

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

BASIC INFORMATION

CLIENT (Individual or Family):

Client Reference No. 2400278901

RICHARD GARRETT

ADDRESS:

9 ABBOTSHAVEN, BALINTORE

D.O.B./Age 02.10.73

Telephone No.

HOUSEHOLD (or Client, if family)	Relationship	School/Work	D.o.B./Age
<i>DAVID GARRETT</i>	<i>FATHER</i>		
<i>DORIS SUTHERLAND</i>	<i>FATHER'S COHAB</i>		

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS Relatives, Friends & Social Services Staff	Relationship (or position)	Address	Telephone
<i>MARGARET GARRETT</i>	<i>MOTHER</i>	<i>70 LOCHSLIN PLACE BALINTORE</i>	
<i>JENNY GARRETT</i>	<i>SISTER</i>	<i>AS ABOVE</i>	

OTHER AGENCIES	Contact Person	Address	Telephone

Legal Order or Register

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CLOSURE SUMMARY

RICHARD GARRETT
Client..... Date..... 17.05.91

1. Significant Changes in People or Circumstances
Richard appeared at Tain District Court on 21.3.91. Sentence on him was deferred until 24.10.91 for good behaviour, if he continues in casual employment and resides with his father and father's co-habitee at 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore.

2. Summary of Aims Achieved and Actions since last Review
Richard continues to wish to be self-sufficient in his every day lifestyle and to this end has indicated both to courts and to a Social Worker that he wants to work out his difficulties himself without assistance from any authorities. To his credit, he does undertake alot of casual work and earns enough money to keep himself in a reasonable manner and there are some indications that he he may be developing some insight into his difficulties.

3. Aims not Achieved NONE

4. Reason(s) for Closure
Richard has indicated strongly both to the courts and to his Social Worker that he does not wish any continued Social Work contact at this time.

5. Client Informed of Closure? Yes/No /No Agreeable to Closure? Yes/No /No

6. Agency / Worker Client Referred to

Signed *J. MacDonald* Key Worker Date 17/5/91
Client

[Signature]
Area Team Leader

CLOSURE SUMMARY

Client..... Date.....
RICHARD GARRETT 28th November 1990

1. Significant Changes in People or Circumstances

Richard has left his father's home and is now residing in the Black Isle area.

2. Summary of Aims Achieved and Actions since last Review

Social Enquiry Report was prepared for Tain District Court on 03.05.90 and sentence on him was deferred to 10.11.90 for good behaviour. A further report was prepared for the same Court for 27.09.90 when sentence was deferred again for good behaviour and a report requested for the case calling on 21.03.91.

3. Aims not Achieved

Despite promises he has not maintained contact with his social worker.

4. Reason(s) for Closure

As indicated above Richard has not kept contact with his social worker and has indicated a preference for trying to work out his problems on his own. He has also left his father's home, is believed to be living in the Black Isle area but has not notified a change of address and has certainly not kept contact.

5. Client Informed of Closure? Yes/No Agreeable to Closure? Yes/No

6. Agency / Worker Client Referred to

Signed Date
Key Worker Area Team Leader
Area Team Leader

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW / TRANSFER

CASE NAME... RICHARD GARRETT Client Reference No. 2400278901

Date of Review · AUGUST · 1990 · Key Worker .. JOHN · J · MACDONALD ·

People attending / other Agencies (State which)

THE VIEWS OF THE CLIENT SHOULD BE SOUGHT AND RECORDED THROUGHOUT THIS REVIEW
(N.B. This form should be matched-up with Form SW199)

ASSESSMENT (include accommodation, finance, employment, education, health and changes since last review)

Richard at this moment in time resides with his father and father's cohabitee. He is not in full time employment but appears to be getting casual work which keeps him in pocket money. His health is generally good but he appears to be becoming involved in acts of violence and disruptive behaviour which have brought him to the notice of the Police. In particular on 03.05.90 sentence on him was deferred until 10.11.90 at Tain District Court for good behaviour following an assault. Equally on 27.09.90 sentence was again deferred for good behaviour and a supplementary social enquiry report requested for Richard's reappearance on 21.03.91.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS OBJECTIVES AND EVALUATION OF WORK TO DATE

(i.e. What were proposed actions / were they achieved / if not, why not?)

Richard indicated quite clearly to his social worker, a psychologist and to a magistrate at the Court that he would prefer not to be under any form of supervision as he said that he wanted to work out his problems on his own account and refer himself as necessary to the appropriate authority. Despite this it was agreed with Richard that his case would remain open at this Department for him to take advantage of his own suggestion. However to date he has not shown much interest, only when trouble is staring him in the face will he show any interest.

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Nothing particularly new except to encourage Richard as much as possible to keep contact with his social worker and to try and pre-empt problems such the possibility of Richard becoming homeless or getting into further trouble with the Police.

AGREEMENT/COMMENTS FROM CLIENT

Client

Were copies of this review sent to people attending? YES NO

Has the client participated in this review? YES NO If not, give reason

Date of next review

Signed *John Mackintosh*
Key Worker

Date *August 1990*
Area Team Leader

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INITIAL ASSESSMENT

NAME RICHARD GARRETT Client Reference No. 2400278901

Referrer's / Client's Statement of Need:

(Indicate any differences in perception of need between referrer and client)

Richard previously well known to the Social Work Department having been on both the Child Protection Register and Panel Supervision. His circumstances remain unsettled in that he has been getting into trouble with the Police of an aggressive nature plus he has been ejected from the family home. In addition to this there has been a request for a Social Enquiry Report for Tain District Court.

ACTION TAKEN

Advice given on housing and negotiation with father

FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED

Prepare Social Enquiry Report for Tain District Court

CASE PLAN (including objectives)

1. Counsell Richard regarding his behaviour and attitude
2. Consider his home home circumstances and possible future location
3. Work prospects
4. Prepare report for Tain District Court

CAN THIS INFORMATION BE SHARED WITH THE CLIENT? YES/NO If NO, why?

REVIEW DATE

KEY WORKER John J. Macdonald

Client No

2400278901

Referral Point

Tain

Home Area
(for Hospital use)

Surname

Garnett

Forename

Richard

Address

9 Albrothaven
Balintore

Postcode

Telephone

Sex

Male

Female

D.O.B.

2.10.73

Marital Status

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

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

Referral Date

13.12.90

Referral Time

am/pm

Referral Method

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

Tain District Gaunt

Address

GP/Practice

Problem/Action

Request for Supplementary SER on 10/1/91

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

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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
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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
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	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
	Educ Psy 5	Other 10	Specialist SW 54

COMPLETED BY E. Ross CODE _____ DATE 13/12/90

Allocate to SW Number	<u>241</u>	Allocation Plus Assessment	
No Further Action		Resource Assessment Only	

AUTHORISED BY [Signature] DESIGNATION [Signature] DATE 18/12/90

Computer Operator Only Entered Returned to SW
Signed E. Ross Date 18/12/90

* MUST BE COMPLETED

Client No

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Referral Point

Y 612 1

Home Area
(for Hospital use)

Surname

Gronth

Forename

Richard

Address

*9 Alberts Lane
Babington*

Postcode

Telephone

Sex

Male

Female

D.O.B.

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Marital Status

Married 1	Single 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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

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Referral Time

9 am/pm

Referral Method

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

Mark L. Jain, District Court

Address

Dingwall

GP/Practice

Problem/Action

Request for S.I.R for Jain District Court for 9/18/90.

See attached documents

Client Aware of Referral

Yes

No

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Genest	David	/	Son	4/21/90		
Sutherland	Denis	/	Son	4/04/94		

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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
/ /	Educ Psy	5	Other	10	Specialist SW	54

COMPLETED BY *[Signature]* CODE *241* DATE *23/7/90*

Allocate to SW Number	<i>241</i>	Allocation Plus Assessment	
No Further Action		Resource Assessment Only	

AUTHORISED BY *[Signature]* DESIGNATION *ASR* DATE *25/7/90*

Computer Operator Only Entered Returned to SW
Signed Date

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Client No

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Referral Point Yess

Home Area (for Hospital use)

Surname Gerratt
Address 70 Leekside Place
Bolton

Forename Richard
Postcode Yess 2261
Telephone Yess 2261

Sex Male Female D.O.B. 2 10 73

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

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

Referral Date 5 4 90 Referral Time 9 am/pm

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

Referral Agent Name Mrs Strachan

Address Mrs YTS

GP/Practice

Problem/Action Richard put out of house last night after Police called to charge him with B&P and assault on his mother. Has nowhere to go. Advised to go to S.W.D. where night away and I wanted contact then with details. Leticia spoke with Bill Tonnes who agrees to see Richard on the basis that he might require financial/housing help and wants to more accessible if of Alicia, in the meantime. Leticia phoned call Bill McQuinn of the office B&B manager and Leticia took of position Leticia Paul Maccher S.W. Alicia phoned, office of B&B not available John Dunlop P.F.O. contacted agreed to Voluntary R.I.C. only place available Gerrattob, rejected by Richard, but then made his way back to Bolton. Leticia Mrs Gerratt phoned Richard at her house, wanting sitting desk refused.

Client Aware of Referral Yes No

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Garrett	Margaret	/	Wife	53/4/28		
Garrett	Jennifer	/	Sister	14/4/28		

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COMPLETED BY Joseph Henderson CODE 261 DATE 25/4/90

Allocate to SW Number	<u>241</u>	Allocation Plus Assessment	
No Further Action		Resource Assessment Only	

AUTHORISED BY [Signature] DESIGNATION ARZ DATE 23/4/90

Computer Operator Only Entered Returned to SW
Signed E. Ross Date 23/4/90

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COMPLETED BY Paul Meacham CODE 239 DATE 5/4/90

Allocate to SW Number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allocation Plus Assessment
No Further Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resource Assessment Only

AUTHORISED BY [Signature] DESIGNATION A.T.L. DATE 6-6-90

Computer Operator Only Entered Returned to SW
 Signed E. Rao Date 23/4/90

* MUST BE COMPLETED

CLIENT NAME

REF.

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DATE OF BIRTH 2/10/73.

CONTINUATION/INFORMATION

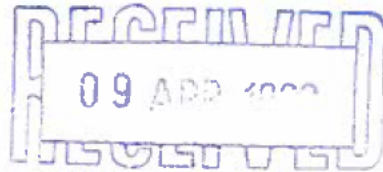
there. Advised there was no more we could do for him.

(Attempts had been made to contact Richards near El Paso but with no success)

Update Fri 6th

John McDonald phoning to say Richard turned up at mother's house last night & is now back there.

N. T. A.



COMPLETED BY Paul Meade CODE 239 DATE 6/4/90

VDU OPERATOR DATE

ACTION TAKEN: ENTERED RETURNED TO SW

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

STANDBY DUTY REFERRAL FORM

Note: Referrals should be passed by telephone to appropriate team first thing next working day. One written copy of Referral to Area Team concerned, one copy to Principal Fieldwork Officer.

STANDBY WORKER: JOHN SKINNER Date of Referral: 6:4:90
Time on: 6.25 p.m. Time off: 6.40 p.m.

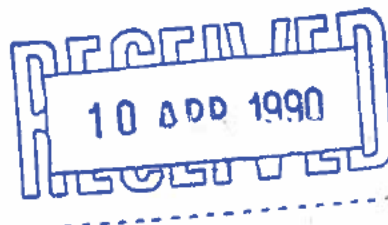
NAME OF CLIENT: SURNAME: GARRETT FORENAME: RICHARD
ADDRESS: Abbotshaven, Balintore
Tel No: _____

Date of Birth: 16 years

Name of Referrer: J. MacDonald, Social Worker and Police, Tain

NATURE OF PROBLEM PRESENTED:

Richard Garrett has been thrown out of his home. Accommodation has been arranged via the Housing Department should he be in touch.



ACTION TAKEN:

7:4:90 - Telephone call from Richard at 10 a.m. this morning advising that he had slept somewhere in Tain on the previous evening and was now in a kiosk in Balintore and purporting to be homeless. Phoned Housing Department who agreed to deal with the matter.

No further action required.

FOLLOW UP ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Signature: [Signature]
(continue overleaf if necessary)

Date: 9-4-90

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INITIAL ASSESSMENT

NAME *Richard Garret* Client Reference No. *2400278901*

Referrer's / Client's Statement of Need:

(Indicate any differences in perception of need between referrer and client)

Originally referred as a NON Accidental Injury occurrence following an incident in the family home where his father struck him at least once. The matter was referred by Richard's mother in an off the cuff remark following an incident in the house when she was inquiring about the possibility of retirative housing. It appears at this stage that violence in the household was not uncommon and certainly no the first time that Richard had been the victim of his father's violence.

ACTION TAKEN

NAI procedure was put into play and as a result on 13/9/87 Richard and his sister Jennifer were placed on the NAI Register. On 21/10/87 a children's panel placed both the children under the supervision of the Social Worker.

FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED

As a result of the parents separating and living in separate homes, Richard was allowed to go and stay with his father at 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore effective from 23/5/88. This following due periods in care following attempts by his mother to rehabilitate him but it was found that she was incapable of doing so and he was considered to be beyond parental control.

CASE PLAN (including objectives)

In view of Richard's return home and the fact that his father was the perpetrator of the assault on him, fairly close monitoring is required, not just merely to monitor but also to back up Mr Garrets' efforts with regard to trying to rehabilitate his son. Mr Garret has always assured the department in his taking control of his son that he will co-operate in every way and although he himself has a fairly short temper he has indicated that he would not use violence but would contact the police or the social worker. Liase with the school as well, one of Richards strengths is the fact that he wishes to stay on at school and do as well as he possibly can. Also his inclusion in a local I.T. Group would be useful for taking care of some of his excessive energy, not only in a physical sense, but in a verbal sinse as well, where he can be perhaps confronted of his somewhat outrageous fantasies regarding his physical prowess, invitint and sorting out other. To try and get Richard to look closely at himself to see the difficult ies he can arouse if he does not control his temper.

CAN THIS INFORMATION BE SHARED WITH THE CLIENT? YES/~~NO~~/~~NO~~ why?

REVIEW DATE

KEY WORKER

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW / TRANSFER

CASE NAME... RICHARD GARRETT..... Client Reference No. 2400278901.....

Date of Review .. 30.8.89..... Key Worker ... JOHN MACDONALD.....

People attending / other Agencies (State which)

THE VIEWS OF THE CLIENT SHOULD BE SOUGHT AND RECORDED THROUGHOUT THIS REVIEW
(N.B. This form should be matched-up with Form SW199)

ASSESSMENT (include accommodation, finance, employment, education, health and changes since last review)

Richard continues to reside with his father at their home, 9 Abbottshaven, Balintore. His father is unemployed and the family finances are made up of Income Support and Children's allowance. Richard's health remains good, but in May this year he was excluded from school, returning to Tain Academy on 14.8.89. However, his days there were very limited as on 18.8.89, he was further excluded from school for threatening violence to a pupil and showing hostility to a teacher who intervened.

On 6th June 1989, he revealed that he had been involved in a sexual relationship with an older man and, as a result of this, the other man has been charged with lewd and indecent practices towards Richard. Richard was concerned about the incident and the effect this could have on his health and he insisted on being medically examined by a specialist, Dr Mathieson at Raigmore Hospital, who is a specialist in communicable diseases. His examination was found to be clear and the court case proceeds against the other man but, at this time, no date has been fixed and I understand a trial may take place because of a not guilty stance in this matter.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS OBJECTIVES AND EVALUATION OF WORK TO DATE

(i.e. What were proposed actions / were they achieved / if not, why not?)

A lot of individual work has gone into Richard's case, in particular counselling him through some of his behavioural outbursts. This taking place whilst he was resident at Coul Park Children's Centre and followed up by the staff at the centre whilst he has been at home. This included, of course, his individual sessions with his social worker and, whilst Richard has the ability to realise what is going on round about him and is certainly not unintelligent, he still has great difficulty in being able to control his aggressive urges when he feels that he is being 'put on' in any way. His conduct in the children's centre was said to be very good but at home with his dad there was often exchanges of words and a lot of provocation by Richard to his father. The other area of difficulty was that Richard tended to go between his father and his mother and carry various remarks one to the other, which caused considerable friction and great difficulties for himself. As a result of this any possible rehabilitation with his mother is now virtually impossible.

