ~~†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.~~
- ~~3.~~
- etc.

Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: *MACINTOSH* Date of Birth: *(1) 27/12/83*
(2) 01/08/86

Christian Names: *(1) NICOLA (2) CLAIRE* Religion: *H/K*
or Forenames

Address: *162 SMITHTON PARK*
..... *SMITHTON*
..... *INVERNESS.*

Marital State: *N/A* Occupation:

^{are} to appear on *5TH FEBRUARY 1990* at *INVERNESS CHILDREN'S HEARING* ~~COURT~~

in connection with the crime or offence of *HEARING FOLLOWING PROOF AND DEFERRED HEARING*

Prepared by: *TERRY PALMER* Designation: *SOCIAL WORKER*

~~ORDER OF COURT~~ / DECISION OF HEARING

This report is prepared as a supplementary one to that prepared for the previous Children's Hearings on 21st September 1989 and 16th January 1990.

The Panel members will be aware from the report prepared for the original hearing in September of the reasons for the children being brought before the Children's Hearing. This precipitating factor was that Claire had been given strong cider by her putitive father and as a result, required hospitalisation. This led to the Child Protection Procedures being instigated and the children's names being placed on the Child Protection Register. Hearing members will also be aware that concern had been expressed for some considerable time before the matters which led to the original hearing about the home circumstances of the children with their mother. As indicated in that report, the lifestyle of the mother seemed to have been divided into two areas, namely good maternal standards, co-existing with a lifestyle and contacts that were less that desirable. The original hearing report gives some details of some incidents which have occurred in and around the MacIntosh household in the preceding period before the matters leading to the Children's Hearing.

The report prepared as a supplementary to the original report for the hearing on 16th January also indicated that some incidents had taken place between the original hearing and the hearing following proof, which again had caused some concern about the care of the children, but from October the home circumstances would seem reasonable.

At the last hearing on 16th January 1990, the hearing members will be aware that Miss MacIntosh had appeared in Court the week previously in Inverness, had been remanded in custody and the case was remitted to the High Court for sentence. At that time, the children, with the co-operation of Miss MacIntosh, were to reside with her brother in Aberdeen. The hearing on 16th January issued a warrant for the children to be retained in a Place of Safety and continued the hearing for the purpose of determining Miss MacIntosh's sentence in the High Court.

Miss MacIntosh appeared before the High Court in Edinburgh on 23rd January 1990 and sentence was deferred for one year for her to be of good behaviour. It appeared, at the time, that the Court had made a requirement that Miss MacIntosh should reside in Aberdeen with her brother and matters were pursued in order that this requirement should take effect. However, in the intervening days, Miss MacIntosh refused to go to Aberdeen and gave some indication as to why she was afraid to go and reside with her brother. The relationship between herself and her brother rapidly deteriorated. Eventually, on 30th January 1990, following a protracted investigation by the solicitor, it now appears that Miss MacIntosh was not required by the High Court to reside in Aberdeen with her brother.

In the light of the deteriorating relationship between Miss MacIntosh and her brother, which had led to some periods of disturbance of the children, it was felt by the Social Work Department, in discussion with the brother, that the children should be returned to Inverness and placed in a foster home in Inverness until the hearing today.

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On 31st January 1990, the children returned to Inverness and were placed with foster parents, Mr and Mrs Miller at Inverness, foster parents approved after the usual investigations by the local authority as suitable for fostering of children of the age of Nicola and Claire.

The children's mother, Tracy MacIntosh, has indicated that she wishes to continue to reside in Inverness at this moment in time, although a possible future move could take place. She also wishes to continue to reside with Mr Riley with whom she has had a relationship for almost a year now. She wishes for her children to be returned to her care.

The Children's Hearing members will be aware that had Miss MacIntosh not been remanded in custody, the recommendation before it at the Hearing on 16th January was that the children be returned home under supervision, with the added protection that they are, at the moment, on the Child Protection Register following the incidents which led to the original referral to the Reporter.

I understand that both Mr Riley and Miss MacIntosh have received support

Given that the High Court sentence is now resolved and there is no longer the requirement that Miss MacIntosh reside with her brother in Aberdeen, in essence we are back to the home circumstances which formed the basis of the two previous reports to the Hearings and the Hearing members will be aware that at that time the recommendation was that the children should be at home under supervision.

Both myself and Craig Dunain Hospital staff have indicated to Miss MacIntosh and Mr Riley that they would need to be co-operative with the Social Work Department and other Child Care Agencies, such as the Health Visitor, if they do wish to retain care of the children. Miss MacIntosh has indicated that she is happy for Social Work involvement to continue and she herself has never denied me access to her home for the five years that I have known her. Mr Riley, with whom she has a relationship, has indicated that he too would be willing to accept Social Work involvement in the home.

Mr Riley,

if the future wellbeing of the children is to be the primary aim of all concerned, and especially if the children are returned to the home. It is essential that if the children are returned home that Miss MacIntosh and Mr Riley demonstrate over a period of time, their ability to co-operate with the Social Work Department.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

Since Miss MacIntosh was remanded in custody on 11th January 1990 and subsequently following her release from custody, to the present time, the children have resided firstly with Miss MacIntosh's brother and secondly, with foster parents in Inverness. They continue to be bright and articulate children who seem to be developing along normal lines. The children show remarkable resilience, given the circumstances which have surrounded them in the past, and this itself may be seen as an indicator of the fact that Miss MacIntosh, when she is not involved in activities which are including anti-social characters, is a warm and caring mother.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION (CONTD)

If the children are returned to her care, then she has indicated a desire to co-operate with the Department, in an attempt to improve positive areas in her life and to try to overcome the negative areas.

The members of the Hearing today are requested to seriously consider returning the children to the care of their mother. Miss MacIntosh and Mr Riley have agreed to work with the Department in order to facilitate the children's best interests. The Hearing members will be aware that the children will have the continued protection of being retained on the Child Protection Register.



Terry Palmer
Social Worker

Social Work Department
East Rural Area Office
186 Smithton Park
Smithton
Inverness.

1st February 1990

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILD - FREEDOM FROM INFECTION

Name of Child CARE MACKINOSH

Age or Date of Birth 1.8.86 Sex

Address 162 Summittown Plk.

1. Is the child free from signs of infectious or contagious disease?

Yes

2. Has he/she to your knowledge been in contact with any infectious or contagious disease during the past 3 weeks?

No

3. Please report briefly on general physical condition, including nutrition, cleanliness and any injuries evident.

Excellent

4. Did your examination reveal any physical or mental abnormality or handicap? (Please specify)

No

5. Other observations, health matters or special needs which should be noted by those taking over the daily care of the child.

Nil

6. I examined the above named child on 5.2.90 Date

Signed [Signature]

Designation G.P.

Date 5.2.90

Address The Surgery
CUMOCKEN -

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr J. Airth
P.F.O.

Terry Palmer
S.W. East Rural

36/00237802/03

05/02/90

RE NICOLA (27/12/83) AND CLAIRE (01/08/86) MACINTOSH
162 SMITHTON PARK SMITHTON INVERNESS

I am writing to inform you that on 31/01/90, the above named children returned from Aberdeen and were placed with foster parents, Mr and Mrs Miller [REDACTED] Inverness.

T. Palmer.

c.c. Keeper of CPR Ferintosh.



Department of Social Work
Director
J Dick B.A., D.M.S.

Highland Regional Council
East Rural Area Office
186 Smithton Park
Inverness
IV1 2PF

Telephone 0463 791338

Please ask for: *Mr Palmer*

Our ref: *36 02378/01/02/03*

Extension No:

Your ref:

Date *26th January 1990*

*Ms Evelyn Grant
Depute Reporter to Children's Panel
Children's Hearing Centre
1 Waterloo Place
INVERNESS.*

Dear Ms Grant

Nicola and Claire MacIntosh

Further to my telephone call to you, I am writing to confirm that at the High Court on 23rd January, sentence on Tracy MacIntosh was deferred for 1 year for her to be of good behaviour, with the condition that she reside with her brother in Aberdeen.

The brother's address, where Nicola and Claire are residing at present is Aberdeen.

Yours sincerely

*Terry Palmer
Social Worker*

To Whom It May Concern.

ABERDEEN

ABERDEEN.

Sir due to the decision that has been taken by our sister
Miss Mary Mackintosh to decline the offer of a new home
for herself, Nicola and Blair, in Aberdeen.

We feel that our feelings and certain factors
regarding this case should be considered by the Children's
Panel



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MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILD — FREEDOM FROM INFECTION

Name of Child CLAIRE MACKINTOSH.

Date of Birth 1/8/86. Sex F.

Address 162 SMITHTON PARK, SMITHTON.

1. Is the child free from signs of infectious or contagious disease?

YES.

2. Has he/she to your knowledge been in contact with any infectious or contagious disease during the past 3 weeks?

NO

3. Please report briefly on general physical condition, including nutrition, cleanliness and any injuries evident.

Well. Clean & well-fed.

4. Did your examination reveal any physical or mental abnormality or handicap? (Please specify)

No.

5. Other observations, health matters or special needs which should be noted by those taking over the daily care of the child.

None.

6. I examined the above named child on 31/1/90. (Date) and, in my opinion, the child is fit to be placed in a foster home or children's home.

Signed P. Alwis Designation General Practitioner

Date 31/1/90

Address The Surgery, Keppoch Rd,
Culloden.

To	From	
Mr J. Airth	T. Palmer	
P.F.O.	S.W. East Rural	
Your ref.	Our ref.	Date
	36/00237802	16/01/90
Please ask for		

RE: NICOLA [27/12/83] CLAIRE [01/08/86] MACKINTOSH 162 SMITHTON PARK
SMITHTON

I am writing to inform you that on 11th January, 1990, the above children's mother was remanded in custody and referred to the High Court for sentence in regard to serious offences.

The children went to stay with their maternal uncle and his family,
Mr Ronald MacKintosh, Aberdeen.

Social Worker.

c.c. Keeper CPR Register, Ferintosh.

*Noted. I assume
that the placement in
Aberdeen presents no
child protection issues.*

[Signature]

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL	
SOCIAL WORKER DEPARTMENT	
16 JAN 1990	
ALLOCATION	INITIALS
ACTION	

TP

Referred

31 JAN 1990

Client No

[Empty box for Client No]

Referral Point

Stand by

Home Area (for Hospital use)

Surname

Mac Intosh

Forename

Ronald

Address

Aboudeen

Postcode

Telephone



Sex

Male

Female D.O.B.

[Redacted D.O.B.]

Marital Status

Married 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single 2	Widowed 3	Divorced 4	Separated 5	Co-Hab 6
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Occupational Status

Employed 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-Employed 2	Unemployed 3	LG Term Sick Disabled 4
Retired 5	Home/Family 6	Student 6	Other 8

Referral Date

28 / 1 / 90

Referral Time 2:30 am/pm

Referral Method

Letter 1	Phone 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caller 3	Stand-by 4
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Referral Agent Name

Self

Address

GP/Practice

Problem/Action

Phoned to say everything had quietened down. Asked if 'we' could arrange a meeting with Tracy (only) and his family in Aboudeen under the guidance of the Social Work Department. asked if he could be contacted 1st thing Monday morning. will contact ATL Smithton Monday.