Unfortunately, the school situation is now all but over and Richard must now look to his future, either working or in the forces, as a means of securing some base for himself. To this end, he has indicated a desire to become a driver in the Army and will hopefully be attending for interview for this in due course. An interview has also been arranged with him with the careers officer, Liz Galashan, but other than that his circumstances remain somewhat unsure at the moment.

AGREEMENT/COMMENTS FROM CLIENT

Richard looks forward to the day when he will be clear of Social Work supervision, which will be very shortly as birthday is on 2nd October.

Client

Were copies of this review sent to people attending? YES NO

Has the client participated in this review? YES NO If not, give reason

Date of next review

Signed Date

Key Worker

Area Team Leader

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CLOSURE SUMMARY

Client..... *RICHARD GARRETT* Date..... *16.1.90*

1. Significant Changes in People or Circumstances

Richard moved in to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Brown, [REDACTED] Balintore with the option of going with his father if he wishes - he also appears to be enjoying a more positive relationship with his mother and sister.

2. Summary of Aims Achieved and Actions since last Review

Maintained Richard at home and out of care in recent times and facilitated his application for the army boys service

3. Aims not Achieved

Question of his ability to handle hostile and stressful situations still a major factor, although worked through considerably with him. It could preclude his entry to responsible posts, which he could otherwise obtain.

4. Reason(s) for Closure

*Supervision order terminated 09.10.89.
Child Protection order terminated 07.09.89.*

5. Client Informed of Closure? Yes/~~No~~ Agreeable to Closure? Yes/~~No~~

6. Agency / Worker Client Referred to

Signed *[Signature]* Date *15/1/90*

Key Worker

Client

.....
Area Team Leader

REFERRAL TYPE	
New	
Re-Referral	
Ex Client Assoc	
Correction	
Sub-Referral	

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
REFERRAL FORM

Client No. 2 4 0 0 2 7 8 9 0 1

REFERRAL POINT

Surname GARRETT Forename Richard

Address 9 ABBOTS HAVEN,
BALINTORE Postcode

Telephone

Sex Male Female D.O.B. 2 1 10 173.

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

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

REFERRAL DATE 4 1 9 1 89.

REFERRAL TIME 4.10 AM/PM

REFERRAL METHOD			
Letter	1	Caller	3
Phone	2	Standby	4

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

NAME Mrs. Garrett

ADDRESS 16 Shore St.
Hilber.

CLIENT GROUP: Tick up to 3			
Circle Primary Reason			
Deaf/Hard Hearing	11	Parole	18
Psy.H'cap/Chr Sick	12	Fine Supervision	19
Mental Handicap	15	Probation	20
M.H.(Guardian)	16	Stat. After Care	21
Elderly Infirm	17	CSO	27
Reg. Blind	26		
Acute Phys.illness	13	Child (Non S)	23
Mental Illness	14	Child (Stat)	24
Fin/Housing	22		
Family/Kat/Per	25	Other	28

REASONS FOR REFERRAL			
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Mobility Problem	10	Family Prob	22
DHSS-Social Fund	11	Emotional Dts	23
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GP NAME/PRACTICE

CLIENT AWARE OF REFERRAL? YES
NO

PROBLEM/ACTION

Mrs. Gamett reported that Richard came to her house last night with a bruised ~~ear~~ ear, bite to l. hand & red lines across throat, indicating that he was grabbed. He stated that his father had done it & that he was drunk at the time. According to Mrs. Gamett, because it has been suggested to her that her involvement between herself & her son & husband tended to create more problems, she had not given him refuge for the night. He had, she said, spent the night with his friend, Gary, address unknown. Sheriff Murphy - J. Dunlop contacted.

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SPECIFY (sc77)	CHILDRENS SERVICES 52	CAB 3 VOLUNTARY AGENCY 8
/ /	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			SBR-District Crt 96			Investigation 101		Parental Right 106	
Home Background 92			Means Eng-S. Crt 97			Postering 102		Hospital SW 107	
CP/Reporter 93			Means Eng.-D. Crt 98			Custody 103		English Courts 108	
SBR-High Crt 94			Freeing for Adop 99			Access 104		Unclassified 109	
SBR-Sheriff Crt 95			Suitability S23 100			Resps Med Off. 105			

COMPLETED BY Alison Ross CODE 242 DATE 4/9/89.

ALLOCATE TO SW NUMBER	ALLOCATION PLUS ASSESSMENT
NO FURTHER ACTION	RESOURCE ASSESSMENT ONLY

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CONTINUATION/INFORMATION

In company with P.C. [redacted] Mr Gamella address where both he and Richard were interviewed. Father admitted an assault on Richard late yesterday evening when he returned home late. ~~Maybe~~ Father may have been under the influence at the time. Hit him across head, grabbed by throat and hit him on right forearm. All injuries still showing.

Richard left house and sheltered with a Mr and Mrs Brown at [redacted] (acquaintance through Nobby Finnan) Did not tell SW's as scared of being in supervision and prevented from joining Army. However told mother as wanted to stop them. She referred as per instructions of Ted Macdonald.

Taken to surgery where Dr Cohen substantiated injuries but questioned the way in which they were gained. Attempts to find accommodation thwarted by only one possible emergency foster parents available, Lord Park fell and Richard refused to go to Teantosh. After consultation with PFO agreed to allow overnight with Mr Brown & Janet if Police checks o.k. This was so. Richard taken & told to care to return tomorrow at 11.00 with Mr Brown

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VDU OPERATOR DATE

ACTION TAKEN: ENTERED RETURNED TO SW

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
REFERRAL FORM

REFERRAL TYPE	
New	
Re-Referral	
Ex Client Assoc	
Correction	
Sub-Referral	

Client No. 2400278901

REFERRAL POINT TAUN

Surname GARRETT Forename RICHARD

Address 9 BIRCHMOUNT Postcode

BALMORIS Telephone

Sex Male Female D.O.B. / /

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

REFERRAL DATE 09 / 02 / 89

REFERRAL TIME 1000 AM/PM

REFERRAL METHOD			
Letter	1	Caller	3
Phone	2	Standby	4

REASONS FOR REFERRAL			
TICK UP TO 5 (CIRCLE PRIMARY REASON)			
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Alcohol Problem	5	Child Abuse	17
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Councillor	4	Educ. Servc	13
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NAME R. Garrett
ADDRESS

GP NAME/PRACTICE

CLIENT AWARE OF REFERRAL? YES
NO

PROBLEM/ACTION

Due for appointment with Mr. Kuhn re return to school. Richard refusing to do so, making very clear that he is fed up with school. Deliberately provoking Jatta in my presence and lot of resentment coming out. Seems jealous of friendship with [redacted] and suggesting Jatta did not show him the friendship/love he does them. The real reason immediately however was that Jatta was saying back to school - no choice. Compromise of waiting till the "big meeting" not on - Rung M. Kuhn who seems prepared to wait before reaching final decision. Further row, Jatta drove off, Richard found own way to Miss at DeLinton, but not let in. Jatta very pos. saying Richard could come home - July SW, worried about situation.

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SER-High Crt 94			Freeing for Adop 99			Access 104	
SER-Sheriff Crt 95			Suitability S23 100			Resps Med Off. 105	
						Parental Right 106	
						Hospital SW 107	
						English Courts 108	
						Unclassified 109	

COMPLETED BY KIA MacLure CODE 243 DATE 9/2/89

ALLOCATE TO SW NUMBER	<u>241</u>	ALLOCATION PLUS ASSESSMENT
NO FURTHER ACTION		RESOURCE ASSESSMENT ONLY

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
REFERRAL FORM

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

Client No. 2400278901

REFERRAL POINT TAIN

Surname GARROTT Forename Rachel

Address 9 Abbotshaven, Postcode

Balintore Telephone

Sex Male Female D.O.B. 21 10 73

MARITAL STATUS			
Married	1	Divorced	4
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NAME J. KIRK
ADDRESS TAIN ACADEMY

GP NAME/PRACTICE

CLIENT AWARE OF REFERRAL? YES
NO

PROBLEM/ACTION

Stealing from school stationery etc - returned by Richard to Mr Kirk following advice of him or police. Pair of compasses missing. Denied any knowledge and flared up following challenge. Then refused exclusion letter - swearing at Mr Kirk who is trying to get hold of Mr Gamett before Richard can get home & remove evidence. Has also reported matter to police later telephone Mr Kirk. Has got hold of Mr Gamett but he did not make it home before Richard's evidence removed. Asks if full case conference can now be held

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NO FURTHER ACTION		RESOURCE ASSESSMENT ONLY

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GARRETT

176 OVER

MOTHER

PROBLEM/ACTION

Mrs Lynell contacted Police requesting that social worker visit. Informed that Richard returned from his father home being described as very nervous and depressed.

Discussed with W.P.C. [redacted] informing that Stand-by Emergency Service only and therefore not appropriate to visit at this point. W.P.C. [redacted] stated that she would make arrangements from P.C. at Yarr to visit and give this information. Shall contact Stand-by Officer again if necessary. N. F. A.

Bill J's

COMPLETED BY CODE 224 DATE 05.1.88

RESOURCES REQUESTED	GENERAL SERVICES 50	CHILDRENS SERVCSS 52	SPECIALIST SW 54
	ELDERLY SERVICES 51	HOSPITAL SW 53	MULTIPLE SERVICES 55

REFER TO	DHSS 1	SCHOOL 4	HEALTH (COMM) 7	OTHER 10
	HOUSING 2	EDUC. PSY. 5	VOL. AGENCY 8	
	CAB 3	HEALTH (HOSP) 6	WRVS-CLOTHING LINE 9	

ALLOCATED TO	RESOURCES ONLY	NO FURTHER ACTION
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REVIEW DATE SIX MONTHS NONE SPECIFY (Go to Screen 77)

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V.D.U. OPERATOR DATE

REFERRAL FORM

CASE NO.

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Surname GARRETT Forename(s) Richard + Jennifer
Address 16 shore st, Sex: M/F
HILTON

Date of Birth Marital Status
G.P.

Referred by Reporter Date of Referral 9.10.87
*(by letter/telephone/in person)

Previously known to department YES/NO

Other agencies involved

PROBLEM/REQUEST:

SER for childrens hearing on 21.10.87 at 12 noon
at Dingwall

Reports by 16.10.87

RECEIVED BY A Robertson Date 9.10.87 Time

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to:

Signed
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision:

J Mac

[Signature]
Senior Officer

Classification of Case Register on:
Re-open existing file Open new file
For miscellaneous cases file

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* Tick as applicable.

REFERRAL FORM

CASE NO. 402769

Surname *Gennett* Forename(s) *Richard*

Address *16 Show Street* Sex: M/F

Hilton Date of Birth *2-10-73* Marital Status

G.P.

Referred by *Sgt [Redacted] Police Unit* Date of Referral *10-8-87*
*(by letter/telephone/in person)

Previously known to department YES/NO

Other agencies involved

PROBLEM/REQUEST:

Family moved into this area recently from the Chesel, area. Apparently father strict disciplinarian and there have been problems with the boy in the street. Police were called by Richard who said that his father was forcing him to wash his private parts and being verbally abusive. Police investigated thought Richards story exaggerated, father admitted making sure she washed herself properly, said the family had problems with the boy and when Richard threatened to show the police he gave him the money to show.

RECEIVED BY *[Signature]* Date *10-8-87* Time *9 am*

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to: *P.T.L.*

Signed *[Signature]*
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision:

S. Mac

[Signature]
Senior Officer

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

PERSONAL DETAILS

GARRETT **RICHARD ALEXANDER**
Surname Forenames

9 ABBOTSHAVEN, BALINTORE, ROSS-SHIRE
Address

02.10.73 **SALMON FISHER**
Date of Birth Occupation

SINGLE
Mental Status Religion

TAIN DISTRICT COURT
Report requested by

BREACH OF THE PEACE (2) ASSAULT (2)
Purpose

TAIN 09.08.90
Date and Place of Hearing

JOHN J. MACDONALD **SOCIAL WORKER**
Prepared by Designation

S/D — 23/8/90 Report from Clinical Psychologist
Decision

HOME BACKGROUND

skt *RAC* *Water security* *Hilton* *+ army*
Father: David Garrett (aged 42 years) works on Dornoch Bridge construction
Father's cohabitee: Doris Sutherland (aged 40 years) shop assistant
Subject of report: Richard Garrett (aged 16 years)

Richard resides with his father and Mrs Sutherland at the above address, which is a comfortably furnished, reasonably well appointed council house in the Abbotshaven housing scheme, which is adjacent to the old village of Balintore. Mr Garrett senior has lived there for the past two years.

FAMILY:

live in Balintore PL.
Mother: Margaret Garrett (aged 53 years) housewife
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Both Mrs Garrett and Jennifer reside also in the village of Balintore some few hundred yards from where Richard now resides.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

*B. Stockton
Raised Macclesfield*

The Garrett family came to Easter Ross on 25.7.86 from the Macclesfield area of Manchester. They purchased their own house in the village of Hilton deciding to come north to get away from the rough and tumble of city life, mainly for the childrens sake, particularly Richard's who seemed to be getting into bother both at school and at home.

When Mr Garrett first came to Easter Ross he worked as a roadman for the village of Balintore. His previous employment has been some years with the Water Board in the north of England. My understanding of the relationship between Mr and Mrs Garrett was that it was fairly turbulent at times with some physical and verbal abuse. The couple eventually separated late in 1987, Mrs Garrett continuing to reside in the family home while her husband went to stay in a caravan until he obtained his present accommodation at 9 Abbotshaven. Although the couple live at opposite ends of the village there is still a lot of hostility between them and Richard has at times become enmeshed in these disputes.

RICHARD GARRETT - PERSONAL

The writer has known this family and Richard in particular since 1987. In fact on 30.09.87 Richard's name was placed on the Child Protection Register because of an alleged assault on him by his father. In consequence of this a Children's Panel convened on 21.10.87 decided to place both Richard and his sister Jennifer under supervision.

Shortly after this Mr Garrett left the family home, but Richard's behaviour began to deteriorate very rapidly and he was received into care in January 1988 because of assaults on his sister and mother. He remained in residential care for a period but because of his past conduct his mother was not prepared to have him back in the house, his father offered to care for Richard and when he successfully obtained the tenancy of his present house Richard was released from care to go and stay with him.

[REDACTED]

Richard remained with his father from that time on apart from periods in care because of exclusions from school and disputes with his father. During this period Richard got himself into a number of delinquent episodes mostly of a disruptive nature. It was soon discovered that Richard had a very low "flashpoint", and that he could explode into anger over the most unexpected incidents. He could not cope with any criticism or hostility towards himself, and would often react in a hostile way. Efforts to try and curb this part of his temperament were made whilst he was in care and during the time he was under supervision but unfortunately it did not seem to have any lasting effect. On the other hand, Richard can be a most polite, intelligent and articulate teenager who is always extremely well turned out.

He was discharged from formal supervision of the Children's Panel on 9.10.89 but around that time decided not to remain with his father because they were not getting on and went to go with friends elsewhere in the village.

Following his discharge from supervision Richard applied to join the Boys Service of Her Majesty's Forces but after a lengthy period of waiting and interviewing he was eventually rejected. During that time he earned his living working as a casual labourer in and around his own home. On 5.2.90 he obtained a Y.T.S. placement and did initial training on three or four different types of jobs including the Dingwall Leisure Centre and with Fountain Forestry at Lairg. He continued on the Y.T.S. Programme with the Forestry at Evanton during the month of May and was unemployed until about six weeks ago when he secured employment with the salmon fishers in Balintore, where he is currently employed earning £30.00 per week.

Richard had been residing with his mother at her home at 80 Lochslin Place until January of this year, but was required to leave following an incident in the home which occasioned breach of the peace and assault on his mother. For a time after that he prevailed upon friends to give him shelter but eventually prevailed upon his father to take him into his home, which he did, and Richard continues to live there at this time. The relationship with his father and Mrs Sutherland can be very tenuous at times as there are often clashes about Richard's attitude and conduct mainly I understand because of his failing to comply with simple rules of the house which is reasonable timekeeping and behaving himself in a circumspect manner. The writer's fairly lengthy experience with Richard shows whilst he can be a pleasant and conversational teenager he can also be very difficult, aggressive and non-compliant. He has an application for council housing but it is difficult at this stage to imagine Richard caring for himself satisfactorily on his own. He does need the support of his family but unfortunately the relationship can be of a demanding and stressful nature. I also understand that Richard was admitted to Raigmore Hospital last week following an over consumption of alcohol. He had purchased a bottle of vodka, drank most of it, got up in the night to be sick, passed out and the next thing he knew he was in hospital but was released that day.

DETAILS OF OFFENCES

As for the assault on his mother and the breach of the peace on that occasion Richard says that was occasioned because of his mother's objection to a friend of his being in the house, this was coupled by allegations that some other woman had told his mother about some of Richard's various activities. One thing led to the other Richard began shouting at his mother and when Mrs Garrett would not

desist he took her by the wrist to seat her on the chair.

As far as the incident with [REDACTED] is concerned Richard says that [REDACTED] took umbrage at his alleged questioning about her boyfriend's earnings. One thing led to the other and a row ensued which involved Richard putting a "headlock" on [REDACTED]

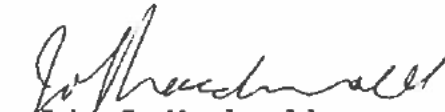
Richard also tells me he has fairly recently been charged with a further breach of the peace and assault to which he intends pleading not guilty to this offence.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Richard's Garret erratic temperment has been in the main feature in his coming involved with the Court and for a long period before that has brought him into conflict with his family and other people. I understand from his father and mother that this is not something new, when he was younger and living in the Manchester area there were also problems at school and at home. On the other hand Richard can be an obliging and hard working young man who is always turned out extremely well.

It should be said that a lot of effort went into helping Richard whilst he was under Social Work Supervision and that included periods in care, close one to one individual attention, holiday breaks and adventure training. Although ^{no} convictions are recorded against Richard he appeared at Tain District Court on 3.5.90 ~~on~~ charges of assault and breach of the peace and sentence was deferred until 1.11.90 for good behaviour this offence does not contravene the Order made at that Court. However it is clear that Richard is getting himself into increasing difficulties of a disruptive nature and there seems no sign of this abating at the moment.

On the question of sentence the Court will note that Richard is already on deferred sentence until 1.11.90. As far as a fine is concerned he could certainly pay a fine in view of the fact that he is in regular payment and earning a wage albeit quite small. The question of a period of Probation has been raised and there may be some usefulness in putting such a suggestion to Richard but this has to be put against the fact that he was up to October 1989 subject to a lot of intensive supervision and professional social work help. If the Court were minded to offer Richard a period of Probation, however there would be a lot of merit in obtaining a report from a clinical psychologist. I believe that such reports could be supplied and would be useful to the Court in determining disposal and also to the writer should a period of Probation be considered at a future Hearing.


John J. Macdonald
SOCIAL WORKER

The Court will recall that when Mr Garrett appeared before them on 27.9.90, sentence was deferred until today's date. At a previous appearance at the same court on 3.5.90, sentence was deferred until 1.11.90. He failed to appear at this time and a warrant was issued for his arrest.


Mr Garrett's appearance in court on 27.9.90 followed a fairly lengthy continuation from a previous hearing when reports were called for from the Clinical Psychologist. On consideration of this report and the Social Enquiry Report, the Court agreed to defer sentence until today's date. I should be noted that Mr Garrett, at that time, rejected any form of assistance or help from the Social Work Department or the Clinical Psychologist and indicated clearly to the Court that he wished to sort his own personal matters out 'in his way'. I am aware of Mr Garrett's appearance in Court today for trial on the charge of assault, to which he has pled not guilty. Other than this he tells me he has no other charges pending at this time.

Mr Garrett continues to reside at the home of his father and his father's co-habitee, at the above address. The writer is aware of problems in the past involving poor relationships between the father and son, Mr Garrett says he is able to continue to stay at that address without any difficulty. He had indicated that his father has intentions of leaving the area and it may well be that he would get the tenancy of this house.

In the field of employment, Mr Garrett was engaged in salmon fishing until August 1990 and thereafter worked casually as a bricklayers labourer until January 1991. He was self-employed for a period, earning £100.00 per week and was thereafter unemployed for three weeks, and worked as a plumbers mate with a local reputable firm until 8.3.91, when he was paid off. At the moment, he is not in receipt of any state benefit and indicates that he would rather seek work on his own account than go through the machinery to obtain benefits from the D.S.S. Very recently and only for a few days, he worked casually on safety boats connected with the oil industry. Mr Garrett, in my experience, has a reasonably good work record, albeit of a casual nature, the indications are that he has not been idle for too long and he has been reasonably successful in seeking out employment.

As to his recent behaviour, the Court would wish to note that on 13.3.91 he appeared at Tain Sheriff Court on a charge of unlawful sexual intercourse and was fined £200.00, which he is paying at the rate of £10.00 per week. I understand that this offence took place some time in July of 1990.

Richard Garrett is himself a healthy and articulate young man who is of good intelligence. Unfortunately, his temperament has let him down and he has often been seen to act hastily without thinking of the consequences of his actions. Consideration of a disposal by the Court at this time is somewhat difficult, particularly in view of the fact that Mr Garrett has indicated that he wishes no formal assistance from outside authorities, particularly the Social Work Department. A period of probation was discussed with him but it is the writer's belief that this would be seen merely as an alternative to more extreme measures. As far as a fine is concerned, at this moment in time he is not in receipt of finances, although he says this would be resolved within a short time but the Court will note that he is already paying a £200.00 fine at £10.00 per week. Sentence on him has already been deferred on two occasions and I regret I am not in a position to be able to assist the Court more directly with any particular recommendation.


JOHN J MACDONALD
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Please ask for

Our ref. JM/PM

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date 4.3.91

*Richard Garrett,
9 Abbotshaven,
Balintore.*

Richard,

As you are aware you are required to attend Tain District Court on 21/3/91, at which time a supplementary S.E.R. has to be presented to the court. In this connection I would ask you to come for interview to this office at 2pm. on Monday 11th March. If this time or date is not suitable, please advise as soon as possible so that another time and date can be fixed.

Yours sincerely,

*John MacDonald,
Social Worker.*

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Ext. 238

My Ref: AHM/CM

Your Ref:

Date: 11th January, 1991

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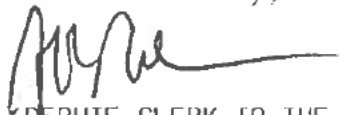
Dear Mr. MacDonald,
TAIN DISTRICT COURT
P.F.(TAIN) -v- RICHARD GARRETT

I thank you for your letter of 8th January, 1991 and note what you write. When Mr. Garrett appeared on 10th January the Court on the Fiscal's motion and with no objection from Mr. Garrett adjourned all matters regarding the Trial and the three deferred sentences until 21st March, 1991 at 11.00 a.m. and ordained Mr. Garrett then to appear.

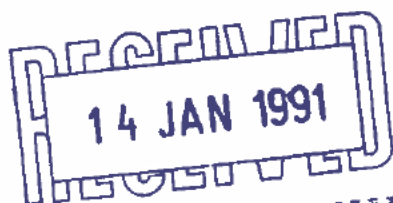
I have written to Mr. Garrett asking him to cooperate in the preparation of the Supplementary Social Enquiry Report which the Court would still wish to receive.

I therefore hope that you are able to prepare your Report and forward it to me in time for the next calling of these cases on 21st March.

Yours sincerely,



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Please ask for Mr John Macdonald

Our ref. 2400278901

Extension No.

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Date

8th January 1991

Clerk to the District Court
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Ross-shire

Dear Sir

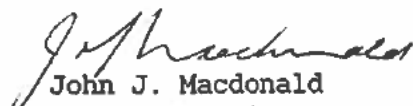
RE: RICHARD GARRETT (date of birth 02.10.73) 9 ABBOTSHAVEN, BALINTORE

I am in receipt of your letter requesting a social enquiry report on the above named for his appearance at your Court on 11th January 1991.

A letter was sent to Mr Garrett requesting him to come for interview in this connection to this office on 3rd January 1991 at 2.00 p.m. Mr Garrett did not appear nor has any excuse been received since that time for his non appearance.

I regret therefore I am not in a position to provide the Court with the report requested at this time.

Yours faithfully


John J. Macdonald
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Alasdair Mackenzie

Ext. 238

My Ref: AHM/LL T/6/90/10
T/6/90/9

Your Ref:

Date: 12 December, 1990

John MacDonald, Esq.,
Social Work Department,
Scotsburn Road,
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Dear Mr. MacDonald,

TAIN DISTRICT COURT
RICHARD ALEXANDER GARRETT, DoB: 2.10.73

I refer to my letter of 27th September, 1990. You will recall that sentence was deferred in respect of two charges against Mr. Garrett until 21st March, 1991 at 10.00 a.m. for good behaviour. You will further recall that a supplementary Social Inquiry Report was called for by the Court.

Mr. Garrett appeared from warrant in Tain District Court on 10th November. This was in respect of a further charge of Assault and Breach of the Peace against him to which he had previously pled guilty and where sentence was deferred until 1st November, 1990 for good behaviour. Mr. Garrett failed to appear at Court on 1st November and consequently a warrant was taken for his arrest.

Mr. Garrett is also due to appear for trial on 10th January, 1991 at 12 noon and the Court therefore deferred sentence in respect of the "Warrant Charge" until this date. The Procurator Fiscal further advised the Court that he would be seeking an accelerated diet of the charges in which sentence was deferred until 21st March in order that all matters could be dealt with on 10th January. Mr. Garrett verbally gave his consent to this. The matter cannot formally be dealt with until 10th January.

Therefore in the event of all the cases being dealt with on 10th January, I shall be pleased if you will prepared the supplementary Social Inquiry Report called for and forward it to this office in time for the Court on 10th January.

Yours sincerely,

Depute Clerk to the District Court

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Please ask for **Mr John Macdonald**

Our ref. **2400278901**

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date **20th December 1990**

Mr Richard Garrett
9 Abbotshaven
BALINTORE
Ross-shire

Richard,

I understand from the District Court that you are to appear there on 10th January 1991, to consider further charges against you. Also it would appear that some of your earlier charges for which you are on deferred sentence are to be brought forward also to that date.

The Court have requested a Social Enquiry Report and therefore I would ask that you attend for interview at this office in this connection at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 3rd January, 1991.

Yours sincerely

John J. Macdonald
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My Ref: AHM/CM/T/6/90/9
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Your Ref:

Date: 27th September, 1990

John MacDonald, Esq.,
Social Work Department,
Scotsburn Road,
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Dear Mr. MacDonald,

**TAIN DISTRICT COURT - 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1990
RICHARD ALEXANDER GARRETT - D.O.B. 2.10.73**

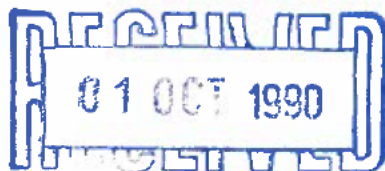
I am writing to confirm that in Tain District Court on 27th September, 1990 Sentence was dererred in respect of Mr. Garrett until 21st March, 1991 at 10.00 a.m. for Good Behaviour.

Mr. Garrett was ordained to appear on that date when the Court also requested a Supplementary Social Enquiry Report. I therefore look forward to receiving the Report prior to the case calling on 21st March, 1991.

Yours sincerely,



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Date: 20th July, 1990

Social Work Department,
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Dear Sirs,

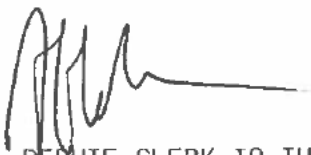
TAIN DISTRICT COURT - 19TH JULY, 1990
RICHARD ALEXANDER GARRETT - D.O.B. 2.10.73

I attach copy Complaints in respect of two charges against the above named to which pleas of guilty have been tendered. There are no previous convictions.

The Court deferred sentence until 9th August, 1990 at 10.00 a.m. and asked for a Social Enquiry Report.

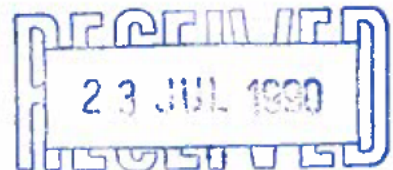
I shall therefore be pleased if you will prepare a Report and forward it to me prior to the next calling of this case in Court.

Yours faithfully,



DEPUTE CLERK TO THE DISTRICT COURT

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Please ask for *John MacDonald*

Our ref. *JJM/LO*

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date *30th July 1990*

*Richard Garrett,
9 Abbotshaven,
Balintore,
Ross-shire.*

Dear Richard,

As you will know a Social Enquiry Report has been requested by Tain District Court for your appearance there on 9th August 1990.

I would therefore ask you to come to this office on Friday 3rd August at 2.00 p.m. in order that this report can be prepared. If this time is not suitable please contact so that another appointment can be arranged.

Yours sincerely,

*John J. MacDonald,
Social Worker.*

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Carron McDiarmid

Ext. 472

My Ref: CM/CH

Your Ref:

Date: 30th April, 1990

Mr. R. Garrett,
c/o 9 Abbotshaven,
BALINTORE.
Ross-shire.

Dear Mr. Garrett,

I refer to your short stay in Bed and Breakfast accommodation of the weekend beginning 8/4/90 and also to your housing situation generally.

Firstly, please complete questions 1 and 2 of the Housing Benefit application enclosed and also sign this and return it in the envelope provided. This will enable the District Council to pay for the accommodation.

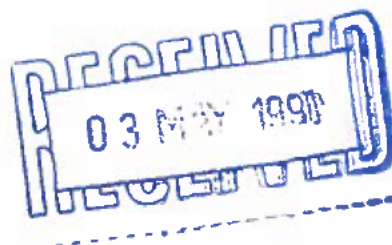
Secondly, your application will shortly be registered on the waiting list and you should receive a letter confirming this in the near future. I note that you are applying for one or two bedroomed accommodation in Balintore or Tain. Unfortunately there is no single person accommodation in Balintore and it seldom arises in Tain. Indeed there are no vacancies in Tain at the moment. However, your application will be considered, along with others, when a suitable vacancy does arise.

I hope this is helpful. If you would like to discuss this letter please contact me at the Housing Department Ext. 472. I look forward to receiving the completed Housing Benefit form.

Yours sincerely,

Housing Officer (Allocations)

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Robert McDougall
Director of Housing

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname GARRETT Forenames RICHARD ALEXANDER

Address 9 ABBOTSHAVEN, BALINTORE, ROSS-SHIRE

Date of Birth 02.10.73 Occupation Y.T.S.

Marital Status SINGLE Religion

Report requested by TAIN DISTRICT COURT

Purpose CHARGES OF BREACH OF THE PEACE AND ASSAULT

Date and Place of Hearing TAIN 03.05.90

Prepared by JOHN J. MACDONALD Designation SOCIAL WORKER

Decision S/D - 10/11/90 - Good Behaviour

HOME BACKGROUND

Father: David Garrett (aged 42 years) works on Dornoch Bridge construction
Father's cohabitee: Doris Sutherland (aged 40 years) shop assistant
Subject of Report: Richard Garrett (aged 16 years)

Richard resides with his father and Mrs Sutherland at the above address, which is a comfortably furnished, reasonably well appointed council house in the Abbotshaven housing scheme, which is adjacent to the old village of Balintore. Mr Garrett senior has lived there for the past two years.