Client Aware of Referral Yes No

* Client Group:		Tick up to three		Circle primary reason	
Deaf/H. Hearing	11	Acute Phys Illness	13	Probation	20
Phys. H'cap/Chr Sick	12	Mental Illness	14	Stat. After Care	21
Mental H'cap	15	Fin/Housing	22	CSO	27
M H (Guardian)	16	Family/mat/per	25	Child (Non Stat)	23
Elderly Infirm	17	Parole	18	Child (Stat)	24
Reg. Blind	26	Fine Supervision	19	Other	28

* Reasons for Referral		Tick up to five		Circle primary reason	
Financial Assistance	1	Other Debt	9	Child Abuse/At Risk	17
Material Needs	2	Mobility Problem	10	Social Isolation	18
Court Proceedings	3	Ineligible - DSS Soc Fund Support	11	Behav. Problem	19
Drug Problem	4	Benefits Advice	12	School Problem	20
Alcohol Problem	5	Phys Illness	13	Marital Diff	21
Housing Problem	6	Frailty	14	Family Problem	22
Gas Debt	7	Self Neglect	15	Emotional Disturbance	23
Electricity Debt	8	Not Coping	16	Unclassified	24

Surname	Forename	Address (if Different) Telephone	Relationship	D.O.B.	Client Assoc 28	Next of Kin 53

Reports Requested (SC09)					
Mental Wel Comm	91	Means Enq D - Court	98	Resps Med Officer	105
Home Background	92	Freeing for Adoption	99	Parental Rights	106
CP/Reporter	93	Suitability S23	100	Hospital SW	107
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Set - Sheriff Court	95	Fostering	102	Unclassified	109
Set - District Court	96	Custody	103		
Means Enq S - Court	97	Access	104		

Review Date — Allocated Cases		Passed To — No Further Action Cases		Resource Assessment(s) Requested			
Six Months (Y)		DSS	1	Health/Hosp	6	General Services	50
None (N)		Housing	2	Health(Comm)	7	Elderly Services	51
Specify (SC 77)		C.A.B.	3	Vol. Agency	8	Childrens Services	52
		School	4	WRVS Cloth. Line	9	Hospital SW	53

REFERRAL FORM

J PALMER

Client No

[Grid for Client No]

Referral Point

Home Area (for Hospital use)

Surname

Tracey Mae Antosh

Forename

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Sex

Male

Female

D.O.B.

Marital Status

Married 1

Single 2

Widowed 3

Divorced 4

Separated 5

Co-Hab 6

Occupational Status

Employed 1

Self-Employed 2

Unemployed 3

LG Term Sick Disabled 4

Retired 5

Home Family 6

Student 6

Other 8

Referral Date

Referral Time am/pm

Referral Method

Letter 1

Phone 2

Caller 3

Stand-by 4

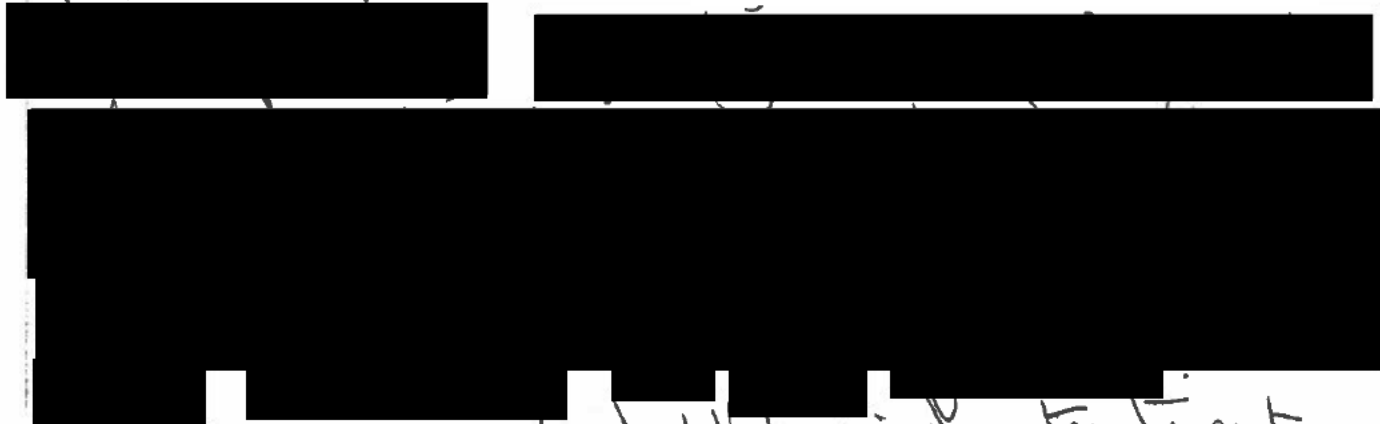
Referral Agent Name

Address

GP/Practice

Problem/Action

Spoke to Dr later - Phee
have told him that



of v these clearly unhappy with treatment
for poor kids over

Client aware of Referral Yes
No

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Deaf/H. Hearing	11	Acute Phys Illness	13	Probation	20
Phys. H'cap/Chr Sick	12	Mental Illness	14	Stat. After Care	21
Mental H'cap	15	Fin/Housing	22	CSO	27
M H (Guardian)	16	Family/mat/per	25	Child (Non Stat)	23
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Surname	Forename	Address (if Different) Telephone	Relationship	D.O.B.	Client Assoc 28	Next of Kin 53
<p><i>Spoke to Mrs Mc Intosh, Aberdeen - Family still very distressed + frightened. Worry children will have to be moved to P.O.S. very soon.</i></p>						

Reports Requested (SC09)					
Mental Wel Comm	91	Means Enq D - Court	98	Resps Med Officer	105
Home Background	92	Freeing for Adoption	99	Parental Rights	106
CP/Reporter	93	Suitability S23	100	Hospital SW	107
Ser - High Court	94	Investigation S22	101	English Courts	108
Ser - Sheriff Court	95	Fostering	102	Unclassified	109
Ser - District Court	96	Custody	103		
Means Enq S - Court	97	Access	104		

Review Date - Allocated Cases	Passed To - No Further Action Cases	Resource Assessment(s) Requested	
Six Months (Y)	DSS 1	Health/Hosp 6	General Services 50
None (N)	Housing 2	Health/Comm 7	Elderly Services 51
Specify (SC 77)	C.A.B 3	Vol. Agency 8	Childrens Services 52
	School 4	WRVS Cloth Line 9	Hospital SW 53
	Home Ps 5	Other 10	Specialist SW 54

COMPLETED BY: *Kate Duch* JOB: *360* DATE: *22/1/90*

Allocate to SW Number: _____ Allocation Plus Assessment: _____
 No Further Action: _____ Resource Assessment Only: _____

AUTHORISED BY: _____ DESIGNATION: _____ DATE: _____

* MUST BE COMPLETED

Computer Operator Only Entered Returned to SW
 Signed: _____ Date: _____

REFERRAL FORM

T Palmer

Client No

Referral Point Home Area (for Hospital use)

Surname Maey Mc Intosh Forename

Address Spur Hillon Park Postcode

Inverness Telephone

Sex Male Female D.O.B.

Marital Status

Married	1	Single	2	Widowed	3	Divorced	4	Separated	5	Co-Hab	6
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Occupational Status

Employed	1	Self-Employed	2	Unemployed	3	Long Term Sick Disabled	4
Retired	5	Home/Family	6	Student	6	Other	8

Referral Date 27.1.90 Referral Time 15.45 pm

Referral Method

Letter	1	Phone	2	Caller	3	Stand-by	4
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Referral Agent Name Dr

Address Craig Dunain Hospital

GP/Practice

Problem/Action Maey + Sean

* Client Group:		Tick up to three		Circle primary reason	
Deaf/H. Hearing	11	Acute Phys Illness	13	Probation	20
Physs. H'cap/Chr Sick	12	Mental Illness	14	Stat. After Care	21
Mental H'cap	15	Fin/Housing	22	CSO	27
M.H. (Guardian)	16	Family/mat/per	25	Child (Non Stat)	23
Elderly Infirm	17	Parole	18	Child (Stat)	24
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Financial Assistance	1	Other Debt	9	Child Abuse/At Risk	17
Material Needs	2	Mobility Problem	10	Social Isolation	18
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Reports Requested (SC09)					
Mental Wel Comm	91	Means Enq D - Court	98	Resps Med Officer	105
Home Background	92	Freeing for Adoption	99	Parental Rights	106
CP Reporter	93	Suitability S23	100	Hospital SW	107
Ser - High Court	94	Investigation S22	101	English Courts	108
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Review Date	Allocated Cases	Passed To - No Further Action Cases		Resource Assessment(s) Requested			
Six Months (Y)		DSS	1	Health/Hosp	6	General Services	50
None (N)		Housing	2	HealthComm	7	Elderly Services	51
Specify (M)		C.A.B.	3	Vol. Agency	8	Childrens Services	52
		School	4	WRAS Closh Line	9	Hospital SW	53
		Educ Psy	5	Other	10	Specialist SW	54

COMPLETED BY: *[Signature]* CODE: *[Code]* DATE: *[Date]*

Allocate to SW Number	Allocation Plus Assessment
No Further Action	Resource Assessment Only

AUTHORISED BY: *[Signature]* DESIGNATION: *[Designation]* DATE: *[Date]*

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T. Palmer.

Client No

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Referral Point

Home Area
(for Hospital use)

Surname

McIntosh

Forename

Ronald

Address

Abdeen

Postcode

Telephone

0224 268538

Sex

Male

Female

D.O.B.

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Marital Status

Married 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single 2	Widowed 3	Divorced 4	Separated 5	Co-Hab 6
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Occupational Status

Employed 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-Employed 2	Unemployed 3	Long Term Sick/Disabled 4
Retired 5	Home/Family 6	Student 6	Other 8

Referral Date

27/1/90

Referral Time

12.55 am/pm

Referral Method

Letter 1	Phone 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caller 3	Stand-by 4
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Referral Agent Name

A/A

Address

GP/Practice

Problem/Action

Following contact with DSW last night he received a call from sister Nancy when he reiterated his unwillingness to have her in his home. Quickly followed by call from Sean Riley or Stuart threatening the family. Reported to Police in Aberdeen. Family taken into ~~protective~~ protective custody overnight. No word of couples whereabouts + family in Aberdeen very distressed + frightened. Sean Riley alleged to have

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Deaf/H. Hearing	11	Acute Phys Illness	13	Probation	20
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Rep. Blind	26	Fine Supervision	19	Other	28

* Reasons for Referral		Tick up to five		Circle primary reason	
Other Debt	1	Other Debt	9	Child Abuse/At Risk	17 ✓
Material Needs	2	Mobility Problem	10	Social Isolation	18
Court Proceedings	3	Ineligible - DSS Soc Fund Support	11	Behav. Problem	19
Drug Problem	4	Benefits Advice	12	School Problem	20
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Surname	Forename	Address (if Different) Telephone	Relationship	D.O.B.	Client Assoc 28	Next of Kin 53

Reports Requested (SC09)

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See Sheriff Court	95	Fostering	102	Unclassified	109
See District Court	96	Custody	103		
See County Court	97	Access	104		

Review Date	Allocated Cases	Passed To - No Further Action Cases		Resource Assessment(s) Requested			
		DSS	1	Health(Hosp)	6	General Services	50
		Housing	2	Health(Comm)	7	Elderly Services	51
		C.A.B	3	Vol. Agency	8	Children's Services	52
		School	4	WRVS Cloth Line	9	Hospital SW	53
		Educ Psy	5	Other	10	Specialist SW	54

Name: **Kate Bush** CODE: **360** DATE: **27/1/90**
 Allocation Plus Assessment
 No Further Action Resource Assessment Only

DESIGNATION: _____ DATE: _____
 Computer Operator Only Entered Returned to SW
 Signed: _____ Date: _____

Smithton
Imposed
of site
P.P.

Client No

Referral Point Standby Home Area (for Hospital use)

Surname Macintosh Forename Tracy
165 Smithton Park

Address [Redacted] Postcode [Redacted]
Aberdeen Telephone (0224) 248538

Sex Male Female D.O.B.

Marital Status Married 1 Single 2 Widowed 3 Divorced 4 Separated 5 Co-Hab 6

Occupational Status Employed 1 Self-Employed 2 Unemployed 3 LG Term Sick Disabled 4
Retired 5 Home Family 6 Student 6 Other 8

Referral Date 26.1.90 Referral Time 9.30 am/pm

Referral Method Letter 1 Phone 2 Caller 3 Stand-by 4

Referral Agent Name Ronald Macintosh

Address Aberdeen

GP/Practice

Problem/Action Mr Macintosh brother of Tracy Macintosh (presently at 165 Smithton Park with girlfriend Sean Riley) concerned that Tracy + girlfriend threatening to come to Aberdeen. He + his wife caring for Tracy's 2 children + Mr Macintosh particularly concerned of their mum + girlfriend as girlfriend history of violence (firearms).

Checked situation with K. Buchan + Police U.P. Children on warrant from Cheevers heading to Mr Macintosh's address. Tracy appeared at High Court Edinburgh on Tues - condition imposed sentence that resides with brother - he was not happy with this due to agents of this was his interests paramount - they must not be moved/handed over to mother. - he has been advised of this by K. Buchan already.

TC to Mr Macintosh - advise Mr Police unable to do anything Suggest reassess Duty Sgt Aberdeen of situation + ask them to attend if Tracy + girlfriend appear + cause trouble. Requested Kate Buchan contact him tomorrow as she is No

* Client Group: Tick up to three Circle primary reason

Deaf/H. Hearing	11	Acute Phys Illness	13	Probation	20
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	Educ Psy 5	Other 10
		General Services 50
		Elderly Services 51
		Childrens Services 52
		Hospital SW 53
		Specialist SW 54

COMPLETED BY: Euan Lochell CODE: DATE: 26-1-890

Allocated to SW Number	Allocation Plus Assessment
No Further Action	Resource Assessment Only

AUTHORISED BY: DESIGNATION: DATE:

Computer Operator Only Entered Returned to SW

Signed: Date:

* CLIENT IS COMPLETED



Department of Social Work
Director
J. Dick B.A., D.M.S.

Highland Regional Council
Kinmylies Building
Leachkin Road
Inverness
IV3 6NN

Telephone 0463 234121
Telex 75313
Facsimile 0463 223201

Please ask for Mr. James Airth

Our ref. JA/DMcK

Extension No. 765

Your ref.

Date 22.1.1990

Dear Designated Officer,

RE: CHILD PROTECTION.

I am required under the agreed procedures of the Child Protection Advisory Committee to arrange a case ~~conference~~/review of the ~~child~~/children as detailed below.

The conference will take place on: Thursday, 15th February, 1990 * *on computer*
at Kinmylies Building at 2.55 p.m.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for an appropriate person from your service to be present.

Yours sincerely,

J. Airth

James Airth,
Child Protection Co-ordinator.

NAME(S)	CLAIRE & NICOLA MACINTOSH
ADDRESS	162 SMITHTON PARK, SMITHTON, INVERNESS.
D.O.B.	1.8.86 & 27.12.83
SCHOOL	N/K
G.P.	DR.
SOCIAL WORKER	T. PALMER



Department of Social Work
Director
J Dick B.A., D.M.S.

Highland Regional Council
East Rural Area Office
186 Smithton Park
Inverness
IV1 2PF

Telephone 0463 791338

Please ask for *Mr Palmer*

Our ref. *36002378/01/02/03*

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date *18th January 1990*

Ms J. Loxton
Deeside Family Centre

ABERDEEN

Dear Ms Loxton

Re: Claire and Nicola MacIntosh

Further to my telephone call to your office yesterday, I enclose some background details on the MacIntosh children and their mother. I also, as agreed with your colleague, enclose some forms for completion with Mr and Mrs MacIntosh in order that the Panel will have some information on which to base any decision about placement of the children. I have used the Region's fostering form so that this information can also be used if the MacIntoshs at some stage feel they need financial assistance in terms of fostering payments, subject to an assessment of them as foster parents for these children only. I would be obliged if you could complete these forms and send out requests to the G.P. and referees so that they can be returned to me at this address, to allow for as short a delay as possible in time, so that, hopefully, the information can be put before the next Hearing. Please retain a copy for your own file and send me a copy of the request for references. Once I receive a reply, I will forward you a copy.

I will arrange with you to come through for a joint visit to Mr and Mrs MacIntosh once the references have been obtained and the High Court disposal is known.

Thank you for all your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Terry Palmer
Social Worker



Reporter to the Children's Panel
For Highland Region
Peter S Ferguson B.A.

Highland Regional Council
Children's Hearing Centre
1 Waterloo Place
Inverness
IV1 1NB

Telephone 0463 243377
Telex 75313
Facsimile 0463 712232

Please ask for Miss Grant Our ref: Eg/MK (fresults.sw)

17 January 1990

Mrs. Kate Birch,
Area Team Leader,
(Rural East),
185 Smithton Park,
SMITHTON,
By Inverness

Dear Mrs. Birch,

Children' Hearing

The cases noted below have been considered by a Children's Hearing and disposed of as follows:-

PLACE Children's Hearing Centre, INVERNESS **DATE** 16.1.90

CASE

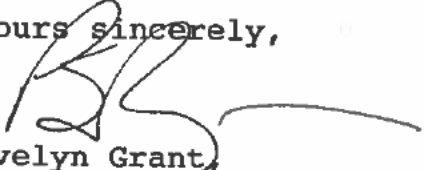
RESULT

Nicola, b. 27.12.83 and
Claire, b.1.8.86 MacIntosh
h/a 162 Smithton Park,
INVERNESS
noon.

Warrant under Section 40(7)
issued.
Hearing continued to **Monday**
5th February, 1990 at 12.00

I enclose a copy of the Warrant together with a copy of the Reasons for Decision for your confidential information.

Yours sincerely,


Evelyn Grant,
Depute Reporter

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Notification of a Decision of a Children's Hearing

Ms. Tracy MacIntosh,
c/o H.M. Prison,
Porterfield,
INVERNESS

The Decision

On 16th January, 1990 a Children's Hearing for Highland Region at INVERNESS decided to continue the Hearing in respect of your children Claire & Nicola MacIntosh and issue a Warrant under Section 40(7).

(a copy of any Warrant or Supervision Requirement is enclosed)

The Reasons

In view of the imminent disposal of the High Court in relation to Tracy, and the possibility of a custodial sentence, we do not feel we are in a position to make a decision as to the placement of the children at this time. The warrant will safeguard the interests of the children in the interim.

Your Rights

You have the right to appeal against this decision.

Any appeal must be made with THREE WEEKS of the day the decision was made. It must be lodged with the Sheriff Clerk at the Sheriff Court nearest to the place where the Hearing was held. You are advised to consult a solicitor. You may be entitled to legal aid. You will be notified of when the appeal will be heard. An appeal against a Warrant will be heard within THREE DAYS of it being lodged. Please read carefully any leaflet with this letter. If you do not understand something please contact the Reporter at the CHILDREN'S HEARING CENTRE, 1 WATERLOO PLACE, INVERNESS. (Phone 0463 243377)

Reporter.....

17 January 1990

N.B. Next Hearing arranged for Monday 5th February, 1990 at 12.00 noon

Warrant for detention under Section 40(7).
(Rule 25).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

At¹
INVERNESS

A children's hearing for the Highland Region exercise of the powers
conferred on them by section 40(7) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968; having reason to
believe that² Claire MacIntosh

~~may not attend a further hearing of his/her~~
~~case) (not attend proceedings arising out of his/her case) fail to comply with a requirement~~
~~imposed under section 41(4) of the said Act; OR~~

are satisfied that the detention of³ Claire MacIntosh
is necessary in his/her own interest grant warrant for the said³ Claire MacIntosh
to be detained in a suitable place of safety chosen by the local authority for a period not
exceeding 21 days from this date.

Chairman of the children's hearing

- 1 Place and date
- 2 Local authority area
- 3 Name and address
- 4 Name

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: MACINTOSH Date of Birth: (1) 27/12/83
(2) 01/08/86

Christian Names: (1) Nicola (2) Claire Religion: N/K
or Forenames

Address: 162 Smithton Park
Smithton
Inverness

Marital State: N/A Occupation: _____

are to appear on 16th January 1990 at Inverness Children's Hearing Court

in connection with the crime or offence of A Hearing following Proof

Prepared by: Terry Palmer Designation: Social Worker

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING _____

16/1/90 Panel
Mr Steen (Chair)
Mr Bellie
Mr Palmer

Decision
Continue Hearing to await High
Court sentence
& obtain information from Aberdeen
re: the Malcolms ex-pat. fostering
- Warrant at Aberdeen

This Report is prepared as a supplementary one to that prepared for the previous Children's Hearing on Thursday, 21st September 1989.

The household composition continues to remain as at that time. Mr Riley, who has been over a period of time, Miss MacIntosh's boyfriend, continues to frequently reside overnight with Miss MacIntosh, despite having obtained accommodation of his own.

Attempts have been made to improve the decoration of the house, particularly downstairs, and this has brought an improvement in the general living standards.

The children continue to remain on the Child Protection Register.

The relationship between Miss MacIntosh and Mr Riley at the moment, seems to be very positive and calm. This followed a period at the end of September and the beginning of October when the relationship deteriorated. First of all Miss MacIntosh sought relief for herself and her children and was placed in a Women's Aid outwith Inverness for a weekend. She and the children subsequently returned to the home and recommenced the relationship with Riley. However, further strains surfaced and in October, Miss MacIntosh asked that the children be voluntarily received into care for some ten days while she could bring some closer harmony to her relationship with Mr Riley. The children were returned to her on her request ten days later, and since that time there have been no other incidents which have caused concern to the Department.

This Report is being written prior to Christmas, given that the Region will be itself closed for some eight days and I myself will be on leave following that. The Hearing members will wish to note that at the end of November 1989, Miss MacIntosh appeared in Court in relation to damage and Breach of the Peace charges which arose out of a New Year's party eleven months previously. Since this was deferred until 21st December 1989 and Social Enquiry Reports were prepared for that Court appearance, the recommendation in the Social Enquiry Report is for a period of Probation, but of course it would be inappropriate to pre-empt the decision of the Sheriff in these matters. The Hearing members may also wish to note that Miss MacIntosh is to appear in Court later this week in relation to alleged drug related offences which took place in the autumn of 1988. Whilst these Court appearances have appeared very close together in 1989, it should be remarked that there is some 11 months between the date of the actual commission of one and over a year since the actual commission of the other and the present date.

The family have continued to be visited on a very regular basis by myself. They have also been visited by the Health Visitor. Also, liaison has taken place between the Social Work Department, the school and the Health Visitor. In the period since the last Hearing in September, apart from the areas of concern which led to a visit to Women's Aid for Miss MacIntosh and her children and a temporary period of Reception into Care, there have been no other concerns with regard to the children's care actually seen or reported to myself.

NICOLA /

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NICOLA:CLAIRE:

Claire continues to be a fairly bright young child who is developing along the normal lines. She has given little cause for concern in terms of her behaviour.

It would be appropriate for me to mention that during the period of their Reception into Care in October, the children on Reception into Care, had a medical examination and their general physical condition, nutrition and cleanliness was good.

Since the time of the Children's Hearing, Miss MacIntosh has accepted the concerns of the Department in relation to her lifestyle that the children could have fallen into and the contacts that she had. She has made some efforts to improve on this, supported by Mr Riley. At one stage, she was considering going to stay with her brothers in Aberdeen, both of whom are married with families, and who had offered long term support if she wished to go to them. However, at the moment, with her relationship with Mr Riley seeming quite positive, she wishes to remain in the Inverness area and is attempting to improve the decor of her own home with a view to attempting a transfer of tenancy to another area within the Housing Department's ambit.

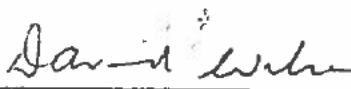
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

As has been stated earlier, Miss MacIntosh's wish to continue to care for her children, as her own childhood experience of being in care has made her not wish to have her children in care and away from her longer than is necessary. However, she does accept that there are genuine concerns by all the Agencies connected with the Child Protection System about her contacts and lifestyle. She is willing to consider the children being placed on home supervision and continue to have the support of the Social Work Department in an attempt to amend her lifestyle.

At this stage, there do not appear to be specific grounds which would indicate that the children should be removed from Miss MacIntosh's care. However, it is felt that further serious incidents at home should lead this decision to be reconsidered quite seriously and Miss MacIntosh has been made aware of this.