FAMILY:

Mother: Margaret Garrett (aged 53 years) housewife
Sister: Jennifer Garrett (aged 14 years) attends Tain Royal Academy

Both Mrs Garrett and Jennifer reside also in the village of Balintore some few hundred yards from where Richard now resides.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The Garrett family came to Easter Ross on 25.07.86 from the Macclesfield area of Manchester. They purchased their own house in the village of Hilton deciding to come north to get away from the rough and tumble of city life, mainly for the childrens sake, particularly Richard's who seemed to be getting into bother both at school and at home.

When Mr Garrett first came to Easter Ross he worked as a roadman for the village of Balintore. His previous employment had been some years with the Water Board in the north of England. My understanding of the relationship between Mr and Mrs Garrett was that it was fairly turbulent at times with some physical and verbal abuse. The couple eventually separated late in 1987, Mrs Garrett continuing to reside in the family home while her husband remained in a caravan until he obtained his present accommodation at 9 Abbotshaven. Although the couple live at opposite ends of the village there is still a lot of hostility between them and Richard has at times become enmeshed in these disputes.

RICHARD ALEXANDER GARRETT - PERSONAL

The writer has known this family and Richard in particular since 1987. In fact on 30.09.87 Richard's name was placed on the Child Protection Register because of an alleged assault on him by his father. In consequence of this a Childrens Panel convened on 21.10.87 decided to place both Richard and his sister Jennifer under Supervision.

Shortly after this Mr Garrett left the family home, but Richard's behaviour began to deteriorate very rapidly and he was received into care in January 1988 because of assaults on his sister and mother. He remained in residential care for a period but because of his past conduct his mother was not prepared to have

him back in the house, his father offered to care for Richard and when he successfully obtained the tenancy of his present house Richard was released from care to go and stay with him.

Richard remained with his father from that time on apart from periods in care because of exclusions from school and disputes with his father. During this period Richard got himself into a number of delinquent episodes mostly of a disruptive nature. It was soon discovered that Richard had a very low "flashpoint", and that he could explode into anger over the most unexpected incidents. He could not cope with any criticism or hostility towards himself, and would often react in a hostile way. Efforts to try and curb this part of his temperament were made whilst he was in care and during the time he was under Supervision but unfortunately it did not seem to have any lasting effect. On the other hand, Richard can be a most polite, intelligent and articulate teenager who is always extremely well turned out.

He was discharged from formal Supervision of the Childrens Panel on 9.10.89 but around that time decided not to remain with his father because they were not getting on and went to go with friends elsewhere in the village.

Following his discharge from Supervision Richard applied to join the Boys Service of Her Majesty's Forces but after a lengthy period of waiting and interviewing he was eventually rejected. During that time he earned his living very successfully working as a casual labourer in and around his own home. On 5.2.90 he obtained a Y.T.S. placement and did initial training on three or four different types of jobs including the Dingwall Leisure Centre and more recently with Fountain forestry at Lairg. He is currently going to be re-employed on Y.T.S. with economic forestry at Evanton and I understand that if things go well there may be a summer job for him as well. From his Y.T.S. his income totals £26.50 per week.

Some four weeks ago he left his mother's home following the incident for which he is now before the Court. He had been with his mother since before the Christmas holidays, but as a result of this incident he was homeless for a short period and then prevailed upon his father to take him into his home, which he did, and Richard lives there at this time. I understand there are some stresses in the home with Richard who can be difficult at times but nonetheless his father is prepared to do what he can for him until Richard can find alternative accommodation, and in this connection Richard has applied for council housing and is looking around for other accommodation. Since Richards has been with his father he has been thrown back onto his own resources quite a lot and been encouraged to do this by his father and feels that he can cope that bit better, certainly he does not seem to be idle for very long and is known to be a very willing and hard worker.

DETAILS OF OFFENCE

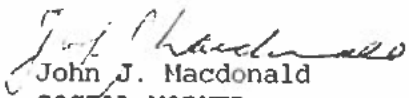
On the day this offence occurred it appeared Richard had been at a party, had a

hit to drink and came into his own home at about 4.30 a.m. He says that his mother began getting on to him and this followed on closely by the victim of the assault, his mother's friend coming to the door. Richard says that they had been drinking, were calling him names and issuing threats. A verbal exchange followed and Richard took hold of the lady by the throat. He fully realises he should not have taken such extreme action but felt he was provoked quite severely.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Richard Garrett's main difficulty is his temperament, this has always been a feature since the writer has known him. For long periods Richard can be an obliging courteous and hard working young man but if he feels that he is being "put upon", in any way then he tends to react quite aggressively. As previously indicated efforts to help him in this respect were made during his period in care but the long lasting effect of this has yet to be tested. Left to his own devices as far as work is concerned he appears to be able to work quite effectively, particularly when his physical energies are taken up. This combined with casual work about the village would be a big step in ensuring that he is well occupied. Richard does realise the difficulty he is in by reacting violently the way he does but hopefully time and maturity will influence this unfortunate side of his character.

As far as sentence is concerned a fine would be somewhat difficult at this time as he is on a small income and has to pay his father for his board and lodging plus other expenses he has for himself. Probation is a tempting option but Richard declares that he wishes to try and stand on his own two feet and when one considers the fairly lengthy period of recent intensive supervision I would tend to favour the option of deferment of sentence at this time to allow Richard scope to work out some of his difficulties for himself and if he wishes any informal advice from the Social Work Department then he more than welcome to exercise that discretion. Therefore I would recommend this disposal as an appropriate one for Richard at this time.


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Extension No. 255

Your ref.

Date 23.4.90

Area Team Leader,
Social Work Department,
Scotsburn Road,
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re : GARRETT, Richard Alexander, 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore.

District

The above-named appeared in Dingwall Sheriff Court on 19.04.90

A Social Enquiry Report was requested for the accused's next appearance in Court on 3.5.90. Papers attached.

Please send the following:-

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~~The Sheriff Clerk, The Court House, Ferry Road, Dingwall, IV15 9QJ, Ross-shire~~

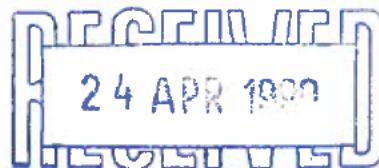
1 copy of the Report to this Department at "Slioch", Castle Street, DINGWALL
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by 1.5.90

Yours faithfully

T. Parkinson

Mr T Parkinson
Social Worker/ *pk CB*
Court Liaison Officer



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Mr. A.H. MacKenzie

Ext. 238

My Ref: AHM/CM/T/4/90/9

Your Ref:

Date: 20th April, 1990

Social Work Department,
Highland Regional Council
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Scotsburn Road,
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Dear Sir,

TAIN DISTRICT COURT - 19.4.90

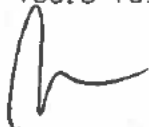
**P.F.(TAIN) -v- RICHARD ALEXANDER GARRETT, 9 ABBOTSHAVEN, BALINTORE
D.O.B. 2.10.73**

I attach copy Complaint against the above named who pled guilty by letter to the Court on 19th April, 1990. No previous convictions were tendered.

The Court deferred sentence until 3rd May, 1990 at 10.00 a.m. and requested a Social Enquiry Report be obtained.

I look forward to receiving the Report in time for the next calling of this case.

Yours faithfully,



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Miss Doonan - Chair
Miss Cartwright
Mr. Wilson

Supervision Order Terminated

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39 (4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME: RICHARD GARRETT **DATE OF BIRTH:** 2.10.73 **AGE:** 16

ADDRESS: 9 Abbotshaven
BALINTORE **RELIGION:**

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 9.10.89 **TIME:** 7.30pm **PLACE:** ALNESS

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: REVIEW

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: SEE PREVIOUS REPORTS

The Panel will be aware that when Richard last appeared before them, it was on the basis of a review to consider whether or not he should be discharged formally from Coul Park Children's Centre and return home. The Panel will be aware, of course, that they agreed to his returning home and, in fact, he has been at home since that time.

As usual the position between Richard and his father has has it's ups and downs. During a good part of the summer holidays, Richard was working with the salmon fishers and clearly determined to do his "own thing". He returned to school at the beginning of the school term, but this lasted for 2 days and he was excluded and has not been back at school since. He has applied for the Army in the Junior Leader's section and, at the time of writing, I understand he has passed both his education and medical tests. The question of his entry hangs on, I believe, the quality of the character references given.

At the beginning of September, following a disagreement in the house with his father, his father, under extreme provokation from Richard, assaulted him and a Child Protection Case Conference was convened and looked at the situation in the light of Richard's age and current situation. Richard, at that time, had taken refuge with a family that he had befriended in the village of Balintore, Mr Gary Brown who had recently come up from the Manchester area. Richard seemed keen on at least temporarily staying with this family and, after certain checks were made on the family and Mr Brown in particular, it was agreed that Richard could stay with them if he wished with the option of returning to his father at any time. To this point, Richard has in fact stayed with the Brown's but has been seeing his father fairly regularly and the tensions between the two have lessened to a great degree. In addition, Richard seems to be seeing a lot more of his mother, who has agreed to his coming to the house and doing some of his washing.

Despite the difficulties that there have been between father and son, the writer must applaud Mr Garrett's efforts to try and maintain his son at home and out of care, when he could so easily have just left the boy to his own devices in care and not taken any trouble to contend with the difficulties that have occurred over the last year or two. It is to be hoped that Richard will have benefited, even if not now but in the long term, from the counselling he has had from various Social Workers in the field and in residential work and will seek to improve his somewhat erratic behaviour. Richard has intelligence, ability and a good appearance and, if he is successful in getting into the Army, this might prove of great benefit in setting him up, at least in the initial stages of his adult life in some form of stable situation. However, Richard is now 16 years of age and has had the benefit of 2 years fairly intensive social work activity and I do not honestly feel at this time that there is much more that can be offered by his continuing under supervision in a formal capacity. In all circumstances, therefore, I would recommend, with respect to the Panel, that the supervision order in this case now be terminated.


JOHN J MACDONALD
SOCIAL WORKER

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

STANDBY DUTY REFERRAL FORM

Note: Referrals should be passed by telephone to appropriate team first thing next working day. One written copy of Referral to Area Team concerned, one copy to Principal Fieldwork Officer.

STANDBY WORKER: JOHN SKINNER Date of Referral: 4:9:89
Time on: 9:15 p.m. Time off: 9:30 p.m.

NAME OF CLIENT: SURNAME: GARRETT FORENAME: RICHARD
ADDRESS: ABBOTSHAVEN,
BALINTORE Tel No: _____

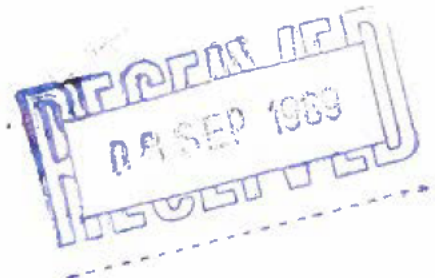
Date of Birth: _____

Name of Referrer: KEITH MACKENZIE, TAIN

NATURE OF PROBLEM PRESENTED:

Richard is a sixteen year old who is on Home Supervision to John Macdonald at Tain. He was abused by his father last evening and Keith Mackenzie, Tain, is now seeking a placement for this boy as he feels he is unable to return to his father's care. On checking available placements, indications were that there was nothing in the Community Carers scene and it was subsequently agreed that Keith would return him to c/o [REDACTED]. Apparently Richard stayed the previous evening at this address and that Mr & Mrs [REDACTED] were willing to have him again tonight. [REDACTED]

ACTION TAKEN:



FOLLOW UP ACTION RECOMMENDED:

John Macdonald will be advised on following morning by Keith.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 6:9:89
(continue overleaf if necessary)

MEMORANDUM

To Principal Officer,
Social Work
DINGWALL

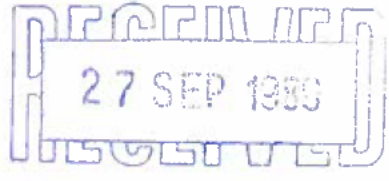
From Divisional Reporter,
DINGWALL

Date 26.9.89

Your ref.

Our ref.

Please ask for



RICHARD GARRETT 9 Abbotshaven Balintore

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on

Monday 9th October at 7.30 p.m.
at the undernoted address.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 5.10.89

~~EDUCATION CENTRE, CASTLE STREET, DINGWALL~~

COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEPT. BRIDGEND SCHOOL ALNESS

REPORTER

MEMORANDUM

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To Principal Officer
Social Work Dept.,
DINGWALL

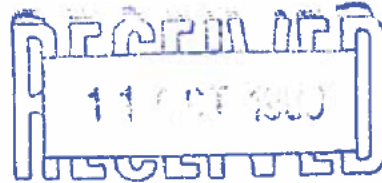
From Divisional Reporter,
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 9.10.89

Please ask for



RICHARD GARRETT 9 Abbotshaven Balintore

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 9.10.89 supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was ~~CONTINUED/VARIED/TERMINATED/DISCHARGED.~~

REPORTER

Reasons

He has matured in the last few months and with the possibility of entering the army, supervision is no longer necessart.

Janet Bowen

DO NOT
SEND
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TO SWSG

RICHARD GARRETT Child's Name

408592202

Child's reference number

SWS FORM CH4
DISCHARGES

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SWS FORM CH4
Revised 1/4/88

INDIVIDUAL RETURN SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN RETURN OF DISCHARGES

Social Work Department

C.T. 6

2,3 13

Return date (month, year)

4-7 0190

punch skip 8-10

Child's reference number 11-19

408592202

Date of birth

20-25

021043

Date of discharge or transfer

26-31

091089

INFORMATION ON DISCHARGE OR TRANSFER

Reason if discharge (transfer=8)

32 1

if transfer, code of receiving SWD

33, 34

BEFORE DISCHARGE OR TRANSFER

Reason for being in care or
under supervision

statute

primary reason

35, 36

06

37, 38

01

Accommodation

type

location

39, 40

01

41, 42

13

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INITIAL REPORT FOR CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE

NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN) <i>RICHARD GARRETT</i>	D.O.B. <i>2.10.73</i>	PRESENT ADDRESS <i>9 Abbotshaven, Dalintore</i> TEL NO
OTHER MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY <i>David Garrett</i>	AGE/DOB <i>41</i>	RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD <i>Father</i>
HOME ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE	KNOWN PREVIOUS ADDRESSES	
NAME & ADDRESS OF GP <i>Dr Greber, Tain Health Centre</i>		
OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED	SCHOOLS ATTENDED <i>Tain Royal Academy (Excluded)</i>	
PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH SOCIAL WORK <i>Currently subject of Child Protection and Panel supervision.</i>	WHETHER CHILD PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED <i>Currently on Child Protection Register</i>	
SOURCE OF REFERRAL NAME <i>Mrs Garrett</i> ADDRESS <i>27 Lochslin Place, Dalintore</i> TEL NO	REFERRED TO <i>Alison Ross</i> <i>Social Worker, Tain</i> DATE & TIME OF REFERRAL <i>4.9.89 at 4.10pm</i>	

DETAILS OF INITIAL REFERRAL

Mrs Garrett contacted the Social Work office at Tain following a visit to her home yesterday by Richard, when she noticed marks on his arm and on his neck, which he had said had been the result of an altercation with his father the previous day. Accordingly, normal Child Protection procedures were brought into play and a visit was made to Richard and his father by Mr MacKenzie, Social Worker, Tain and W.P.C. [REDACTED] Tain Police.

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

Richard's circumstances are probably well known to the case conference, having been reviewed several times and being the subject of reviews by the conference on various occasions.