In the light of the matters contained in both this report and the report for the previous Hearing, I would recommend that the children remain at home but made subject to Supervision Requirements.

Social Work Department
East Rural Area Office
186 Smithton Park
Smithton, Inverness.


T.P. Terry Palmer
Social Worker

5th January 1990

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

INITIAL
Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: MACINTOSH

(1) 27/12/83
Date of Birth: (2) 01/08/86

Christian Names: (1) Nicola (2) Claire
or Forenames

Religion: N/K

Address: 162 Smithton Park
..... Smithton
..... Inverness.

Marital State: N/A

Occupation:

is to appear on at Court

in connection with the crime or offence of

Prepared by: Terry Palmer

Designation: Social Worker

~~ORDER OF COURT~~ / DECISION OF HEARING

This report is prepared from my own involvement with this family for some four years, and I also had access to previous Departmental records.

FAMILY COMPOSITION:

Mother - Tracy MacIntosh	11/08/61	Housewife
Mother's Cohabitee Sean Paul Riley or Stewart (21)		
NICOLA MACINTOSH	27/12/83	SUBJECT OF REPORT ATTENDS SMITHTON PR.
CLAIRE MACINTOSH	01/08/86	SUBJECT OF REPORT

FAMILY BACKGROUND:

The children's mother has resided at the above address for some five and a half years, having obtained the tenancy after the birth of [REDACTED]. The house is one of a terrace, and is adequately maintained and furnished.

Miss MacIntosh, the children's mother, has been known to the Social Work Department since her early teenage years. Her own history is characterised by and subsequent to this she was brought up by her maternal grandparents at Bunchrew, near Inverness. Her grandfather died some 7 years ago, but she has had regular and close contact with her grandmother, who still resides at Bunchrew and who is called mother by Miss MacIntosh.

During her teenage years, Miss MacIntosh had several difficulties,

Subsequent to the latest incident which will be discussed further in this report, Miss MacIntosh has, with the support of her cohabitee, Mr Riley, over the last three months, begun to look seriously at the possibilities of moving her address and trying to break free of her lifestyle.

During the period of Probation, she co-operated fully with her Supervising Officer and she, subsequent to her Probation Order finishing, continued contact with myself on a voluntary basis, which has only been broken for a couple of months towards the end of 1988 when her circumstances seemed to be improved and she no longer required subsequent involvement.

Miss /

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Miss MacIntosh has always been anxious to bring up her children herself and is well aware of the possible consequences of involvement in the lifestyle that she has today. Obviously, during the time of her Probation Order and subsequently she was seen by myself and a Health Visitor in the normal course of the Health Visitor's role, and at no time has her care as a mother been judged unsatisfactory. Indeed, her maternal abilities are extremely good. It is her contacts with her previous lifestyle and the characters within it which has caused most concern.

Miss MacIntosh had a relationship for some four years with Gordon MacRae, the father of Claire, [REDACTED]. Their relationship was extremely stormy and there have been periods of violence towards Miss MacIntosh. The relationship ended some months ago and Mr MacRae moved back with his parents. However, Miss MacIntosh, up until the latest incident, had allowed him access to the children. Subsequent to the latest incident, he has been barred from seeing the children.

In June 1987, a matter was reported which was investigated by the Department, the Police and the Reporter, subsequent to which no further action was taken.
Nicola

There was physical evidence of MacRae's assault on Miss MacIntosh [REDACTED]
Nicola

Miss MacIntosh, in January of this year,

Due to her own childhood circumstances, Miss MacIntosh has always been very fearful of her children being in care and indeed, when she was hospitalised for the birth of Claire, Nicola was received into care but Miss MacIntosh discharged herself very quickly afterwards in order to take up the care of her daughter.

In April of this year, Miss MacIntosh

In June of this year, following an access visit by MacRae, at which he became violent to Miss MacIntosh, she took the children and placed them overnight with other friends while she escaped the violence.

Miss MacIntosh's cohabitee, Sean Riley, has only been known to myself for a very short period. Although he comes over as an intense and mildly aggressive man, in fact he is extremely protective of Miss MacIntosh and seems to have a very good relationship with the children. I understand from himself

NICOLA /

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NICOLA:

CLAIRE:

Claire seems to be a bright young child, whose development is commensurate with her age. On no occasion has either child been considered by the Health Visitor to be neglected, although it is fair to say that the Health Visitor does feel, along with others who know this family, that there seems to be some dichotomy in Miss MacIntosh's existence between her reasonable parenting abilities and the questionable social contact she has.

LATEST INCIDENT:

This matter came to light when Claire had been admitted to Raigmore Hospital overnight, having been fed extremely strong cider by her natural father, Gordon MacRae, during an access visit. I understand that MacRae is to be charged for this offence. It appears at the time of the visit, the children were being seen by Mr MacRae in one room, Sean Riley was outside working in the garden, and Miss MacIntosh in another room doing housework. The cider was introduced unknown to mother, who, when she came into the room and saw Claire staggering, confronted the father and consequently the child was taken to hospital. The Police were also contacted. That evening, Claire was detained in hospital and subsequently for another evening, but returned home two days after the incident and the hospital comments indicated no other signs of neglect. The matter was reported to the Social Work Department and the Standby Officer contacted the home that night and found Nicola being well looked after by a caring and competent Miss MacIntosh and Mr Riley. The matter was followed up on the Monday, and it was decided to hold a Child Protection Case Conference on Tuesday, 15th August, at which the decision was made to register the two children as being at risk and to report on the matter to the Reporter for his investigation.

Subsequent to the Child Protection Meeting, I have continued to visit Miss MacIntosh and the family who have accepted the causes for concern that the professionals at the Child Protection Case Conference expressed. She has expressed a desire to move from the area and also has taken steps to prevent MacRae having access to the children. There have been no other grounds for concern with regard to the children discovered since the Case Conference.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The children's mother's home background contains evidence of rejection and delinquency. The present lifestyle of the mother seems to be divided into two areas, namely good maternal standards, coexisting with a lifestyle and contacts which are less than desirable. To Miss MacIntosh's credit, every person who has been involved with her, whether it be social worker, Health Visitor or Police, have indicated that they themselves do not regard the children at risk from Miss MacIntosh herself but from the life contacts that she has.

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I would recommend that a Children's Hearing be called, not with the intention of removing the children, but to reinforce to Miss MacIntosh the need to change her social lifestyle and contacts.

Palmer

Terry Palmer
Social Worker

Social Work Department
East Rural Area Office
186 Smithton Park
Smithton
Inverness.

31st August 1989

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INITIAL REPORT FOR CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE

NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN)	D.O.B.	PRESENT ADDRESS
Claire MacIntosh	01/08/86	162 Smithton Park, Inverness
Nicola MacIntosh	27/12/83	162 Smithton Park, Inverness
.....
.....	TEL NO
OTHER MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY	AGE/DOB	RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD
Tracy MacIntosh	11/08/61	Mother
Sean Paul Riley	21	Cohabitee
.....
HOME ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE	KNOWN PREVIOUS ADDRESSES	
.....	
.....	
.....	
NAME & ADDRESS OF GP	
.....	
Culloden Practice	
.....	
OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED	SCHOOLS ATTENDED	
Health Visitor	
.....	
PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH SOCIAL WORK	WHETHER CHILD PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED	
Mother has been known to Department on and off since her early years.	No	
SOURCE OF REFERRAL	REFERRED TO	
NAME	Standby Worker - Paul Heinowski	
ADDRESS	
.....	
TEL NO	DATE & TIME OF REFERRAL Sat. 12/8/89 at 20.30	

DETAILS OF INITIAL REFERRAL

Claire had been admitted to Raigmore Hospital overnight, having been fed cider by her natural father during an access visit. The natural father is Gordon MacRae aged 24, who normally stays with his parents at Westhill. The mother, Tracy MacIntosh, immediately rushed Claire to hospital at 17.40 and appears to have reacted very appropriately. It appeared that the natural father was on access to the children when Mrs MacIntosh and Sean Riley were at home with the other child as well. The scenario seems to be that the natural father had access to the children in living-room, the boyfriend of Miss MacIntosh was in back garden and

REPORT

(Give full account of family's social circumstances, alleged incident, social work involvement from time of referral and action taken).

This family have resided at the above address for some 5½ years, Mr Riley being the boyfriend for approximately 7 or 8 weeks. Tracy MacIntosh obtained the tenancy after the birth of Nicola. The house is one of a terrace and is adequately maintained and furnished.

Tracy MacIntosh, the children's mother, has been known to the Social Work Department since her early teenage years. She was rejected by her mother at three weeks of age and brought up by her paternal grandparents at Bunchrew. Her grandfather died some 7 years ago, but she has regular and close contact with her grandmother who still resides at Bunchrew and whom she calls mother. There were various problems during her teenage years,

Due to her own childhood circumstances, Tracy MacIntosh has consistently been very fearful of her children being in care, indeed, when she was admitted to hospital for the birth of Claire, Nicola was admitted to care and Miss MacIntosh discharged herself very quickly afterwards, in order to take up the care of her daughter.

Since the Probation Order expired, she has continued to be seen on and off by social worker, namely myself, and also the Health Visitor, in the normal course of Health Visitor's role and at no time has the Health Visitor been concerned about her standard of care as a mother.

Miss MacIntosh had a relationship of some 3 or 4 years with Gordon MacRae, the father of Claire, and their relationship can best be described as stormy and there have been times, when subsequent to MacRae drinking heavily or being violent towards Miss MacIntosh, he has been put out of the house and the relationship cooled. The relationship finally ended in January of this year, and he has only been allowed access to the children subsequently to being banned from the house.

Nicola

With the support of her present boyfriend, Miss MacIntosh wishes to leave the Smithton area and indeed the Inverness area, where her previous contacts within drug related circles find it difficult to stay away from her. She is being supported by myself in this.

In April 1989 Miss MacIntosh was feeling

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Signature

Designation Social Worker

Date 15th August 1989

INITIAL REPORT FOR CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE

Details of Initial Referral: (contd)

mother was in another room doing housework, and unknown to mother and her boyfriend, the natural father had a bottle of strong cider. The mother came into the room and saw Claire staggering, eyes rolling, and when confronted the father agreed he had given the child some cider and consequently the child was taken to hospital. It would appear that Mr MacRae is likely to be charged with an offence with regard to this incident. The mother, Tracy MacIntosh and the boyfriend, have subsequently decided to ban Mr MacRae from access to his children.

REPORT (contd)

ten days while Miss MacIntosh had some support from Social Work Department, and the position had been checked out by ourselves.

In June of this year, following an access visit by Mr MacRae at which he became violent to Miss MacIntosh, Miss MacIntosh took the children and placed them overnight with other friends whilst she escaped the violence.

Following referral of the incident on 12th August, Standby Duty Officer contacted the Senior House Officer at Raigmore, who said that the child appeared to be alright, but was being detained overnight. He also made contact with John Burns and myself, and visited in order to assure himself of the welfare of the children. When he visited, he found the mother and boyfriend and Nicola. Everything appeared to be in order, the adults appeared sober and sensible and the child was cheerful and apparently adequately looked after. The adults stressed that the natural father was not allowed any further access to the children and that if he came to the house they would contact the Police immediately. The scenario of the incident was as described earlier in the report. The Standby Duty Officer made contact with Martin Tidey, Area Team Leader, and the matter was taken up on Monday, 14th August, when, after discussion between John Burns, Acting Area Team Leader and Assistant Director (Fieldwork), the decision for a Case Conference to be held on 15th August was taken.

Subsequent to this decision I visited the home address and saw Miss MacIntosh and the two children. The whole incident had obviously given her cause for great concern, she has had a terrible fright and she described what happened, and she is determined that there will be no further contact with the children by Mr MacRae. To this end, she intends to seek a formal interdict to prevent him gaining access to the house. In the past, she has suggested she would do this when Mr MacRae has caused injury or assault to herself, but has usually relented, but given that this has happened to her children she is freshly determined.

Both Nicola and Claire were in good form and were obviously very happy to be reunited as a family. I advised Miss MacIntosh of the Case Conference taking place on 15th August.

M. Palmer

Social Worker

15th August 1989



Reporter to the Children's Panel
For Highland Region
Peter S Ferguson B.A.

Highland Regional Council
Children's Hearing Centre
1 Waterloo Place
Inverness
IV1 1NB

Telephone 0463 243377
Telex 75313
Facsimile 0463 712232

Please ask for Mr. Ferguson Our Ref:PSF/MK(Lhear.sw)

12 December 1989

12 DEC 1989

Mrs. Kate Birch,
Area Team Leader,
(Rural East),
185 Smithton Park,
SMITHTON,
By Inverness

Dear Mrs. Birch,

Nicola, b.27.12.83 and Claire, b.1.8.86, MacIntosh,
162 Smithton Park, Inverness

Thank you for Mr. Palmer's report dated 15th September, 1989 in respect of the above named children.

I now write to advise that I have arranged a Hearing to take place on Tuesday 16th January, 1990 at 3.15 p.m. and I would be obliged if you could notify the social worker concerned of this arrangement.

** on computer*

Yours sincerely,

P.S. Ferguson,
Reporter.

P.S. Grounds established on 11/12/89

To

From

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date

Mr J. Airth
Please ask for
P.F.O.

T. Palmer
S.W. East Rural

36/00237802

16/01/90

RE: NICOLA [27/12/83] CLAIRE [01/08/86] MACKINTOSH 162 SMITHTON PARK
SMITHTON

I am writing to inform you that on 11th January, 1990, the above children's mother was remanded in custody and referred to the High Court for sentence in regard to serious offences.

The children went to stay with their maternal uncle and his family,
Mr Ronald Mackintosh, Aberdeen.

Social Worker.

c.c. Keeper CPR Register, Ferintosh.

Keeper of CPR Register
Ferintsoh

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Terry Palmer
S.W. (East Rural)

36/00237802/03

27/10/89

RE: NICOLA MACINTOSH D.O.B. 27/12/83 AND CLAIRE MACINTOSH 01/08/86

I write to advise you that on 18/10/89, the above named children were returned to the care of their mother at 162, Smithton Park, Smithton.

T. Palmer

c.c. R. Gibson A.P.F.O.

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

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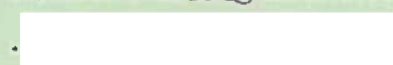
Probation
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Short Term
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Full Name ... ① Clare ② Maria McClubb

Present Address* ... 162 Smedley Pk

New Address* ... Mrs. Miller

Smedley



Shrewsbury

Statutory Condition Imposed ... S.15

Name of Doctor

D.O.B. ... ① 11/8/86 ② 27/12/83

School Attended (Children only) ... ① Smedley Primary

Case Ref. ... 36/002378/02

To ... T. Palmer

Date of Change ... 6/10/89

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete) EFFECTIVE DATE

Stop
Start
Amend Register

Reason

Name of FP/CC

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete) EFFECTIVE DATE

Admission
Discharge
Temp. Change

Reason

Establishment

Financial Assessment Attached DHSS Supplementation applied for

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken

Effective Date

Reason ... 18

Signed ... T. Palmer

Date ... 6/10/89

Authorised

Date

OFFICE Action taken ... Register updated

Documentation completed by ... T. Palmer

Date ... 12/10/89

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILD — FREEDOM FROM INFECTION

Name of Child CLARE MACKINTOSH

Date of Birth 01.08.86 Sex F.

Address 162 Summit Pk.

1. Is the child free from signs of infectious or contagious disease?

yes

2. Has he/she to your knowledge been in contact with any infectious or contagious disease during the past 3 weeks?

no

3. Please report briefly on general physical condition, including nutrition, cleanliness and any injuries evident.

good.

4. Did your examination reveal any physical or mental abnormality or handicap? (Please specify)

no.

5. Other observations, health matters or special needs which should be noted by those taking over the daily care of the child.

6. I examined the above named child on 17/10/89 (Date) and, in my opinion, the child is fit to be placed in a foster home or children's home.

Signed [Signature] Designation G.P.

Date 17/10/89

Address [Redacted]

CULLODEN SURGERY
INVERNESS IV1 2LL
Tel: 0463 731770

MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

To *Keeper of Child Protection
Register, Ferintosh*

From *Terry Palmer
Social Worker
East Rural*

Your Ref.

Our Ref. 36000087/01

Date 06/10/89

Please Ask For

CLAIRE MACINTOSH 01/08/86
NICOLA MACINTOSH 27/12/83

I write to inform you that Claire and Nicola have, with their mother, returned to the family home, 162 Smithton Park, Smithton, Inverness, on 02/10/89, and then today, 06/10/89, were received into temporary foster care and placed with Mrs Miller, Inverness.

JAWD 1

Social Worker

c.c. J. Airth, P.F.O.

Personal Information on Child / ren

What is the child usually called?	Neala	Clare	
With whom has the child been living?	Mother + carabachee	Mother + carabachee	
Which address does the child regard as 'Home'?	162 Smellon Park	162 Smellon Park	
Any Special Friends?			
School/Nursery/Playgroup attended	Smellon Primary	None	
Club or Youth Organisation	N/A	N/A	

Information on personal functioning — sleeping and eating habits, fears, temper tantrums, relationships, special toys, bowel and bladder control etc.

Family Information

	Natural Mother	Natural Father	Other e.g. Co-Habitee Step-Parent
Full Name (include Maiden Name of Mother)	Tracy MacInnes		
Address and Telephone Number	162 Smellon Park Smellon		
Date of Birth	11/8/61		
Occupation	Housewife		
Employer (for emergency contact)	N/A		
Religion	N/A		
Date of Marriage	N/A		
Date of Separation or Divorce	N/A		

Brothers or Sisters not shown elsewhere on this form

Name	Age	Address
None		

Close relatives or persons interested in child

Name and Relationship	Age	Address

Parental Undertaking (to be signed by parents, when available, in Section 15 Cases Only)

I, Tracy MacInnes

being the parent / guardian of Clare and Neala MacInnes hereby request the Highland Regional Council to receive the above child/ren, under Section 15, Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, and hereby agree that the child/ren may receive such medical, surgical or dental treatment as may be deemed necessary by a registered medical or dental practitioner. I further agree that the child/ren may be given a general anaesthetic if in the opinion of a medical practitioner this is felt to be necessary.

- (i) I understand that I am liable to contribute towards the cost and maintenance of the children.
- (ii) I understand the law requires me to keep the Social Work Department informed of any changes in my circumstances, including change of address, and undertake to co-operate with the Highland Regional Council in formulating future plans for the care of the child/ren.
- (iii) The contents of the leaflet — "A Child in Care" — have been fully explained to me by the Highland Regional Council Social Work Department.

Signed Address 162 Smellon Park
Father / Mother / Legal-Guardian Smellon

Relationship to Child/ren Mother
 Date 6/10/89

Witness Ybalme Designation Social Worker

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL -- SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RECEPTION OF CHILDREN INTO CARE

Information compiled by T. Palmer Designation Social Worker

Date 6/10/89

Reason for Admission: Details Referral for family undergoing "mental" difficulties

Statute S.15

Likely duration of care 2-3 weeks

Any current medication

Facts about Child/ren

	ONE	TWO	THREE
Legal Surname	Machinosh	Machinosh	
First Names	Alicia	Clare	
Sex	F	F	
Date of Birth	27/12/83	1/8/86	
Religion	N/A	N/A	
Date and Place of Baptism	N/A	N/A	
Date of Present Admission	6/10/89	6/10/89	
Address at time of Present Admission	162 Smillon Park, Smillon	162 Smillon Park, Smillon	
Number of previous periods in care	1 night in care S.15 when Clare born	None	
Date and Address of last admission	/	/	
General Practitioner's Name and Telephone Number	Dr [redacted] Culloden Surgery 291770	Dr [redacted] Culloden Surgery 291770	
Case Number	36/002378/02	36/002378/01	

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY

Residential
Community Care Unit
Day Care

Short Term
Long Term

CHILDREN

Residential
Foster Care
Community Carer
Day Care

Short Term
Long Term

HANDICAPPED

Residential
Day Care

Short Term
Long Term

OTHER

Probation
Supervision
Home Help
.....
Short Term
Long Term

Full Name ①. C. Jones + ②. Angela Machin

Present Address* 52 Mrs. Miller New Address* 162 Smellon Park

Statutory Condition Imposed S.I.S. return home

Name of Doctor [Redacted] D.O.B. ① 1-8-86
Culloden Clinic ② 27-12-83

School Attended (Children only) ② Smellon Primary Case Ref. 36.1.0.0.2.37.8/0.1+02

To Palme

Date of Change 12.10.89

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete)

Stop
Start
Amend Register

EFFECTIVE DATE

12.10.89

Reason

Name of FP/CC

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Admission
Discharge
Temp. Change

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Reason

Establishment

Financial Assessment Attached

DHSS Supplementation applied for

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken Effective Date

Reason

Signed [Signature] Date 23.10.89

Authorised Kate Bush Date 23.10.89

OFFICE Action taken Register updated & adjustment made

Documentation completed by [Signature] Date 25.10.89

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILD - FREEDOM FROM INFECTION

Name of Child CLARE MACINTOSH 162 SMITHTON PARK

Age or Date of Birth 11/8/86 Sex F

Address 162 SMITHTON PARK, SMITHTON

- 1. Is the child free from signs of infectious or contagious disease?
YES
- 2. Has he/she to your knowledge been in contact with any infectious or contagious disease during the past 3 weeks?
NO.
- 3. Please report briefly on general physical condition, including nutrition, cleanliness and any injuries evident.
Generally well. Reasonably clean. Well fed.
- 4. Did your examination reveal any physical or mental abnormality or handicap? (Please specify)
No.
- 5. Other observations, health matters or special needs which should be noted by those taking over the daily care of the child.
None.
- 6. I examined the above named child on 6/10/89 Date

Signed ... [Redacted]
Designation ... General Practitioner
Date 6/10/89
Address ... The Surgery,
Culloden.

Reporter to the Children's Panel
For Highland Region
Peter S Ferguson B.A.

Highland Regional Council
Children's Hearing Centre
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Inverness
IV1 1NB

Telephone 0463 243377
Telex 75313
Facsimile ~~0463 712232~~
0463 712232

T.P.

Please ask for Mrs. Macpherson — Our ref: HM/MG (fresults.sw)

Your ref: Mr. Palmer

26 SEP 1989

22 September 1989

Mrs. Kate Birch,
Area Team Leader,
(Rural East),
Highland Regional Council,
186 Smithton Park,
INVERNESS.

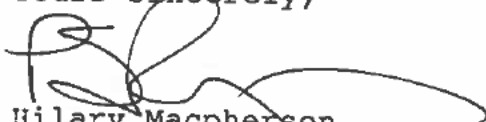
Dear Mrs. Birch,

Children's Hearing

The case noted below has been considered by a Children's Hearing and disposed of as follows:-

PLACE	Inverness	DATE 21.9.89
CASE	RESULT	
Nicola and Claire Mackintosh, 162 Smithton Park, INVERNESS.	Condition B of grounds not accepted and children too young to understand. Case to go to Sheriff for proof.	

Yours sincerely,


Hilary Macpherson
Assistant Reporter

Reporter to the Children's Panel
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22 AUG 1989

Please Ask for Mr. Ferguson

Our Ref:PSF\MK(Rsocial.not)

21 August 1989

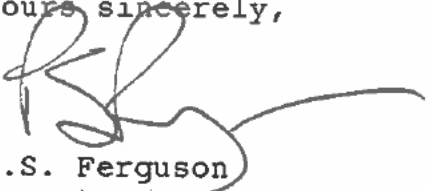
Mrs. K. Birch,
Area Team Leader,
(Rural East),
186 Smithton Park,
SMITHTON,
By Inverness

Dear Mrs. Birch,

Claire, b.1.8.86, - Offence against child.
Nicola, b.27.12.83 - Member of the same household
162 Smithton Park, Inverness

The above named child has been referred to me on the undernoted grounds. I would be obliged if you would investigate the child's background and submit to me a report thereon and your view as to whether compulsory measures of care are indicated.