However, basically, he resides with his father, who is classed as a schedule 1 offender because of an assault on Richard about 18 months ago. After a period in care Richard was taken home to his father after his father had obtained tenancy of the house at 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore. Father and son remained at home together, whilst Mrs Garrett remained in the family home at Hilton until she received her present accommodation at 17 Lochslin Place, Balintore. Recognising the difficulties with Richard, his father agreed to co-operate as fully as possible to try and pre-empt any difficulties and to date, Mr Garrett had done this fairly religiously. The situation over the time had had it's ups and downs, but for the main part it has kept Richard out of Social Work care, having to go in at periods when there have been difficulties between himself and his father.

He was excluded from Tain Royal Academy in May of this year and returned after the summer holidays, but was again excluded after about 2 days there for remonstrating with one of his teachers. He therefore remains excluded from school and his education, until he is able to leave school at Christmas, is subject of discussion at this time. Richard had gained a fair amount from his experiences in care and dialogue with social workers, but there still remains the question of his fairly volatile temperament, which can be unreasonable and provocative, especially in the case of his father.

As far as this particular incident is concerned, it would appear that Richard had come home late one evening, this being the culmination of a number of late home comings, which his father was in disagreement with. In consequence of this, a row followed and Mr Garrett admits that he himself just couldn't take any more and he then found himself in a struggle with Richard. It appears that Richard went round to see his mother as he has done at times, and she then noticed the marks and felt that she should report the matter further. The result of enquiries were that Richard was examined by Dr Colvin, who noted a bite mark on his left arm and marks on his neck, which were consistent with Richard's explanation of what had happened. There ensued a debate at the time as to where Richard should go and it was eventually decided that the best course of action at that time was to remain with a friend, [redacted] who is a married man with a family at [redacted] Balintore, and there he resides at this very moment. However, although relationships with his father are somewhat strained at the moment, there no doubt come a period of reconciliation and with Richard 16 in about 3 weeks time, it was generally felt that his removal to foster parents or a children's home would not have any significant advantages at this time and that following this conference, a Children's Panel would be arranged in order to consider the status of his current supervision order.

Signature Joseph Henderson
Designation Senior Worker
Date 7/9/89

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES FORM

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 *Richard G. Gurnell*

Present Address* *Leathurst Children Centre* New Address* *9 Abbotschurch*

Statutory Condition Imposed *Sect 44(1) Social Work Act 1968*

Name of Doctor *Dr. Colin Ford* D.O.B. *7.10.78*

School Attended (Children only) *Yair Academy* To *Yair Academy*

Date of Change *3-7-89*

*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 *How to further help*

Establishment *Leathurst Children Centre*

Financial Assessment Attached

DHSS Supplementation applied for

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken Effective Date

Reason

Signed Date *3-7-89*

Authorised Date *6/7/89*

OFFICE Action taken *Registered*

Documentation completed by *Stacy* Date *16/11/89*

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RECEPTION OF CHILDREN INTO CARE

Information Compiled by K.A. MacLennan Designation SOCIAL WORKER

Date 04/09/89

Reason for Admission: Details

Statute

Likely Duration of Care

Any Current Medication

Facts about Child/ren

	ONE	TWO	THREE
Legal Surname	GARRETT		
First Names	RICHARD		
Sex	MALE		
Date of Birth	02/10/73		
Religion	-		
Date and Place of Baptism			
Date of Present Admission			
Address at time of present Admission	9. ABBOTSHAVEN BALINTORE		
Number of previous periods in care			
Date & address of last admission			
General Practitioner's Name and Telephone No.	Dr COLVIN TAIN 2203		
Case Number	2400278901		

Personal Information on Child/ren

What is the child usually called?		
With whom has the child been living?		
Which address does the child regard as 'Home'?		
Any Special Friends?		
School/Nursery/Play-group attended		
Club or Youth Organisation		

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)			
Address and Telephone Number			
Date of Birth			
Occupation			
Employer (for emergency contact)			
Religion			
Date of Marriage			
Date of Separation or Divorce			

Brothers or Sisters not shown elsewhere on this form.

Name	Age	Address

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 DAVID GARRETT

being the parent/~~guardian~~ of RICHARD GARRETT hereby request the Highland Regional Council to receive the above child/~~ren~~ into care, 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 P. Garrett
Father/~~Mother~~/Legal Guardian

Address 9, Abbotslaven

Relationship to Child/~~ren~~ Father

Date 4/9/89

Witness L. Am. ad. re. me.

Designation 4/9/89

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILD — FREEDOM FROM INFECTION

Name of Child Richard GARRETT

Date of Birth 2.10.73 Sex M

Address 9 Abbotslawer BALINTORE

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.

CLEAN RECENT. Signs of injury.
clams assault.

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

PHYSICAL Abrasion (R) elbow Bite (L) forearm + (R) Ea
R shoulder (old) bruising to NECK.

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 4/9/89 (Date) and, in my opinion, the child is fit to be placed in a foster home or children's home.

Signed D Colvin Designation G.P.

Date 9/9/89

Address TAIN HE. TAIN

DO NOT
END
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Richard Garrett

Child's Name

CHANGES

408592202

Child's reference number

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SWS FORM CH3
Revised 1/4/78

INDIVIDUAL RETURN SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN
MONTHLY RETURN OF NOTIFIABLE CHANGES

Social Work Department

C.T. 5

2,3 13

Return date (month, year)

4-7 07 89

punch skip 8-10

Child's reference number 11-19

408592202

Date of birth

20-25

02 10 73

Date of change

26-31

03 07 89

INFORMATION ON CHANGE

REASON FOR BEING IN CARE OR UNDER SUPERVISION

	Before		After
	statute	primary reason	statute
	primary reason	statute	primary reason
32, 33	07	34, 35 01	36, 37 06
		38, 39	01

ACCOMMODATION (leave blank if child has not moved)

	Before		After
	type	location	type
	location	type	location
40, 41	21	42, 43 13	44, 45 01
		46, 47	13

Reason for moving 48 4

PARENTAL RIGHTS RESOLUTION - Reason

49

AREA CODE

	Before		After
50, 51		52, 53	

MEMORANDUM

To Principal Officer, From Divisional Reporter
Social Work Dept., DINGWALL
DINGWALL
Your ref. Our ref. Date 18.7.89
Please ask for

RECEIVED
24 JUL 1989
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RICHARD GARRETT 9 Abbotshaven Balintore

I received a police
~~report~~ report concerning the above named.

I will be taking no further action in this case
~~and refer the case to you to deal with on a voluntary basis /~~
as the child is already subject to compulsory measures of care.



REPORTER

24/87.

MEMORANDUM

To Principal Officer
Social Work Dept.,
DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter,
DINGWALL

Your ref. Our ref. Date 4.7.89

Please ask for

RICHARD GARRETT 9 Abbotshaven Balintore

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 3.7.89
supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was
~~CONTINUED/VARIED/TERMINATED/DISCHARGED.~~

REPORTER

RECEIVED
6 JUL 1989

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT ~~DUNDEE~~ on the 3.7.89
~~ALNESS~~

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)
 by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 10.3.89 to which
 Richard Garrett is subject, hereby require him/her* [to ~~reside~~

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 10.3.89 is hereby revoked.

EDITH BLAKE

*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

REASONS Richard has benefitted from the counselling and help that he has obtained from Coulpark Children's Centre. He has developed sufficiently to go back to live with his father who is willing to have him. There are still problems at the school which need the help of the Social Work Department.

EDITH BLAKE

Ms Blake - Chair
Mrs Colby
Mr Bright

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39 (4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME: Richard Garrett

DATE OF BIRTH: 02.10.73 AGE: 15½ yrs

ADDRESS: 9 Abbotshaven
BALINTORE

RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 03.07.89

TIME: 8.15pm PLACE: Bridgend School
ALNESS

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See previous reports

The Panel will recall that Richard appeared before them on 20.02.89, following an emergency admission into care, initiated by the making of an Unruly Certificate by the Police. As a result of that, Richard was placed at Coulpark Children's Centre, where he still remains. He last appeared before the Children's Panel on 10.03.89, apart from a review of his situation, the main consideration at this time was to alter Coulpark as his place of residence rather than Ferintosh, this had been the original placement named in the order but, as no place was available at that establishment, it was found necessary for Richard to continue at Coulpark.

It was decided in conjunction with the residential staff at Coulpark we would enter into a system of individual and joint counselling with Richard, focusing on his attitude to authority figures and his ability to deal with crisis as he would often get extremely defensive and angry and react in the most inappropriate way. It must be said that Richard seemed to be reacting well to this counselling, was noticeably responsive and took part in the spirit of the sessions. In general, he was considered not to be a management problem and 95% of the time he was a happy, lively and obedient teenager. In conclusion, it was felt that Richard could and had made good efforts on his own behalf.

After the first few weeks in care it was decided that he could go home for weekends as it had always been the ambition that he should return to his father on a full time basis. Unfortunately, around the middle of March, Mr Kirk, Rector at Tain Royal Academy, excluded Richard from school for disruptive behaviour in the classroom. Despite representations by Social Workers and Educational Psychology staff, Mr Kirk is of a mind that he would not have Richard back in school at least until after the summer holiday period.


This faced Richard with a dilemma as he was due to sit exams at Tain Royal Academy, Mr Kirk however, relented and he was allowed to attend for the exam days at the academy and coincidental with this it was decided in conjunction with Coulpark Staff that he could go home for the full fortnight of the exams rather than bus him in and out each day. This ran in line with a programme of shared care which was being envisaged and when this proved successful it was extended to include another two weeks at home. Since that time he has spent most weekends at home and the middle of the week at Coulpark Children's Centre.

As far as his exams are concerned, there seems to have been some disappointment here, Richard sat only 3 out of the 4 and it would appear from what he has said that he has done badly in all of them. This is of some significance because he had some ambition to join the Royal Air Force at the age of 16 yrs, but now this seems unlikely. Negotiations with the school regarding his future education are somewhat in the balance at the moment. Unfortunately Richard's birthday falls within two or three days of the time that he would normally be allowed to leave as a summer leaver. Clearly now he sees his future immediate education as something of an irrelevance. However, I am assured by the Deputy Director of Education that after the summer holiday period Richard would be accepted back to school and would probably be engaged in a lengthened work experience programme which might make the passage from the summer to the Christmas leaving that little bit easier. I am told that during the summer he wishes to work with the salmon fishers in Balintore and to this extent he has made approaches to them.

As far as his period at home is concerned apart from fairly minor peccadillos and irritations between himself and his father, his father reports that he has done reasonably well. However, he finds some difficulty in understanding some of Richard's rather silly, thoughtless and impetuous ways and, like the writer, is irritated by the fact that sometimes Richard seems not to learn by experiences. In this connection, Richard was befriended by a local man who induced him to take part in sexual acts over a period of a few months until about February of this year, being disclosed by Richard to the social work department because he became extremely worried about himself. This in itself might have explained quite a lot of his behaviour, but of course this is by no means certain. I also understand that this man induced him to have sex with a woman with whom this man was familiar but I understand from the police that he was falsely accused of any attack on this woman and no charges are against him in this respect. It must be said that during this episode his father stood by him extremely well and was very supportive of Richard during a very difficult period for him.

It must be said that the impression gained by the writer and by his keyworker at Coulpark that Richard was being very responsive to counselling and help offered and indeed proved to be no management problem whatsoever. It was felt that he was beginning to learn from his experiences and perhaps in many ways he did. The incident with the man who induced him into the sexual act seemed to have concluded some time earlier in the year and now that he has managed to talk about it, it would seem that this experience has been a particularly salutary one for him.

Clearly Richard wants to be at home with his father and is probably now closer to him than he has ever been, despite some difficulties at home with Richard, his father wants him at home and says that he can cope in general with him. Our experience with Richard is that he can be extremely good for 95% of the time and it must be said despite some of the difficulties that he seems to have got himself into, he is maybe slowly but surely learning, unfortunately Richard seems to be one of those boys that has yet to learn by experience. Retaining Richard in care would be a fairly safe option but at the same time would, I am sure, produce nothing new in his development at this stage. It might even be counter-productive as he wishes to be at home and his father wishes to try again with him. It does not escape the writer that Richard may well go through a period of difficulties as yet until he reaches his 16th birthday but on balance these experiences might be better dealt with at home. In this connection if the Panel should so decide to allow him to return home on a full time basis then we would still have links with the Coulpark Staff, offering informal respite without any formal ties but also to see what could be done with work experience and preparation for leaving school.


John J MacDonald
Social Worker

J. M. [Signature]

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE

DATE: 12TH JUNE 1989

TIME: 2.40PM

VENUE: TAIN

CHILD'S NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

HOME ADDRESS

RICHARD GARRETT

2.10.73

9 ABBOTSHAVEN,
BALINTORE

CHAIR PERSON JOHN DUNLOP

PREVIOUS CASE CONFERENCE HELD ON (DATE) 28.4.89

AT (VENUE) TAIN

CHILD'S FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD DETAILS

RELATIONSHIP

NAME

AGE

OCCUPATION

FATHER

DAVID GARRETT

40

UNEMPLOYED

APPROVED
14 JUL 1989
[Signature]

ATTENDING CASE CONFERENCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
JOHN DUNLOP	PRINCIPAL FIELDWORK OFFICER	SOCIAL WORK
HARRY GARLAND	AREA TEAM LEADER	SOCIAL WORK
JOHN MACDONALD	SOCIAL WORKER	SOCIAL WORK
MR L KIRK	RECTOR	EDUCATION
MRS B SHANNON	HEALTH VISITOR	HEALTH BOARD
JACK GOODFELLOW	MANAGER	SOCIAL WORK
JIM ERSKINE	PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WORKER	SOCIAL WORK
[REDACTED]	DETECTIVE SERGEANT	NORTHERN CONSTABULARY

INVITED BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
MRS KINDER	AREA NURSING OFFICER	HEALTH BOARD
DR E SCOTT	SNR CLINICAL MEDICAL OFFICER	HEALTH BOARD
REPRESENTITIVE		R.S.S.P.C.C.

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO CASE CONFERENCE

Richard Garrett is already on the At Risk Register.

The current position is that Richard has stated that he has been 'touched' on at least 2 occasions by [REDACTED]. He also states that [REDACTED] forced him to have sexual intercourse with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has stated that she was raped by Richard. Understandably, Richard now feels very confused and ashamed and the need for counselling has been recommended by John MacDonald (Key Worker).

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

John MacDonald presented a written report on this incident.

The incident was brought to the attention of the Social Work Department by the Family Aide from Alness, who was visiting [REDACTED] Richard was present and it was at this time he disclosed to her what had happened.

Stuart Marquis referred this incident to Harry Garland and the Police were informed. The Police took Richard, his father and [REDACTED] to Alness Police station for questioning and statements.

Richard stated to the Police that he had been 'played with' twice by [REDACTED] and was forced to commit a sexual act upon [REDACTED] once. He also stated that [REDACTED] forced him to have sexual intercourse with [REDACTED] whilst being 'touched' by [REDACTED]

Meanwhile, around midnight, the Police received a telephone call from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] alleging that she had been raped by Richard Garrett.

Detective Sergeant [REDACTED] told the conference that they were preparing a report for the Fiscal [REDACTED]

Detective Sergeant [REDACTED] told the conference that he wanted to have Richard examined by the Police surgeon for any signs of anal intercourse. [REDACTED]

John MacDonald (Key Worker) told the conference that Richard had felt very ashamed at getting involved and could not bring himself to tell anybody. He also stated that Richard was confused over his sexual state, classing himself as a 'poofster'. John MacDonald recommended counselling for this. Richard also stated to John MacDonald that he was extremely worried about A.I.D.S. and it was agreed that Richard should be given advice from the Region's A.I.D.S. counsellor.

Jack Goodfellow told the conference that he felt that Richard was very vulnerable at the moment. He stated that Richard feels pushed aside as his father has a girlfriend and his mother does not keep good contact with Richard. He feels that Richard needs counselling on social skills, with sexual counselling being part of this but not too predominant as to label him as 'different'.

Mr Goodfellow also recommended to the conference that there should be one key person whom Richard can trust and confide in and that Richard must choose this person. The conference agreed to this.