Yours sincerely,



P.S. Ferguson
Reporter.

GROUNDS OF REFERRAL

Offence against child - see attached confidential Police Report
children reside with mother Ms. MacKintosh

Encs.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Application for Emergency Payment (Section 12 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968)

Made by H. G. G. G. G. (Social Worker) on Behalf of -

Name Tracy Mackintosh

Address 123 Main St, Glasgow

Case No. _____

Amount required £500

Has this sum already been paid? No

Why is an Emergency Payment necessary? - Child sent to residential care, child returned home, care in care.

Has application been made to any other Statutory Body? (give details) -

No.

Has any agreement been made for repayment? (give details) -

No.

Brief background to case -

Child has had a difficult relationship with her mother since she was 12 - after a period of considerable behavior she went to residential care - but returned after 6 months to stay with her mother. Mother kept the proceeds.

Divisional Officer's comments -

Agreed. Kate Bush ATZ 5/10/89

Name TRACY - MACKINTOSH Date 5/10/89

I acknowledge receipt of the sum of £500 from the Highland Regional Council Social Work Department which is made available under Section 12 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

Signed T. Mackintosh

I agree to repay the sum of £..... at the rate of £..... per

Signed

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

INITIAL
Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: MACINTOSH Date of Birth: (1) 27/12/83
(2) 01/08/86

Christian Names: (1) Nicola (2) Claire Religion: N/K
or Forenames

Address: 162 Smithton Park
Smithton
Inverness.

Marital State: N/A Occupation:

is to appear on at Court
in connection with the crime or offence of

Prepared by: Terry Palmer Designation: Social Worker

~~ORDER OF COURT~~ / DECISION OF HEARING

This report is prepared from my own involvement with this family for some four years, and I also had access to previous Departmental records.

FAMILY COMPOSITION:

Mother - Tracy MacIntosh	11/08/61	Housewife
Mother's Cohabitee Sean Paul Riley or Stewart (21)		
NICOLA MACINTOSH	27/12/83	SUBJECT OF REPORT ATTENDS SMITHTON PR.
CLAIRE MACINTOSH	01/08/86	SUBJECT OF REPORT

FAMILY BACKGROUND:

The children's mother has resided at the above address for some five and a half years, having obtained the tenancy after the birth of [REDACTED]. The house is one of a terrace, and is adequately maintained and furnished.

Miss MacIntosh, the children's mother, has been known to the Social Work Department since her early teenage years. Her own history is characterised by rejection by her mother at three weeks of age, and subsequent to this she was brought up by her maternal grandparents at Bunchrew, near Inverness. Her grandfather died some 7 years ago, but she has had regular and close contact with her grandmother, who still resides at Bunchrew and who is called mother by Miss MacIntosh.

During her teenage years, Miss MacIntosh had several difficulties,

in Court later this year

I understand she is to appear

Subsequent to the latest incident which will be discussed further in this report, Miss MacIntosh has, with the support of her cohabitee, Mr Riley, over the last three months, begun to look seriously at the possibilities of moving her address and trying to break free of her lifestyle.

During the period of Probation, she co-operated fully with her Supervising Officer and she, subsequent to her Probation Order finishing, continued contact with myself on a voluntary basis,

Miss /

contd.....

Miss MacIntosh has always been anxious to bring up her children herself and is well aware of the possible consequences of involvement in the lifestyle that she has today. Obviously, during the time of her Probation Order and subsequently she was seen by myself and a Health Visitor in the normal course of the Health Visitor's role, and at no time has her care as a mother been judged unsatisfactory. Indeed, her maternal abilities are extremely good. It is her contacts with her previous lifestyle and the characters within it which has caused most concern.

Miss MacIntosh had a relationship for some four years with Gordon MacRae, the father of Claire, [REDACTED]. Their relationship was extremely stormy and there have been periods of violence towards Miss MacIntosh. The relationship ended some months ago and Mr MacRae moved back with his parents. However, Miss MacIntosh, up until the latest incident, had allowed him access to the children. Subsequent to the latest incident, he has been barred from seeing the children.

Nicola

Miss MacIntosh, in January of this year,

Due to her own childhood circumstances, Miss MacIntosh has always been very fearful of her children being in care and indeed, when she was hospitalised for the birth of Claire, Nicola was received into care but Miss MacIntosh discharged herself very quickly afterwards in order to take up the care of her daughter.

In April of this year,

In June of this year, following an access visit by MacRae, at which he became violent to Miss MacIntosh, she took the children and placed them overnight with other friends while she escaped the violence.

Miss MacIntosh's cohabitee, Sean Riley, has only been known to myself for a very short period. Although he comes over as an intense and mildly aggressive man, in fact he is extremely protective of Miss MacIntosh and seems to have a very good relationship with the children. I understand from himself

NICOLA /

contd.....

NICOLA:

CLAIRE:

Claire seems to be a bright young child, whose development is commensurate with her age. On no occasion has either child been considered by the Health Visitor to be neglected, although it is fair to say that the Health Visitor does feel, along with others who know this family, that there seems to be some dichotomy in Miss MacIntosh's existence between her reasonable parenting abilities and the questionable social contact she has.

LATEST INCIDENT:

This matter came to light when Claire had been admitted to Raigmore Hospital overnight, having been fed extremely strong cider by her natural father, Gordon MacRae, during an access visit. I understand that MacRae is to be charged for this offence. It appears at the time of the visit, the children were being seen by Mr MacRae in one room, Sean Riley was outside working in the garden, and Miss MacIntosh in another room doing housework. The cider was introduced unknown to mother, who, when she came into the room and saw Claire staggering, confronted the father and consequently the child was taken to hospital. The Police were also contacted. That evening, Claire was detained in hospital and subsequently for another evening, but returned home two days after the incident and the hospital comments indicated no other signs of neglect. The matter was reported to the Social Work Department and the Standby Officer contacted the home that night and found Nicola being well looked after by a caring and competent Miss MacIntosh and Mr Riley. The matter was followed up on the Monday, and it was decided to hold a Child Protection Case Conference on Tuesday, 15th August, at which the decision was made to register the two children as being at risk and to report on the matter to the Reporter for his investigation.

Subsequent to the Child Protection Meeting, I have continued to visit Miss MacIntosh and the family who have accepted the causes for concern that the professionals at the Child Protection Case Conference expressed. She has expressed a desire to move from the area and also has taken steps to prevent MacRae having access to the children. There have been no other grounds for concern with regard to the children discovered since the Case Conference.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The children's mother's home background contains evidence of rejection and delinquency. The present lifestyle of the mother seems to be divided into two areas, namely good maternal standards, coexisting with a lifestyle and contacts which are less than desirable. To Miss MacIntosh's credit, every person who has been involved with her, whether it be social worker, Health Visitor or Police, have indicated that they themselves do not regard the children at risk from Miss MacIntosh herself but from the life contacts that she has.

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contd.....

I would recommend that a Children's Hearing be called, not with the intention of removing the children, but to reinforce to Miss MacIntosh the need to change her social lifestyle and contacts.

Palmer

Terry Palmer
Social Worker

Social Work Department
East Rural Area Office
186 Smithton Park
Smithton
Inverness.

31st August 1989

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

SUPPLEMENTARY

Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: MACINTOSH Date of Birth: (1) 27/12/83
(2) 01/08/86

Christian Names: (1) Nicola (2) Claire Religion: N/K
or Forenames

Address: 162 Smithton Park
..... Smithton
..... Inverness

Marital State: N/A Occupation: (1) Schoolgirl
(2) N/A

are
~~to~~ appear on 21st September 1989 at Inverness Children's Hearing ~~xxxx~~

in connection with the crime or offence of Schedule 1 Offence against Claire

Prepared by: Terry Palmer Designation: Social Worker

~~ORDER OF COURT~~ / DECISION OF HEARING

This report is prepared as a supplementary report to the Initial Enquiry Report dated 31st August 1989.

At that time the Schedule 1 offence in relation to cider being given to Claire had been the basis of an investigation which resulted in the children being placed on the Child Protection Register.

The family composition has continued to remain as indicated in the report to which this present report is supplementary.

Since the last report, the family have continued to be visited by myself and the Health Visitor, [REDACTED]

Nicola . Since the incident which led to their Registration on the Child Protection Register, no other matters have arisen which have caused concern. The children have continued to be well fed and well clothed.


The members of the Children's Hearing will be aware from the previous report that the Schedule 1 offence, namely the giving of cider to Claire, was not done by the mother or the cohabitee, and also concern is not felt about the maternal handling of the children, but was concerned with the associates of the mother. Since the writing of the last report this has continued to be brought home to the mother who has shown a desire to wish to move away from her present location. As yet, although she is supported in this by Mr Riley, her cohabitee, she has not chosen a specific area to which to move, she has made major steps in ensuring that the house is of a standard which would be appropriate to a possible housing transfer or other form of change of tenancy, in that there has been decorating going on.

Both Miss MacIntosh and Mr Riley continue to be co-operative with myself, and recognise the legitimacy of the concerns expressed at the Child Protection Case Conference.

CONCLUSION:

In the time between the writing of the last report and this present report, nothing has occurred which would lead me to change the general tenor of the conclusion in that report, namely that a Children's Hearing be called, not with the intention of removing the children, but to reinforce to Miss MacIntosh the need to change her social lifestyle and contacts, and consider compulsory measures of care whilst the children remain in her care.

Social Work Department
East Rural Area Office
186 Smithton Park
Smithton
Inverness.



Terry Palmer
Social Worker

15th September 1989

Gairmheallach Highland
(roman88)

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Please ask for Mr. Ferguson

IV INB
Out ref: PSF/MG (lhear.sw/1)

27 SEP 1989

6 September 1989

Mrs. Kate Birch,
Area Team Leader,
Highland Regional Council,
186 Smithton Park,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mrs. Birch,

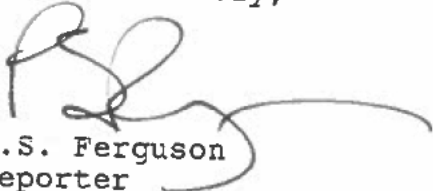
**Nicola and Claire Macintosh,
162 Smithton Park, Inverness.**

Thank you for Mr. Palmer's report dated 31st August in respect of the above named children.

I have arranged a Hearing to take place on **Thursday, 21st September, 1989** at 7.30 p.m. to consider the grounds of referral relating to them.

I would be grateful if you could notify the Social Worker concerned.

Yours sincerely,


P.S. Ferguson
Reporter

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

SEP 1989

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INITIAL/REVIEW CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE MINUTE

DATE	TIME	VENUE
15th August 1989	4.00pm	Kirmylies Building

CHILD(REN)S NAME(S)	DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS
Claire MacIntosh	01.08.86	162 Smithton Park, Inverness
Nicola MacIntosh	27.12.83	" " " "

PRESENT ADDRESS

As above

CHAIRPERSON Malcolm L MacLeod, Principal Officer (Specialist Services)

PREVIOUS CASE CONFERENCE HELD ON - AT -

CHILD'S FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD DETAILS

<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>
Mother	Tracy MacIntosh	28	Housewife
Co-Habitee	Sean Paul Riley	21	

ATTENDING CASE CONFERENCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
Mr J Burns	Acting Area Team Leader	Social Work Department
Mr T Palmer	Social Worker	Social Work Department
Mr P Ferguson	Reporter	Children's Panel
Mrs M L Smith	Health Visitor	Highland Health Board
Miss M Murray	Student Nurse	Highland Health Board
Mrs D Lloyd	Nurse Manager	Highland Health Board
Mrs N Whitten	Student Nurse	Highland Health Board
Mrs M Blackwood	School Nurse	Highland Health Board
	Police Sergeant	Northern Constabulary
	Police Constable	Northern Constabulary

INVITED BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
Dr J MacDonald	Consultant Paediatrician	Highland Health Board
Mr I MacDonald	Group Officer	RSSPCC

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO CASE CONFERENCE

Claire was admitted to Raigmore Hospital by her mother, Tracy MacIntosh, following being fed extra strong cider by her natural father, Gordon MacRae.