John MacDonald agreed that Richard was very vulnerable and insecure. He feels that Richard is very ashamed about what has happened and feels that he has let his father down. When his father was first told, he was very taken aback and hurt. Mr Garrett then had a long talk with Richard and John MacDonald and has now accepted the situation, but totally blames [REDACTED] and feels very hostile

towards him.

Mr Kirk, Rector at Tain Royal Academy, told the conference that he is willing to have Richard back into the school and to give him work experience. He explained that, as discipline is slack just prior to the summer break, that it would not be a good idea to introduce Richard back until after the holidays.

The conference agreed that Richard should have social skills counselling and sexual counselling. It was also agreed that Richard should receive counselling on A.I.D.S. through the Region's own counsellor.

The conference agreed to the recommendation by Jack Goodfellow, that Richard should have one key person to whom Richard can talk to openly, a person whom Richard trusts and that Richard should choose this 'counsellor' himself.

Mr Dunlop requested that if there were charges made, that Richard's name is not disclosed. Detective Sergeant [REDACTED] agreed to do all possible and advise the Fiscal of this request.

DECISION

CHILD'S NAME TO BE ~~PLACED ON~~*/RETAINED ON*/~~REMOVED FROM~~* CENTRAL REGISTER

* (delete as applicable)

PERSON/AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION -


RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Richard should receive counselling on social skills, sex and A.I.D.S.
2. One key person to be named by Richard as the person with whom he can confide.

KEY WORKER NOMINATED

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
JOHN MACDONALD	SOCIAL WORKER	SOCIAL WORK

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT CASE CONFERENCE

Signed: ..  ..
Date: 7/7/89

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE

<p>NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN) Richard Garrett</p>	<p>D.O.B. 02.10.73</p>	<p>PRESENT ADDRESS Coulpark Children's Centre ALNESS TEL NO 882472</p>
<p>PARENTS' AGENTS NAME & ADDRESS David Garret, father, 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore. Margaret Garrett, mother, 70 Lochslin Place, Balintore.</p>	<p>HOME ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) 9 Abbotshaven BALINTORE</p>	
<p>LEGAL STATUS OF CHILD(REN) Section 44 (1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968</p>	<p>DATE OF REGISTRATION 13.09.87 DATE OF PREVIOUS CASE CONFERENCE 28.04.89</p>	

RECOMMENDATIONS OF LAST REVIEW

To be retained on the child protection register and case to be reviewed in 6 months.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE LAST CASE CONFERENCE

Briefly, as is already known, Richard was received into care on 19.02.89 under an unruly certificate and placed in Coulpark Children's Centre, thereafter on 17.03.89 he was excluded from Tain Royal Academy because of disruptive behaviour at school.

Since the time of the last case conference Richard has spent a considerable amount of time at home with his father. It was agreed at a fairly recent child care review that he could go home for a period of two full weeks to facilitate his examinations at Tain Royal Academy without the necessity of having to travel back and forth from Coulpark Children's Centre. This situation went very well and this period at home was extended and we are now engaged on a shared care programme with a view to his returning home on a full time basis at a panel fixed for 26.06.89. In general reports about Richard from home and Coulpark have been good, the only difficulty has been in settling his education as he is excluded from Tain Royal Academy and as yet the Education department have not come up with any ideas about his future education until he leaves school at Christmas.

This review is necessitated because of an allegation by Richard that he was sexually interfered with by a man in his village who had befriended him. This revelation was made to the Alness Family Aide by Richard when she was visiting her client who was also well known to Richard. In addition to this, this particular lady also alleged that the man and Richard had raped her at a party about a week ago. The police were informed and the man concerned was arrested and as far as can be ascertained at the moment the charge of rape was not upheld but that charges involving indecency P.T.O

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT INVOLVEMENT/LEVEL OF CONTACT

The level of contact has been fairly intense in this case on a weekly basis either with Richard or his father or both. Occasionally his mother telephones and is visited to be kept up to date with what is happening in the family.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER AGENCIES

Coulpark Children's Centre Staff are heavily involved because of the shared care programme and I understand he is visited at least once a week by a senior member of the staff during the time that he has been at home.

AREAS OF CONCERN

Up to the moment the main area of concern and concentrated casework has been involved in dealing with Richard's attitude to immediate crisis and those in authority who maybe trying to direct him through this crisis. A lot of counselling has gone into this particular aspect and certainly the results have been encouraging. However, this most recent report about sexual offences against Richard reveals another side of P.T.C.

FUTURE PLANS FOR CHILD INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVIEW CASE CONFERENCE

As previously indicated, Children's Panel Review has been fixed for the 26th of June and it is intended to make a recommendation to place Richard back with his father on a full time basis out of care. The situation that led to this review, I hope will not affect that recommendation as reports from home have been relatively good and I understand that the allegations of sexual molestation in this case took place over a period from around his 15th birthday until about 3 months ago, apparently there were three such incidents according to Richard, one of which he alleges he was actually forced into the sexual act with this man. He claims that on the other occasion it was a matter of "playing around". The police are still enquiring into the matter, and the picture is not clear as yet. On the question of his education, this is an ongoing problem and the department are engaged in discussions with the education departments depute divisional officer regarding Richard's future, whether it be at school, work experience or perhaps even because of the two or three days involved in his birthdate which prevents him from leaving school at the summer term, to see if this could be lawfully dispensed with.

Signature: 
Social Worker John MacDonald

Date: 12.06.89

Counter signed
Area Team Leader Harry Garland

Date: 12.06.89

AREAS OF CONCERN (Cont'd)

of his vulnerability, and is certainly an experience that Richard could well do without and he will now require a lot of counselling on sexual matters, which had up to now, thought not to be the problem.

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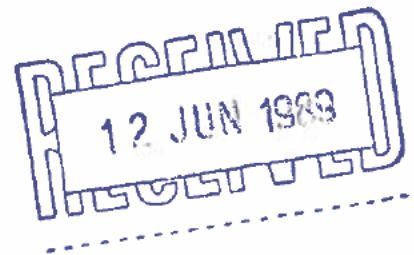
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Date 8th June, 1989

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Mr. John MacDonald,
Social Worker,
Social Work Department
Scotsburn Road,
TAIN.



Dear Mr. MacDonald,

RICHARD GARRETT, 9 ABBOTSHAVEN, BALINTORE

I have today discussed the future of the above pupil with Mr. Kirk, Rector, Tain Royal Academy. The discussion broadly went on the terms of our telephone conversation yesterday.

Mr. Kirk is still quite willing to take Richard Garrett back after the Summer so that he may attempt to complete his education up to Christmas. He will naturally be subject to normal school regulations and if he has difficulty there then it is almost certain he will be excluded permanently again. I think all parties feel that it would be in the best interests of the boy to have some kind of work experience arranged for him which might start from now and continue until the Summer vacation. After Summer a combination of formal schooling and extended work experience might be the best answer for this pupil to tide him over until his leaving date at Christmas.

I am sure that all parties will co-operate to achieve the best result for Richard.

Yours sincerely,

M. McARTHUR
Assistant Divisional Education Officer

cc The Rector, Tain Royal Academy



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Date 9. 6.89

CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE CALL

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R.S.S.P.C.C.
Constable [REDACTED]
Assistant Divisional Education Officer
The Rector, Tain Royal Academy
Reporter to Children's Hearing
Procurator Fiscal, Tain
Tain Medical Group
Mr. J. Goodfellow, Ferintosh House
Area Team Leader, Tain
Social Worker, Tain (Mr. J. Macdonald)



Non-Accidental Injury and Child Abuse

Richard Garrett (b. 2.10.73) (At present - Coulpark Children's Centre)
9 Abbotshaven, Balintore

I have arranged a Case Conference Review on the above-named boy to take place at 2.40 p.m. on Monday, 12th June, 1989 at the Social Work Department, Scotsburn Road, Tain.

Your attendance, or that of a representative, will be appreciated.

Thank you for your co-operation.

A.J. Dunlop
N.A.I. Co-ordinator/
Principal Fieldwork Officer

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

~~INITIAL REVIEW~~/PERIODIC REVIEW *(PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE)

(Note - complete questions 1 - 18 prior to Review)

1. Name of Child: *Richard Garrett* Date of Birth: *07.10.73*

3. Address of Parents: *Mother - 70 Lochslin Place, Balintore*
Father - 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore

4. Present Address of Child: *Coulpark Children's Centre, Alness*

5. Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care:
Section 44 (1) (b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

6. Date of Admission into Care: *20.02.89*

7. Date of Review: *19.05.89* Date of Previous Review: *17.04.89*

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate):

1. Adopt a flexible attitude with Richard's period of leave with his father and to allow him the full fortnight at home during the main period of his examinations.

10. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since previous Review/
Reception into Care:

17.04.89 - Counselling session. 26.04.89 - Counselling session. 27.04.89 home
visit. 03.05.89 - Home visit. 16.05.89 - home visit.

11. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since Previous Review/
Reception into Care:

17.04.89 - Mr Garrett whilst at Coulpark. 24.04.89 - home visit, Mr Garrett,
27.04.89 - home visit to Mr Garrett. 03.05.89 - home visit to Mr Garrett.
16.05.89 - phonecall from Mrs Garret and home visit to Mr Garrett and Richard.

12. Present situation with family since Reception into Care/Last Review
(full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family,
substantiate if care of child cannot be assumed by them):

*Richard's coming out of care depends largely on his father's attitude and how
Richard performs when he is on home leaves. There are no other avenues open at
the moment.*

13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care/Last Review
(include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing etc):

*Since Richard was excluded from Tain Academy on 17.03.89 he has not been attending
school on a regular basis except for examination purposes but has been spending
a considerable amount of time at home with his father including a full fortnight
to cover the main bulk of his exam period. At this moment in time his future
schooling is in doubt as his previous headmaster at Tain Academy indicates that
he would not be prepared to take Richard back until after the summer holiday
period and then only if he was assured that he would be well behaved. Should
Richard be returned home then there would be a difficulty in his getting to
another school outwith the immediate area.*

14. Contact between Parents and Child:

(how have access arrangements operated, what requires changing)

Richard has been home for periods each weekend and more recently this has been stepped up and periods with his father appear to be working out satisfactorily.

15. Areas of Concern (if any):

(a) Family: *Father would wish to resume care of Richard as soon as possible but he does express concern about his own self control when Richard is provocative.*

(b) Child: *Richard wants to be home with his father as soon as possible although there is still some evidence that he can be quite provocative and irrational at times.*

(c) Substitute Family: *Not being considered.*

16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies):

At this point in time the situation would be to consider Richard returning home again to his father on a full time basis after this period in care. He has been going home for considerable periods and at this time his father agrees that he appears to be more settled and responsive to his attempts to control him. As far as education is concerned as yet nothing has been settled with regard to his future schooling but his former headmaster, Mr Kirk, Tain Academy, makes it quite clear that he will not have Richard back on a regular basis in the School until at least after the summer holiday period.

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation):

In view of the very recent satisfactory reports coming from Mr Garrett regarding Richard's home leaves there now seems some optimism in the possibility of his returning home to his father. Apart from momentary bouts of irrationality, Richard for the most part, appears to have responded well to counselling both of the field social worker and the residential social worker. His ambition is to be at home with his father and he hopes that at the age of 16 yrs in October, he will apply for entrance to the Royal Navy or Airforce. Should he, however, return home at this time then schooling would still be a problem in that arrangements would have to be made for him to travel to either Alness Academy or Invergordon Academy. But as yet the Education Department have not made any proposal in this regard. As Richard is subject to Panel supervision and a panel order made for him to be resident at Coulpark it would be necessary to arrange a review panel in order to change the legal status of the case.

18. Invited to Attend Review:

Val Dunford, Social Worker (Children's resources)
Harry Garland, Area Team Leader.
Mr Garrett, Father
Richard Garrett, Subject.
Alan Humphries, Coulpark Children's Centre.
John MacDonald, Social Worker.
Ken Dutton, Senior Educational Psychologist.

Signed: *John MacDonald*

Designation: *Social Worker*

Date: *18/5/89*

This is just a brief report to summarise the progress since the last review in April when it was agreed that Richard should spend a fortnight at Coulpark, weekends at home, and then a fortnight at home during the school exams. Following these four weeks the plan was to recommend a return home and to call a Hearing to that end, provided all parties were still in agreement.

Following a chat with Mr. Garnett at the end of the four week period it was agreed that Richard could remain at home meantime. During the nine days spent at Coulpark Richard spent his time doing some revision, some odd jobs around the building and was generally pleasant company.

There was one incident at home where Richard incurred the anger of his father and we decided to give them, Richard in particular, a breathing space for a few days. Since that time things appear to have gone well at home.

It is our view that Richard should now be at home but that the following areas be given attention:

- a) schooling until Christmas
- b) to plan how best to keep contact on a regular basis in order to allow pressures within the household to be relieved
- c) to possibility of I.T. for Richard to allow him to examine his attitudes to authority in and out of school.

a.h. 19.5.89

MEMORANDUM

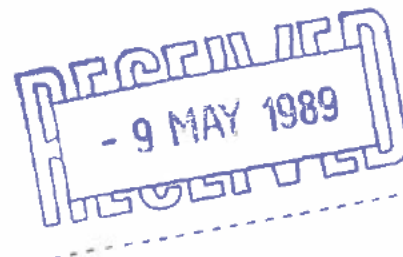
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Date 9.5.89

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RICHARD GARRETT :9 Abbotshaven Balintore

~~Thank you for your report concerning the above named:~~

I received a police report concerning the above named

I will be taking no further action in this case
~~and refer the case to you to deal with on a voluntary basis /~~
as the child is already subject to compulsory measures of care.

REPORTER

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**HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

REVIEW CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE MINUTE

28.04.89 - 11.00 am - Tain Social Work Office

Chairperson: Mrs J Tidey

Previous Case Conference: 06.10.88 - Tain Social Work Office

NAME OF CHILD: Richard Garrett (b. 02.10.73)

HOME ADDRESS: 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore

PRESENT ADDRESS: Coulpark Children's Centre, Aness

FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD DETAILS: Father - David Garrett
(9 Abbotshaven, Balintore)
Mother - Mrs Garrett
(70 Lochslin Place, Balintore)

ATTENDING CASE CONFERENCE:

Mrs J Tidey	Acting NAI Co-ordinator	Social Work
Mr H Garland	Area Team Leader, Tain	Social Work
Mr J MacDonald	Social Worker, Tain	Social Work
Mr A Humphries	Care Officer, Coulpark	Social Work
Miss A Stoltman	Admin Assistant, Dingwall	Social Work
Dr E Scott	Senior Medical Officer	Health Board
Mrs M Kinder	Community Nurse Manager	Health Board
Dr G Grant	G.P., Tain	Health Board
Mrs B Shannon	Health Visitor	Health Board
Mr T Kirk	Tain Academy	Education

INVITED BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Mr I MacGregor	RSSPCC Officer	RSSPCC
Mr M MacArthur	Asst Divisional Education Officer	Education
	Police Liaison Officer	Police

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO CASE CONFERENCE:

Six monthly review as agreed at previous Case Conference.

RECORD OF DISCUSSION:

Mr John MacDonald presented a written report (see attached). He told the conference that Richard's response to counselling has been good, but there were still concerns regarding Richard's inability to cope with conflict, especially that which exists between his parents, and also his fiery temper. Problems regarding his attitude towards authority are also being addressed. Richard shows signs of jealousy of his father's girlfriend and her daughter and resents their presence in the house.

Mr Kirk (Tain Academy) said that after some initial problems, Richard has settled down well in school. However, when his parents separated Richard's behaviour deteriorated, eventually leading to his exclusion. Mr Kirk expressed his concerns for the possible consequences if Richard was returned to the school too soon; the other children would be quick to single him out and pick on him, possibly leading to one of Richard's outbursts of temper.

Mr Humphries told the conference that Richard's behaviour and attitude had improved since being admitted into Coulpark. He co-operates and is willing to discuss and try to understand problems. He is always keen to spend time at home and appears to be genuinely fond of his father. Mr Humphries suggested that joint counselling with Richard and his father may be beneficial.

There was some discussion regarding Richard's emotional suitability for entering the Forces - which he hopes to do. Dr Grant expressed his doubts as to whether Richard would be accepted and suggested that this should be discussed with Richard.

Dr Grant added that there were medical records of Richard having been hit over the head with a mirror. No Social Work record of this exists, and it was agreed that this would be looked into.

All present felt that the situation within the family was still a potentially violent one and it was agreed that Richard's name should remain on the At Risk Register for a further period.

DECISION:

Child's name to be retained on Central Register.

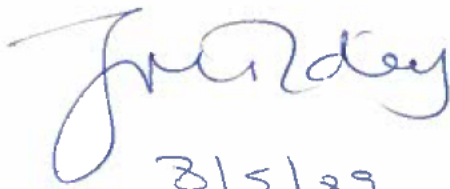
RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Key Worker to check re medical record of Richard being hit over the head with a mirror.
2. Continue support and counselling of his family.

KEY WORKER: John MacDonald, Social Worker, Tain

NEXT CONFERENCE: 6 months.

Signed:



Date:

8/5/89

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE

<p>NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN) <i>Richard Garrett</i></p>	<p>D.O.B. <i>02.10.73</i></p>	<p>PRESENT ADDRESS <i>Coulpark Children's Centre ALNESS</i></p> <p>TEL NO</p>
<p>PARENTS/CARERS NAME & ADDRESS <i>David Garrett (father), 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore</i> <i>Mrs Garrett (mother), 70 Lochslin Place, Balintore</i></p>	<p>HOME ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) <i>9 Abbotshaven, Balintore</i></p>	
<p>LEGAL STATUS OF CHILD(REN) <i>Section 44 (1) (b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968</i></p>	<p>DATE OF REGISTRATION <i>13.09.87</i></p> <p>DATE OF PREVIOUS CASE CONFERENCE <i>06.10.88</i></p>	

RECOMMENDATIONS OF LAST REVIEW

1. *Social Worker to liaise with the school and re-establish links with the child and his mother.*
2. *Case to be reviewed in six months time.*

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE LAST CASE CONFERENCE

On 19.02.89 Richard was received into care following the making of an unruly certificate by the police following a disturbance at his home when he was being interviewed regarding an alleged theft from a local hotel. He has since that time been in care in Coulpark Children's Centre, but has been going home each weekend to see his father. Richard's being received into care under that circumstances was really a culmination of quite a lot of disruptive behaviour at home and at school. In fact on 17.03.89 he was excluded from school. Because of his disruptive behaviour at home efforts to re-establish links with his mother have been thwarted. Part of that has been due to increased bitterness due to the fact Mrs Garrett feels that her husband pulled a fast one on her by selling the house that they previously owned together to his parents who have moved up from their home near Manchester and are now residing in the Garrett's former home at 16 Shore Street, Hilton. As has been the experience in the past whenever Richard has gone to see his mother it has inevitably ended up in a row or Richard would appear to have been scapegoated and used in the inter-parent rivalry. Richard's emotional vulnerability is such that he cannot cope with conflict of this kind and the position now is that his mother is not of a mind to have him in her home until she is sure that he can behave himself, when he has been visiting the home he has often been disruptive, argumentative and threatening.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT INVOLVEMENT/LEVEL OF CONTACT

Level of contact overall has been fairly intense in as much that I would say it is on a weekly basis either with Richard or his father and occasionally with his mother. His father maintains a good level of contact with the social worker and it has to be said that he is extremely good in reporting incidents and wishing to discuss matters pertaining to his relationship with Richard.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER AGENCIES

At present there is a considerable amount of activity because of his being in care at Coulpark Children's Centre and attempts have been made to counsell him whilst he is there, in conjunction with normal social work counselling.

AREAS OF CONCERN

As we have experienced in the past, Richard can be a most pleasant articulate and intelligent youth but has yet to learn to cope with the immediate crisis as he has tended up to now to react to them in a most inappropriate and often without thinking. Work has been going on in this respect with regard to dealing with adults in general and authorities in particular but there is now some concern about his relationship with his father, his father now having taken up with a woman and her daughter of which Richard totally disapproves.

FUTURE PLANS FOR CHILD INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVIEW CASE CONFERENCE

It would be hoped that Richard's time in care would be relatively short term, his father wishes him home and of course has been having him home on a regular basis up to this point. In general his home going periods have been relatively successful but there have been periods of disagreement and particularly on his last visit home, 24th/25th April. It appears that there had been a disagreement between Richard and his father over the state of the house in particular the bathroom, Richard alleging that his father was not paying attention to the cleanliness of the house the way he used to and that father's girlfriend and her daughter were making a mess of the place. As a result of this Richard created a disturbance and when the van came to collect him he was frog-marched by his father to the van, he apparently fell over and hurt his shoulder but he makes out that there was no question of his father deliberately hurting him.

Richard is sitting 4 'O' levels and although excluded from school will be attending school for these examinations and it is hoped that he will be allowed home for the block fortnight as from 28.04.89 so as to avoid the necessity of Coulpark Staff having to come and collect him each day. It must be said that in general Richard's response to counselling in terms of his understanding personal problems has been good and he has certainly made every effort to try and curb his outbursts when confronted. He is a mannerly polite boy, well dressed and is at the moment thinking in terms of entering either the Royal Air Force or the Navy soon after his sixteenth birthday as would be allowed. Plans would include the gradual move back to his father's home on a full time basis again and to this end extended leaves have been arranged and a child care review now planned for two weeks ahead will judge whether this is the right and proper time for that to take place.

Signature
Social Worker

J. McDonald

Date:

27/4/89

Counter signed
Area Team Leader

Date:

28/4/89

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

INITIAL REVIEW/PERIODIC REVIEW *(PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE)

(Note - complete questions 1 - 18 prior to Review)

1. Name of Child: *Richard Garrett* Date of Birth: *7/10/73*

2. Address of Parents: *Mother - 17 Lochslin Place, Balintore*
Father - 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore

3. Present Address of Child: *Coulpark children's Centre, Alness*

4. Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care:
Section 44 1 (b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

5. Date of Admission into Care: *20.2.89*

Date of Review: *17.4.89*

Date of Previous Review: *17.3.89*

6. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate):

- 1. Aim to return home in about 4 weeks and that subject to satisfactory reports all round at a review scheduled for 13.4.89 at 4.00 pm.*
- 2. Liase with Educational Psychologist with regards to schooling and education.*
- 3. Visit to Tain police station to talk with police officers.*
- 4. Access visits to father each weekend.*

10. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since previous Review/ Reception into Care:

21.3.89 - phonecall to Coulpark
23.3.89 - counselling session at Coulpark
30.3.89 - counselling session at Coulpark
7.4.89 - phonecall to Richard at Coulpark

11. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since Previous Review/ Reception into Care:

22.3.89 - office visit by Mr Garrett.
23.3.89 - home visit to Mr Garrett
31.3.89 - office visit by Mr Garrett
5.4.89 - office visit by Mr Garrett
7.4.89 - phonecall from Mr Garrett
10.4.89 - home visit to Mr Garrett.
12.4.89 - home visit to Mr Garrett

12. Present situation with family since Reception into Care/Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family, substantiate if care of child cannot be assumed by them):

Father still leaving an open door for Richard to come home as long as he is reasonably reassured that Richard will behave reasonably when with him. Richard has been seeing his mother in recent times and again he has become involved to a large extent in the parental hostility.

13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care/Last Review (include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing etc):

Richard was attending Tain Academy but on 17.3.89 he was excluded from school. He is now attending Alness Academy but should he return home a problem will be presented with his schooling as the nearest school to him would be either Invergordon or Alness in which case the Education department would be involved in quite considerable expense in getting him to school. At this moment in time Mr Kirk seems quite set on not allowing Richard back in the foreseeable future. As far as his behaviour whilst in Coulpark is concerned following a testing out period he seems to have settled down quite well and there are no reports of any serious misbehaviour. He has been going home each weekend and during the period of the Easter break was home for intervals which seemed to go generally quite well although his father did report some incidents whereby he felt that Richard was once again testing out to see how far he could go.

14. Contact between Parents and Child:

(how have access arrangements operated, what requires changing)

Richard has been going home each weekend with his father and there do not appear to be any major problems in this regard.

15. Areas of Concern (if any):

(a) Family: *Father wishes to resume care of Richard as soon as possible, dependent on Richard's general attitude.*

(b) Child: *Richard desperately wants to go home with his father and to resume attendance at Tain Academy. He appears to be responsive to counselling from both the social worker and senior staff at Coulpark. With particular emphasis on his very hostile attitude at times towards those in authority.*

(c) Substitute Family: *Not being considered at this time.*

16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies):

1. *If the situation appears reasonable then there seems no good reason why Richard could not return to his father's home in the meantime. He presents no apparent problems at Coulpark and certainly seems to be responsive to counselling.*

2. *Parental contact continues fairly regularly, usually over the weekend period and again there have been no problems in this regard.*

3. *As far as education is concerned this will be a matter for the education authorities to consider if he returns home as at the moment Tain Academy is marked to him and the only other alternatives locally would be Alass Academy or Invergordon Academy.*

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation):

Ideally, Richard should go home to his father and hopefully this period in care with the fairly intensive counselling, specifically on the issues of his temper and attitudes to authority will have had some reasonably long term affect. To this end he has been seeing his father each week over the weekend period and has spent a good part of the Easter break with his father. Some of Richard's feelings have imerged regarding the home situation and that is possible jealousy regarding his father's alleged liason with a lady in the village and the possible that Richard might be seeing her daughter as being favoured instead of him. In Richard's rather immature mind he keeps testing out his father with regards to his position with him and seems to have the notion that his father should devote all his time and energies towards him and allow him more than a reasonable degree of lattitude in his activities outside.

18. Invited to Attend Review:

Val Dunford, social worker, children's resources
Harry Garland, Area Team Leader, Tain
Mr and Mrs Garrett
Richard Garrett
Representative senior staff, Coulpark Children's Centre.
John MacDonald, Social Worker

Signed: *J. MacDonald*.....
Designation: *Social Worker*.....
Date: *14/4/89*.....

COULPARK CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Report for Review:

To be held on 17th April, 1989 at 11 a.m. in Coulpark

Name: Richard Garrett

Date of Birth: 2.10.73

Address: 9, Abbotshaven, Balintore

Date of Admission: 20.02.89

Statute: 44(1)(b)

Date of Last Review: 23.02.89

Period covered by this report: 23.2.89 to 17.4.89

Keyworker: Alan Humphries

Field Social Worker: John Macdonald, Tain Office

At the last review it was agreed that Richard would remain in care until such time as his father, in consultation with Coulpark or Ferintosh staff and John Macdonald, felt that Richard's attitude had altered sufficiently for him to return home. At that time Richard was at Coulpark, pending the availability of a bed at Ferintosh. At the review Richard expressed his desire to remain at Coulpark and it was agreed that this might be the case, depending on his overall progress and the availability of a place at Ferintosh. It was also agreed that Richard should continue to attend Tain Academy, though his position there was tenuous.

Since his admission, there has only been one incidence of unruly behaviour with Coulpark staff (referred to later). Staff have noticed that the majority of the time Richard is a willing helper and follows the rules without much fuss. However, he consistently overreacts to situations which arise suddenly, and he can be threatening on these occasions; once he has had time to adjust to, or accept, whatever the incident or confrontation relates to then he invariably takes the correct action e.g. an apology or a change of stance. There was one incident where Richard was involved, with others, in the breaking of some windows in the local school. He found difficulty in accepting the responsibility for his part in this and reacted badly when the Police were involved and with some staff. He eventually realised that he was partly to blame and appropriate punishment and recompense to the school have been made.

At the Children's Hearing, held on 10th March, called owing to the non-availability of a bed at Ferintosh, Coulpark indicated their willingness to provide a place for Richard and work towards his eventual return home.

Unfortunately, owing to a minor incident in school, which was the culmination of a whole catalogue of similar complaints by Tain Academy, Richard was excluded on the same day as the Hearing. After consultation with all parties it was agreed that Coulpark should seek a place for Richard at Alness Academy and an initial approach has been made. If he is to return home in the near future, however, this option is unsatisfactory owing to the geographical difficulty. In the meantime Tain Academy has agreed that Richard may sit his exams at the school and he has been doing revision work in Coulpark during some of his school time.

Richard has spent every weekend at home, and during the holidays he was there for eleven days out of sixteen. He is always very keen to go home and receives a phone call from his father each week. Staff at Coulpark have constantly reminded Richard that his attitude towards his father, and to the expectations his father has of his behaviour, are of paramount importance when considering a move back home. It appears from discussion with Mr. Garrett that his home visits have been generally successful. It is certainly clear that there is a bond of friendship and affection between father and son which both wish to preserve. Richard has also visited his mother (Mrs. Garrett has since asked for these visits to cease) and, whilst these have not been problematic in themselves, they have led to some confusion in Richard's mind as to his loyalties and feeling. He has said that he finds it difficult to accept that his parents have formed new relationships. Mr. Garrett says he feels he is ready to have Richard

back home.

In conclusion, bearing in mind that Richard has had several lengthy visits home without incident, we feel that the time may be right to be thinking of a permanent return. However, there are areas for concern. Firstly, the underlying factors which led to earlier breakdowns i.e. Richard's lack of self-control and attitude towards his parents' right to live independent lives, whilst not being free to do so himself, are still likely to arise and we feel some safeguards or support should be provided to prevent a recurrence. Secondly, there is the question of school, not so much in the short term as the exams and study leave are almost upon us, but after the Summer break.

There is a popular belief amongst the staff that Richard is likely to make a success of his life provided he can overcome his hasty temper and take consideration of the views of others.

a.h. Coulpark, 16.4.89.



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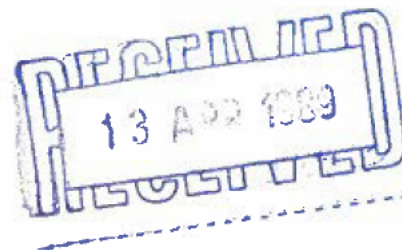
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Procurator Fiscal, Tain
Tain Medical Group
Mr. J. Goodfellow, Ferintosh House
Area Team Leader, Tain
Social Worker, Tain (Mr. J. Macdonald)



Non-Accidental Injury and Child Abuse

Richard Garrett (b. 2.10.73) (At present - Coulpark Children's Centre)
9 Abbotshaven, Balintore

I have arranged a Case Conference Review on the above-named boy to take place at 11.00 a.m. on Friday, 28th April, 1989 at the Social Work Department, Scotsburn Road, Tain.

Your attendance, or that of a representative, will be appreciated.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Jenny Tidey
Acting N.A.I. Co-ordinator
Principal Fieldwork Office

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

INITIAL REVIEW/PERIODIC REVIEW *(PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE)

(Note - complete questions 1 - 18 prior to Review)

1. Name of Child: *Richard Garrett* Date of Birth: *7.10.73*

2. Address of Parents: *Mother - 17 Lochslin Place, Balintore*
Father - 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore

3. Present Address of Child: *Coulpark Children's Centre, Alness.*

4. Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care: *Section 44 1(b)*
Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

5. Date of Admission into Care: *20.2.89*

6. Date of Review: *17.3.89* Date of Previous Review: *22.2.89*
~~22.2.89~~ ~~17.3.89~~

7. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate):

- Richard to remain at Coulpark in the meantime until a place becomes available for him at Ferintosh.*
- Parental contact to be encouraged particularly with his father and perhaps after two weeks a weekend trial with his father could be considered.*
- Using the time available to talk to Richard in depth about his feelings about adults and authority figures, and his views and negative feelings of others and how they affect him.*

10. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since previous Review/
Reception into Care:

8.2.89; 8.3.89; 10.3.89; children's panel. 17.3.89 (review at Coulpark)

11. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since Previous Review,
Reception into Care:

24.2.89 - Home visit to Mr Garrett, 28.2.89 - Phonecall to Mr Garrett.
7.3.89 - Home visits to both mother and father.