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

A report compiled by Mr Palmer was tabled at the meeting.

██████████ advised that following referral of the incident to them by Miss MacIntosh the Police visited the hospital and took a statement from Miss MacIntosh. The incident had occurred when Mr MacRae was in the livingroom with the children whilst Miss MacIntosh was upstairs. She returned to the livingroom to find Claire staggering with her eyes rolling. Mr MacRae admitted to giving the child some cider. ██████████ further advised that Mr MacRae had not yet been interviewed but charges were being brought against him for the incident.

Mr Palmer reported that Social Work Standby was also contacted on Saturday regarding the incident. Mr Heinowski, the Social Worker on Standby visited Miss MacIntosh's home. She, Mr Riley and Nicola were present. Claire had been detained in hospital overnight. Mr Heinowski found the home in order. The adults were not intoxicated and Nicola appeared adequately cared for. Miss MacIntosh stressed that Mr MacRae would not be allowed any further access to ██████████ Claire ██████████.

Mr Palmer advised that Miss MacIntosh had been known to the Social Work Department for a number of years. She was known to be involved with drugs and had a record of drug related offences. However she generally looked after Nicola and Claire well and was always concerned that they would not be taken into care. Mr Palmer further stated that Miss MacIntosh had recently been talking about leaving the area with her co-habitee, Mr Riley. This was also confirmed by Mrs Smith.

Mrs Smith advised that she had known the family for 4½ years. She found Miss MacIntosh to always be concerned about her children and tried hard to care for them properly. In the past she has called the police when Mr MacRae had threatened her or assulted her. It was noted that Mr MacRae ██████████ which had been referred to the Children's Panel.

Police Sergeant ██████████ reported that Miss MacIntosh was known to have various bad associates involved in crime and who visited her home. Police had cause to visit her home on several occasions. However it was noted that the children were always looked after by someone on these occasions. Police Sergeant ██████████ further advised that Mr Riley, Miss MacIntosh's co-habitee, had a long record of crime ██████████

Mr Ferguson advised that the Children's Panel had a record of Mr MacRae being involved in three previous incidents concerning children and a referral would be made to the Panel regarding this incident.

After further discussion it was agreed that Claire had been abused by Mr MacRae by feeding her extra strong cider. Although Miss MacIntosh was known to care for her children well it was agreed that ██████████ Claire were at risk due to Mr MacRae's previous assault ██████████ and their mother's undesirable lifestyle and they therefore should be placed on the Child Protection Register. It was further agreed that there should be close liaison between Mrs Smith and Mr Palmer to monitor the situation. It was arranged to review the case in six months time.

DECISION

CHILD(REN)'S NAMES TO BE PLACED ON CENTRAL REGISTER

PERSON/AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION - Social Work Department

RECOMMENDATIONS

Claire and Nicola MacIntosh to be placed on Child Protection Register.

Review in six months time.

The incident to be referred to the Reporter to the Children's Panel.

KEY WORKER NOMINATED

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
Mr T Palmer	Social Worker	Social Work Department

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT CASE CONFERENCE

SIGNED: ML MacIntosh

DATE: 28 Aug 1989

If you disagree with any aspect of this Minute, please contact the Chairman within 7 days of receiving it. Otherwise, the Chairman will assume that the Minute is accepted as correct. The information contained in this document is confidential.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
REFERRAL FORM

REFERRAL TYPE	
New	
Re-Referral	
Ex Client Assoc	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Correction	
Sub-Referral	

Client No. 36 002378

REFERRAL POINT ER

Surname MacInnes Forename David, 03

Address 162 Smeiloch Ar Postcode

Sex Male Female Telephone 0 2712183
D.O.B 2 1 8 186

MARITAL STATUS			
Married	1	Divorced	4
Single	2	Separated	5
Widowed	3	Other	6

CLIENT GROUP			
Deaf/Hard Hearing	11	Probation	20
Psy.H'cap/Chr Sick	12	After Care (S)	21
Acute Phys.illness	13	Fin/Housing	22
Mental Illness	14	Child (Non S)	23
Mental Handicap	15	Child (Stat)	24
M.H. (Guardian)	16	Family/Mat/Per	25 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elderly Infirm	17	Reg. Blind	26
Parole	18	CSO	27
Fine Supervision	19	Other	28

OCCUPATIONAL STATUS			
Employed	1	Retired	5
Self-Employed	2	Home/Family	6
Unemployed	3	Student	7
Lt Sick/Disabled	4	Other	8

REFERRAL DATE 15 18 189

REFERRAL TIME 7-30 AM/PM

REFERRAL METHOD			
Letter	1	Caller	3
Phone	2	Standby	4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

REASONS FOR REFERRAL			
TICK UP TO 5 (CIRCLE PRIMARY REASON)			
Fin. Assistance	1	Pys. Illness	13
Material needs	2	Frailty	14
Court Proceedings	3	Self Neglect	15
Drug Problem	4	Not Coping	16
Alcohol Problem	5	Child Abuse	17 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Housing Problem	6	S. Isolation	18
Gas Debt	7	Behav. Prob	19
Electricity Debt	8	School Prob	20
Other Debt	9	Marital Diff	21
Mobility Problem	10	Family Prob	22
DHSS-Social Fund	11	Emotional Dis	23
DHSS-Other	12	Unclassified	24

REFERRAL AGENT			
Self	1	DHSS	10
Family	2	Vol Orgs.	11
Friend/N'bour	3	School	12
Councillor	4	Educ. Servc	13
MP	5	Reporter	14
GP	6	HV/Nurse	15
Police	7	Other LA	16
Court	8	Unclassified	17 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Housing	9	Hosp code	

HOME AREA (Team Code)
For Hospital/Specialist Team Use Only

NAME
ADDRESS.....
.....

GP NAME/PRACTICE Culloden Practice

CLIENT AWARE OF REFERRAL? YES
NO

1989 MacIntosh	Tracy		11/15/81	
Biley a.k.a. Stewart	Sean Pask		Moller Celestina	21
MacLare	Gordon	[REDACTED]	Nathaniel Parker	24

PROBLEM/ACTION

Put on C.P.R. on 15/8/89 following
 incident of abuse, MacLare having given Clave
 sufficient alcohol to require her to be hospitalized.
 Matter also referred to reporter by C.P.R.C.C.

REVIEW DATE	RESOURCE ASSESSMENT(S) REQUESTED	PASSED TO
SIX MONTHS (Y) <input type="checkbox"/>	GENERAL SERVICES 50	DHSS 1 HEALTH (HOSPITAL) 6
NONE (N) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ELDERLY SERVICES 51	HOUSING 2 HEALTH (COMMUNITY) 7
SPECIFY (sc77)	CHILDRENS SERVICES 52	CAB 3 VOLUNTARY AGENCY 8
15/9/89	HOSPITAL SW 53	SCHOOL 4 WRVS CLOTHING LINE 9
	SPECIALIST SW 54	EDUC. PYS. 5 OTHER 10

REPORTS REQUESTED	R	C	OR COMPLETED (SC9)	R	C	R	C	R	C
Mental Wel. Comm. 91			SR-District Crt 96			Investigation 101		Parental Right 106	
Home Background 92			Means Enq-S. Crt 97			Postering 102		Hospital SW 107	
CP/Reporter 93			Means Enq.-D. Crt 98			Custody 103		English Courts 108	
SR-High Crt 94			Freeing for Adop 99			Access 104		Unclassified 109	
SR-Sheriff Crt 95			Suitability S23 100			Resps Med Off. 105			

COMPLETED BY *M. Shaw* **CODE** 362 **DATE** 16/8/89

ALLOCATE TO SW NUMBER 362 **ALLOCATION PLUS ASSESSMENT**

NO FURTHER ACTION **RESOURCE ASSESSMENT ONLY**

AUTHORISED BY *[Signature]* **DESIGNATION** *AMR* **DATE** 15/8/89

COMPUTER OPERATOR ONLY : Action Entered Returned to sw

V.D.U. OPERATOR *Dum* DATE 16/8/89.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INITIAL REPORT FOR CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE

NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN) Claire MacIntosh..... Nicola MacIntosh.....	D.O.B. 01/08/86..... 27/12/83.....	PRESENT ADDRESS 162 Smithton Park, Inverness 162 Smithton Park, Inverness TEL NO.....
OTHER MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY Tracy MacIntosh..... Sean Paul Riley.....	AGE/DOB 11/08/61..... 21.....	RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD Mother..... Cohabitee.....
HOME ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE	KNOWN PREVIOUS ADDRESSES	
NAME & ADDRESS OF GP Dr..... Culloden Practice.....	
OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED Health Visitor.....	SCHOOLS ATTENDED Nicola - Smithton Primary.....	
PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH SOCIAL WORK Mother has been known to Department on and off since her early years.	WHETHER CHILD PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED No	
SOURCE OF REFERRAL NAME..... Raigmore Hospital & Inverness Police ADDRESS..... TEL NO.....	REFERRED TO Standby Worker - Paul Heinowski..... DATE & TIME OF REFERRAL Sat, 12/8/89 at 20.30	

DETAILS OF INITIAL REFERRAL

Claire had been admitted to Raigmore Hospital overnight, having been fed cider by her natural father during an access visit. The natural father is Gordon MacRae aged 24, who normally stays with his parents at Westhill. The mother, Tracy MacIntosh, immediately rushed Claire to hospital at 17.40 and appears to have reacted very appropriately. It appeared that the natural father was on access to the children when Mrs MacIntosh and Sean Riley were at home with the other child as well. The scenario seems to be that the natural father had access to the children in living-room, the boyfriend of Miss MacIntosh was in back garden and

REPORT

(Give full account of family's social circumstances, alleged incident, social work involvement from time of referral and action taken).

This family have resided at the above address for some 5½ years, Mr Riley being the boyfriend for approximately 7 or 8 weeks. Tracy MacIntosh obtained the tenancy after the birth of Nicola. The house is one of a terrace and is adequately maintained and furnished.

Tracy MacIntosh, the children's mother, has been known to the Social Work Department since her early teenage years. She was rejected by her mother at three weeks of age and brought up by her paternal grandparents at Bunchrew. Her grandfather died some 7 years ago, but she has regular and close contact with her grandmother who still resides at Bunchrew and whom she calls mother. There were various problems during her teenage years,

Also in January of this year,

Tracy MacIntosh was arrested

Due to her own childhood circumstances, Tracy MacIntosh has consistently been very fearful of her children being in care, indeed, when she was admitted to hospital for the birth of Claire, Nicola was admitted to care and Miss MacIntosh discharged herself very quickly afterwards, in order to take up the care of her daughter.

Since the Probation Order expired, she has continued to be seen on and off by social worker, namely myself, and also the Health Visitor, in the normal course of Health Visitor's role and at no time has the Health Visitor been concerned about her standard of care as a mother.

Miss MacIntosh had a relationship of some 3 or 4 years with Gordon MacRae, the father of Claire, and their relationship can best be described as stormy and there have been times, when subsequent to MacRae drinking heavily or being violent towards Miss MacIntosh, he has been put out of the house and the relationship cooled. The relationship finally ended in January of this year, and he has only been allowed access to the children subsequently, to being banned from the house.

Nicola

With the support of her present boyfriend, Miss MacIntosh wishes to leave the Smithton area and indeed the Inverness area, where her previous contacts within drug related circles find it difficult to stay away from her. She is being supported by myself in this.

In April 1989 Miss MacIntosh

Signature *M. P. [unclear]*

Designation Social Worker

Date 15th August 1989

(contd separate sheet)....

REFERRAL AGENT	MAIN PROBLEM (Rank 1,2,3)	SERV/RESOURCE PROVIDED
Self	Family/Soc Rels	Information/Advice
Relative/Friend	Abscondee/Runaway	Investigation
Police	Child At Risk/Abuse	Finance/Material
SWD Area Team	Other Child Problems	DHSS - OOHs
Residential Estb	Financial/Material	Residential Care
Vol. organisation	Housing Accommodation	Foster Care
Hospital	IM/Disorder Em Disturbed	Temporary Accomm.
GP/Nurse	Physically Disabled	Mental Health Section
DHSS	Frail Elderly	Referred to Housing
Housing Department	Social Isolation	Ref to Soc Wk Team
Other/Not Known	Other/Not Known	Other

METHOD	ESTIMATED DURATION
No. Tel Calls Local	Less than 30 minutes
(30mile Trunk)	120-180 Mins
No Call Out	130-60 Mins
No Other staff cont	160-90 Mins
PROBLEM/ACTION	190-100 Mins
	Greater than 180 specifv

NON-ACCIDENTAL INJURY: Client of Terry Palmer, Swinton.
 - child: CLAIRE (1/8/86) in Rangmore Hospital overnight, having been fed side by her natural father during an access visit. Her mother, Tracey Mackintosh, 162 Southdown Park, immediately rushed her to hospital ^{AT 17.40} and appears to have reacted very appropriately. The father, Gordon Mackintosh (24) is expected to be charged by the Police: he normally lives with his parents at Westhill. Mrs Mackintosh's current boyfriend, Sean Paul Stewart (21) lives at 162: apparently the children refer to him as their 'other daddy'. A sister, Nicola (27/12/83) remains at home.

I telephoned Dr Linda Ross, Senior Home Officer at Rangmore: she said that the child appeared to be all right, but was being detained overnight.

I telephoned John Burns and Terry Palmer (241083). It seems that the ~~house~~ family are believed to take drugs. However, Terry felt that Tracey's mothering ability was good.

FEB 1989

MEMORANDUM

To Mr. Jerry Palmer, SW
Smithton

From Paul Heinawski, SW
West Central

Your Ref.

Our Ref.

Date 1/2/89.

Please Ask For

STANDBY DUTY : SATURDAY : 28/1/89

Tracey Mackintosh, 162 Smithton Park, in the Police Cells following drugs charges. Expected to be released on bail on Monday. Two children, aged 5 and 2, left in the care of [REDACTED] (h/a 36 Smithton Park).

After talking with yourself, I visited and found [REDACTED] coping well with the children. I left him the emergency number in case of any hitches, and ~~asked~~ asked the police to notify the mother that we were going along with the arrangements for short-term care of the children.

Paul.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
REFERRAL FORM

REFERRAL TYPE	
New	
Re-Referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ex Client Assoc	
Correction	
Sub-Referral	

Client No. **36 00 2378 01**

REFERRAL POINT **SP**

Surname **Machin** Forename **Tracy**

Address **1628 Smillon Ave** Postcode

Telephone

Sex Male Female

D.O.B. **11 / 8 / 61**

MARITAL STATUS			
Married	1	Divorced	4
Single	2	Separated	5
Widowed	3	Other	6

CLIENT GROUP			
Deaf/Hard Hearing	11	Probation	20
Psy. R'cap/Chr Sick	12	After Care (S)	21
Acute Phys. illness	13	Fin/Housing	22
Mental Illness	14	Child (Non S)	23
Mental Handicap	15	Child (Stat)	24
M.H. (Guardian)	16	Family/Mat/Per	25
Elderly Infirm	17	Reg. Blind	26
Parole	18	CSO	27
Fine Supervision	19	Other	28

OCCUPATIONAL STATUS			
Employed	1	Retired	5
Self-Employed	2	Home/Family	6
Unemployed	3	Student	7
Lt Sick/Disabled	4	Other	8

REFERRAL DATE **16 / 12 / 89**

REFERRAL TIME **12.00** AM/PM

REFERRAL METHOD			
Letter	1	Caller	3
Phone	2	Standby	4

REASONS FOR REFERRAL			
TICK UP TO 5 (CIRCLE PRIMARY REASON)			
Fin. Assistance	1	Psy. Illness	13
Material needs	2	Frailty	14
Court Proceedings	3	Self Neglect	15
Drug Problem	4	Not Coping	16
Alcohol Problem	5	Child Abuse	17
Housing Problem	6	S. Isolation	18
Gas Debt	7	Behav. Prob	19
Electricity Debt	8	School Prob	20
Other Debt	9	Marital Diff	21
Mobility Problem	10	Family Prob	22
DHSS-Social Fund	11	Emotional Dis	23
DHSS-Other	12	Unclassified	24

REFERRAL AGENT			
Self	1	DHSS	10
Family	2	Vol Orgs.	11
Friend/N'bour	3	School	12
Councillor	4	Educ. Servc	13
MP	5	Reporter	14
GP	6	NV/Nurse	15
Police	7	Other LA	16
Court	8	Unclassified	17
Housing	9	Hosp code	

HOME AREA (Team Code)
For Hospital/Specialist Team Use Only

NAME
ADDRESS

GP NAME/PRACTICE
Cheltenham

CLIENT AWARE OF REFERRAL? YES
NO

Malikah	Nicola		Daughter	27/12/88	✓
"	Clare		Daughter	1/5/86	✓

PROBLEM/ACTION Recent events lead to need to re-open case and monitor.

REVIEW DATE	RESOURCE ASSESSMENT(S) REQUESTED	PASSED TO
SIX MONTHS (Y)	GENERAL SERVICES 50	DBSS 1 HEALTH (HOSPITAL) 6
NONE (N)	ELDERLY SERVICES 51	HOUSING 2 HEALTH (COMMUNITY) 7
SPECIFY (sc77)	CHILDRENS SERVICES 52	CAB 3 VOLUNTARY AGENCY 8
28/4/89	HOSPITAL SW 53	SCHOOL 4 WRVS CLOTHING LINE 9
	SPECIALIST SW 54	EDUC. PYS. 5 OTHER 10

REPORTS REQUESTED	R	C	OR COMPLETED (SC9)	R	C	R	C	R	C
Mental Wel.Comm. 91			SER-District Crt 96			Investigation 101		Parental Right 106	
Home Background 92			Means Enq-S. Crt 97			Fostering 102		Hospital SW 107	
CP/Reporter 93			Means Enq.-D. Crt 98			Custody 103		English Courts 108	
SER-High Crt 94			Freeing for Adop 99			Access 104		Unclassified 109	
SER-Sheriff Crt 95			Suitability S23 100			Resps Med Off. 105			

COMPLETED BY Y. Rhee CODE 362 DATE 16/2/89

ALLOCATE TO SW NUMBER	<u>362</u>	ALLOCATION PLUS ASSESSMENT	✓
NO FURTHER ACTION		RESOURCE ASSESSMENT ONLY	

AUTHORISED BY K. Reed DESIGNATION ATC DATE 16/2/89

COMPUTER OPERATOR ONLY : Action Entered Returned to sw

V.D.U. OPERATOR Jan DATE 16/2/89

110 JUL 1987

Roinn na
Gaidhealtachd  Highland

Reporter to the Children's Panel
Regional Reporter
Barbara Humphries, LL.B. (Hons.)

Highland Regional Council
Children's Hearing Centre
1 Waterloo Place
Inverness IV1 1NB

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0700/2748

Please ask for

Our ref. BH/MM

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date 13.7.87

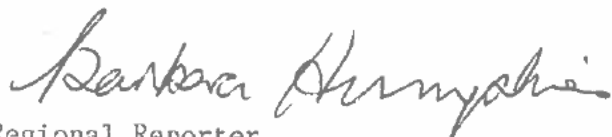
Acting Area Team Leader,
(Rural East),
Community Services House,
186 Smithton Park,
SMITHTON,
by Inverness

Dear Sir/Madam.,

Nicola and Claire MacIntosh, 162 Smithton Park, Smithton,
by Inverness

Thank you for your Mr. Palmer's report dated 29th June,
1987 relating to the above named children. I now write
to advise that in view of what is contained therein and
in other reports I have received I have decided to take
no formal action in this case.

Yours sincerely,



Regional Reporter

Gaidhealtachd Highland

Department of Social Work
Director
J. Dick, B.A., D.M.S.

Highland Regional Council
Community Services House,
186, Smithton Park,
Smithton.

Telephone (0463)791338

Please ask for *Mr. T. Palmer*

Our ref. *03/00/2378*

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date *29.6.87*

*Mr. P. Ferguson,
Depute Reporter,
Children's Hearing Centre,
1, Waterloo Place,
Inverness.*

Dear Mr Ferguson,

*RE: NICOLA MACINTOSH (D.O.B. 27.12.83)
CLAIRE MACINTOSH (D.O.B. 1.8.86)
162, SMITHTON PARK, SMITHTON, INVERNESS*

In response to your letter of 18th June, 1987, concerning the above named young girls, I submit the following report.

FAMILY BACKGROUND:

*Mother: Tracy MacIntosh (d.o.b. 11.8.61) Housewife.
NICOLA MACINTOSH (D.O.B. 27.12.83) SUBJECT OF REPORT.
CLAIRE MACINTOSH (D.O.B. 1.8.86) SUBJECT OF REPORT.*

This family have resided at the above address for some three and a half years, the mother obtaining the tenancy after the birth of Nicola. The house is one of a terrace, and is adequately maintained and furnished.

Tracy MacIntosh, the children's mother, has been known to the Social Work Department since her early teenage years. She was rejected by her mother at 3 weeks of age, and was brought up by her paternal grandparents at Bunchrew. Her

grandmother, who still resides at Bunchrew, and who is called "mother" by Miss MacIntosh.

She has always been anxious to bring-up Nicola, and subsequently Claire, herself, and is well aware of the possible consequences of returning to her former life-style in this regard. During her time on a Order, she has been seen by a social worker with regard to the Probation Order and by a Health Visitor in the normal course of the Health Visitor's role, and at no time has her care as a mother been judged unsatisfactory. /

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/unsatisfactory.

Miss MacIntosh has had a relationship of some 2 years with Gordon MacRae, who is the father of Claire, [REDACTED]. Their relationship can best be described as stormy, and there have been times when, subsequent to MacRae drinking heavily or being violent towards Miss MacIntosh, MacRae has been put out of the house and the relationship has cooled for a while.

NICOLA AND CLAIRE:

Nicola

The relationship between the children and MacRae is less easy to judge as I have seen him less often with them, but there is certainly no fear expressed by Nicola of him. Claire, too, since her birth has developed conventionally. Both children are regularly taken to the clinic as well as being seen at home, and no cause for concern has ever been raised.

THE INCIDENT LEADING TO THIS REPORT:

Nicola

to get her to see MacRae who had been

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

After the incident on 10th June, 1987, Miss MacIntosh, whose maternal instincts are very strong, appear to have reached a conclusion that, as one of her children was involved, it was necessary to break off her relationship with MacRae. I understand that on two occasions over the following weekend MacRae attempted to gain admittance to the house, and on both occasions had to be removed by the police. Miss MacIntosh has subsequently applied for an Interdict against MacRae, banishing him from the house, and from contacting her. Whilst she has talked about such an action in difficult times previously in their relationship/

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/relationship, it has taken the involvement of one of her children in an unfortunate incident to motivate her into actually taking such a step.

Although the Probation Order terminated before this incident, Miss MacIntosh had welcomed continued visiting by myself on a voluntary basis until such time as she returned to Bunchrew later this year, and this informal arrangement will continue.

CONCLUSION:

Nicola and Claire MacIntosh reside with their mother. Since the incident on 10th June, 1987, mother has taken steps to ensure that the perpetration of the offence, MacRae, is removed from the house. The incident itself was an isolated incident more akin to inappropriate handling than assault. Both the Social Work Department, re Health Visitor and the G.P. are in regular contact with the home, and comment very positively upon the mother's abilities. The voluntary social work visits will continue.

I would, therefore, respectfully suggest that, in the light of factors contained in this report, there is no indication that compulsory measures of care are needed.

Yours sincerely,

T. Palmer,
Social Worker.