12. Present situation with family since Reception into Care/Last Review
(full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family,
substantiate if care of child cannot be assumed by them):

Father still willing to have Richard stay with him but is clear about his feelings in that regard, in that he must be assured as reasonably as possible that Richard will co-operate better with him, be less defiant and be prepared to listen to advice given to him. To this end it is hoped that Richard's term in care will be relatively short.

13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care/Last Review
(include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing etc):

Richard was attending Tain Royal Academy but on 17.03.89 he was excluded from the school by the headmaster for a number of minor incidents which in the normal course of events would not have added up to a lot, however, in Richard's case Mr Kirk, Headmaster, felt that going on his past record, this was not good enough and that alternative education should be sought for him. However, at the moment he has not been attending school but alternatives are being looked at by Ken Dutton, Educational Psychologist, however there is some ~~of~~ resistance on Richard's part to going to Forintosh School where he feels that it is much below his standard. He generally seems to have been quite well behaved in care although it was a testing out period when he came into conflict with a boy of his own age in the home and he came off the worst for it. He has been going home at the weekends over the last 2 or 3 weeks and these seem to have been trouble free.

14. Contact between Parents and Child:

(how have access arrangements operated, what requires changing)

Richard has been going home each weekend with his father and this seems to be working out satisfactory.

15. Areas of Concern (if any):

(a) Family: *Mother has made it clear to Richard that she wants nothing to do with himself or his father, father wishes to resume Richard's care when he is assured that he is relatively stable but is a bit nervous about having him home without evidence of an improvement in his general condition.*

(b) Child: *Although Richard is trying to come to terms with his dealings with other authority figures, his reaction to any negative feelings towards him, he still has a long way to go but one can say that at the moment he is trying.*

(c) Substitute Family: *Not being considered at this time.*

16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies):

- 1. At an emergency Panel on 10.3.89 it was decided that Richard should remain at Coulpark, there being no places available or will there be any in the near future at Ferintosh House. It should be noted that Richard's original placement was for Ferintosh House and was only in Coulpark on an emergency basis, until such time as a place would become available at Ferintosh.*
- 2. Intended that Richard's case will be reviewed very shortly again as his father clearly wishes him home and his period in care will hopefully therefore be short term.*
- 3. Contact with father to be encouraged by way of weekend visits which have already been undertaken and have gone well and will be further encouraged.*

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation):

No change in legal status is envisaged, the only change made by the children's panel on 10.3.89 was to effectively name the care establishment as Coulpark Children's Centre rather than Ferintosh Children's Centre where he had been intended to go had there been a suitable vacancy. Richard's term in care will be short term, access to his father has taken place since the second week of his coming into care and has been running successfully each weekend since. As far as rehabilitation is concerned, this is taking place in conjunction with his visits to his father but also some fairly intensive one to one work with him in regard to his reaction to negative feelings from others - particularly adults.

18. Invited to Attend Review:

Jessie Rennie, Social Worker (Children's Resources)

Harry Garland, Area Team Leader

Mr and Mrs Garrett

Richard Garrett

Charlie MacLeod, Senior Care Officer, Coulpark Children's Centre

John MacDonal, Social Worker

Signed: *J. Henderson*.....
Designation: *Social Worker*.....
Date: *17/3/89*.....

MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING

19. Date of Review: 17.3.89
Location: Coulpark Children's Centre
Chairperson: Harry Garland, Area Team Leader
Names and Designations of those attending:
John MacDonald, Social Worker
Charlie MacLeod, Senior Care Officer, Coulpark
Richard Garrett, subject of review

Invited but unable to attend:

Jessie Rennie, Children's Resources
Mr and Mrs Garrett

20. Summary of Discussion:

Main elements of the discussion were Richard's current schooling status and his behavioural performance to date that might warrant his early release from care. It was noted that his father is still of the opinion that he wants Richard home as soon as possible but wants to be reassured that he will within reason comply with normal discipline at home and be less defiant. It was also noted that Richard's grandparents are coming up to the area to live next week in the home that Richard and his parents originally occupied at 16 Shore Street, Hilton. It was felt that this in itself might be helpful to Richard in giving him independent 'porthole' for some of his grievances where otherwise he tended to seek out the less worthy members of the community for advice. As far as education is concerned this has not been settled but with the impending school holiday, it is not as urgent a matter but Richard has strong feelings about not going to Ferintosh, he would much prefer to return to Tain Royal Academy and again it was noted that although he had been excluded from there and the evidence was that he would be unwelcome to return there in the near future the doors still lay open. The difficulty would come when Richard would be able to go home in hopefully a very short space of time and he could not attend Tain Academy. John MacDonald indicated that the matter has been placed in the hands of Educational Psychologist, Ken Dutton, to negotiate with Tain Academy and also with other schools in the meantime. Ken Dutton also has responsibility for Ferintosh and therefore any question of Richard going to Ferintosh will be dealt with by him. It was noted that Richard's behaviour has generally been good and he has responded to interest taken in him and has tried to avoid trouble. Contact with his father had not appeared to be very positive and is to be encouraged.

21. Decisions and Recommendations (include access, parental rights, custodianship, adoption, discharge from care):

1. Aim to return home in 4 weeks and that subject to satisfactory reports all round at a review scheduled for 13th of April at 4 pm.
2. Liaise with Educational Psychologist with regard to schooling and education.
3. Visit to Tain Police Station to talk with the police officers there with a view to seeing them in a different light and spend some time talking with them.
4. Access visits with his father to continue each weekend.

Access Form 'O' Completed YES NO

Chairperson of Review Meeting:

Designation:

Date:

Principal Officer:

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

INITIAL REVIEW/PERIODIC REVIEW *(PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE)

(Note - complete questions 1 - 18 prior to Review)

1. Name of Child: *Richard Garrett* Date of Birth: *07.10.73*

3. Address of Parents: *Father: 9 Abbotshaven Balintore.*
Mother: 70 Lochslin Place, Balintore.

4. Present Address of Child:
Coulpark Children's Centre

5. Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care:
Section 44(1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

6. Date of Admission into Care: *20.02.89*

7. Date of Review: *23.02.89* Date of Previous Review:

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate):
N/A

10. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since previous Review/ Reception into Care:

20.02.89 - Placed in care following panel and meeting with Richard, father and officer in charge, Coulpark Children's Centre.

11. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since Previous Review/ Reception into Care:

21.02.89 - Mr Garrett, advice on how Richard is settling in at Coulpark.

12. Present situation with family since Reception into Care/Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family, substantiate if care of child cannot be assumed by them):

Father has been caring for Richard and would be prepared to resume care again, if sufficient evidence of Richard being more amiable to discipline and control within the home. Richard has been visiting his mother who lives nearby but she does not feel she could cope with him.

13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care/Last Review (include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing etc):

Attends Tain Royal Academy, his health is generally good, but gets 'chesty' which is aggravated by smoking. Up to 3 weeks ago at school he seemed to be doing quite well, but was in trouble over minor thefts at school, he was suspended for a time but allowed to return on condition of good behaviour. Panel fixed for 08.03.89 in consequence of this and the fact that his father was finding it difficult to cope with Richard's volatile and defiant behaviour at home.

14. Contact between Parents and Child:
(how have access arrangements operated, what requires changing)

N/A

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15. Areas of Concern (if any):

- (a) Family: *Parents separated for over a year and still a lot of negative feelings about this and the fact that Richard may be, albeit inadvertently, a 'pawn in the game'.*
- (b) Child: *An intelligent, well groomed boy with good verbal skills but unfortunately uses it to his disadvantage - has great difficulty with the negative feelings of others.*
- (c) Substitute Family: *Because of his age and potentially aggressive outbursts, foster placement not considered at this stage, has bonds with parents particularly father, and substitute parents not a plausible alternative at this time.*

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16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies):

1. *Short term - some work with Richard whilst in care regarding his coping with the negative feelings of others.*
2. *Parental contact should be encouraged and, perhaps after a week or so, a weekend trial with his father.*

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation):

Basically this reception into care came as the culmination of a fortnight of very aggressive and defiant behaviour at school and home, with no attention being paid to advice from any source. Although Richard's time with his father has always been fraught with difficulties, he has generally been controllable and for a time showed good interest in school and was generally well behaved there until recently. It should be hoped that after a time he could be going home for trial weekends and, eventually, released to his father, if he shows evidence of being able to conform to reasonable discipline. Some individual counselling work will be done whilst Richard is in care regarding his control of feelings towards others who he feels may be acting negatively towards him. It is anticipated that he will transfer to Ferintosh shortly but there will be no change in legal status.

18. Invited to Attend Review:

Jessie Rennie, Social Worker (Children's Resources)
Harry Garland, Area Team Leader
Mr Garrett
Mrs Garrett
Richard Garrett
Representative, Coulpark/Ferintosh
John MacDonald, Social Worker

Signed: *J. J. MacDonald*

Designation: *Social Worker*

Date: *23/2/89*

MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING

19. Date of Review:
Location:
Chairperson:
Names and Designations of those attending:

Invited but unable to attend:

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20. Summary of Discussion:

21. Decisions and Recommendations (include access, parental rights, custody, adoption, discharge from care):

Access Form 'O' Completed YES NO

Chairperson of Review Meeting:

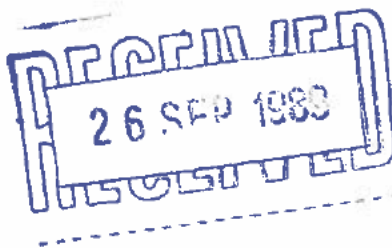
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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
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REVIEW CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE MINUTE

07.09.1989 - 2.00 pm - Social Work Department, Tain

Chairperson: Mr J Dunlop

PREVIOUS CASE CONFERENCE: 12.06.1989

NAMES OF CHILDREN: Richard Garrett (b. 02.10.1973)

HOME ADDRESS: 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore

PRESENT ADDRESS: c/o [REDACTED] Balintore

FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD DETAILS: Father - David Garrett (unemployed)

ATTENDING CASE CONFERENCE:

Mr J Dunlop	NAI Co-ordinator	Social Work
Mr J MacDonald	Social Worker	Social Work
Dr E Scott	Senior Medical Officer	Health Board
Mrs N Sinclair	Nursing Manager	Health Board
Ms E Torry	School Nurse	Health Board
[REDACTED]	Police Liaison	Northern Constabulary

INVITED BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Dr Colvin	G.P.	Health Board
Mrs B Shannon	Health Visitor	Health Board
Mr Kirk	Rector, Tain Academy	Education
Mr K Dutton	Educational Psychologist	Education

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO CASE CONFERENCE:

A telephone call was received on 04.09.1989 from Mrs Garrett stating that Richard had been injured by his father. She told Keith Mackenzie that Richard had a bite mark on one arm and bruising on his neck.

RECORD OF DISCUSSION:

Mr MacDonald presented a written report (see attached) explaining the circumstances surrounding this incident.

Mr MacDonald told the conference that Richard had been coming home late a few times and that his father's patience had run out when Richard was late again. Mr Garrett had admitted to Mr MacDonald that he had lost his temper and found himself in a struggle with Richard.

Since the incident Richard has been staying with a friend, [REDACTED] Balintore. [REDACTED]

The Police stated that Mr Garrett had been under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident. Richard was very provocative.

Mr MacDonald told the conference that Richard has applied to join the Army RCT but that he would have to learn to control his temper. Richard will probably not be going back to school and as he will be 16 in three weeks, we would just allow the registration to elapse and work with him on a voluntary basis.

The conference agreed that Richard should either stay with [REDACTED] or return to his father, as he wishes.

DECISION: Child's name to be retained on Central Register.

PERSON/AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Richard may stay with [REDACTED] or return to his father, as he pleases.
2. Richard's name to be taken off the Child Protection Register when he reaches 16 on 02.10.1989.
3. A Panel to be called.

KEY WORKER NOMINATED:

NEXT CONFERENCE:

Signed: _____
Date: _____
W. J. [Signature]
22/1/89

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INITIAL REPORT FOR CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE

NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN) <i>RICHARD GARRETT</i>	D.O.B. <i>2.10.72</i>	PRESENT ADDRESS <i>9 Abbotsaven, Dalintore</i> TEL NO
OTHER MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY <i>David Garrett</i>	AGE/DOB <i>41</i>	RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD <i>Father</i>
HOME ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE	KNOWN PREVIOUS ADDRESSES	
NAME & ADDRESS OF GP <i>Dr Greber, Tain Health Centre</i>		
OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED	SCHOOLS ATTENDED <i>Tain Royal Academy (Excluded)</i>	
PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH SOCIAL WORK <i>Currently subject of Child Protection and Panel supervision.</i>	WHETHER CHILD PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED <i>Currently on Child Protection Register</i>	
SOURCE OF REFERRAL NAME <i>Mrs Garrett</i> ADDRESS <i>7 Lochslin Place, Dalintore</i> TEL NO	REFERRED TO <i>Alison Ross</i> <i>Social Worker, Tain</i> DATE & TIME OF REFERRAL <i>4.9.89 at 4.10p</i>	

DETAILS OF INITIAL REFERRAL

Mrs Garrett contacted the Social Work office at Tain following a visit to her home yesterday by Richard, when she noticed marks on his arm and on his neck, which he had said had been the result of an altercation with his father the previous day. Accordingly normal Child Protection procedures were brought into play and a visit was made to Richard and his father by Mr Mackenzie, Social Worker, Tain and W.P.C. [REDACTED] Tain Police.

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

Richard's circumstances are probably well known to the case conference, having been reviewed several times and being the subject of reviews by the conference on various occasions.

However, basically, he resides with his father, who is classed as a schedule 1 offender because of an assault on Richard about 18 months ago. After a period in care Richard was taken home to his father after his father had obtained tenancy of the house at 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore. Father and son remained at home together, whilst Mrs Garrett remained in the family home at Milton until she received her present accommodation at 17 Lochslin Place, Balintore. Recognising the difficulties with Richard, his father agreed to co-operate as fully as possible to try and pre-empt any difficulties and to date, Mr Garrett had done this fairly religiously. The situation over the time had had it's ups and downs, but for the main part it has kept Richard out of Social Work care, having to go in at periods when there have been difficulties between himself and his father.

He was excluded from Tain Royal Academy in May of this year and returned after the summer holidays, but was again excluded after about 2 days there for remonstrating with one of his teachers. He therefore remains excluded from school and his education, until he is able to leave school at Christmas, is subject of discussion at this time. Richard had gained a fair amount from his experiences in care and dialogue with social workers, but there still remains the question of his fairly volatile temperament, which can be unreasonable and provocative, especially in the case of his father.

As far as this particular incident is concerned, it would appear that Richard had come home late one evening, this being the culmination of a number of late home comings, which his father was in disagreement with. In consequence of this, a row followed and Mr Garrett admits that he himself just couldn't take any more and he then found himself in a struggle with Richard. It appears that Richard went round to see his mother as he has done at times, and she then noticed the marks and felt that she should report the matter further. The result of enquiries were that Richard was examined by Dr Colvin, who noted a bite mark on his left arm and marks on his neck, which were consistent with Richard's explanation of what had happened. There ensued a debate at the time as to where Richard should go and it was eventually decided that the best course of action at that time was to remain with a friend, [redacted] who is a married man with a family at [redacted] Balintore, and there he resides at this very moment. However, although relationships with his father are somewhat strained at the moment, there no doubt come a period of reconciliation and with Richard 16 in about 3 weeks time, it was generally felt that his removal to foster parents or a children's home would not have any significant advantages at this time and that following this conference, a Children's Panel would be arranged in order to consider the status of his current supervision order.

Signature *Joseph [redacted]*.....
Designation *Social Worker*.....
Date *7/9/89*.....