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Date of change 26-31 030388

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28.8.87	<p>Checked with Mr. Kirk head master, Tain who says Richard improving although his attitude at first was 'balshie' standing on his rights etc. Still has a tendency to be impetuous but big improvement noted. Parents co-operate. Would feel that this matter could be left for re referral as necessary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J.M.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Care closed Jy Mfh 31/8/87</i></p>	

Richard Garret  
16 Shore Street, Hilton.

Date	REPORTS ETC.	Initd.
10.8.87	<p>See referral of this date from P.S. [redacted] Police Tain passed to John MacDonald for attention.</p>	J.M.
17.8.87	Home visit. Got no reply.	J.M.
24.8.87	<p>Home visit, where I saw Mrs. Garret, Richard and her husband going out on the fishing boat. There is another child in the Garret family a girl some 2 years younger than Richard. the family came from Cheshire about a year ago to settle in this area where they felt that a quieter environment might be more conducive to Richard and indeed themselves, Mr. Garret is employed as the road sweeper in the Balintore area.</p>	
	<p>I explained to her the nature of my visit and she was not surprised and made me quite welcome. She said that the main problem with Richard was at times he tended to get obstinate about certain matters and they were of the belief that he should not be allowed to have his own way. There had been an incident with the Police in England before they came north but this was minor and was dealt with expeditiously and it was not apparently serious. this particular occasion arose because he had come in dirty and was no inclined to wash himself. His father would not take no for an answer and put him into the bath whereupon Richard declared that he was going to phone the Police as this was not right and Mr. Garret gave him 20 pence so to do and the Police then attended but took no further action.</p>	
	<p>Mrs. Garret said that Richard was normally a very well behaved boy helps a lot of the people in or round about especially the elderly and can be quite considerate and helpful. She also produced copies of the most recent school report which indicated a fairly high level of academic attainment with a note that his behaviour had improved considerably over the last few months. Any adverse comments would appear to be in certain classes, lack of concentration a tendency to be flippant and if he does not like a particular teacher he can be awkward. the Garrets would not be adverse to social work contact if this was necessary and I suggested to them that in the circumstances in the meantime that if they have occasion to call on us they should do that and this they said they would do without hesitation in the future</p>	J.M.
	<p><i>Garret</i></p>	

## GARRETT

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28.9.87	<p>Phone call from Mrs Garret [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>She mentioned that earlier in the week Richard had a black eye from his father after a row but the police were not involved in that incident. At this point I said to Mrs Garret that we would require to look into the matter through out normal N.A.I. process.</p> <p>11 am called to see Mrs Garret in company of Alison Ross, Social Worker. She told me that either last Wednesday or Thursday when Richard came home from school she challenged him about smoking as he had been seen by another person in the village. She apromanded him and he then became openly quite hostile tried to push past his mother when his father came in. His father then proceeded to punch him on the face. She said there had been quite a lot of physical and verbal abuse towards her particularly by her husband and also to Richard when he was defiant to his father. She said that it had become worse over the last couple of months since she had come back from holiday.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>About 12 midday by prior arrangement I attended Tain Royal Academy in the company of Alison Ross the Social Worker. I spoke with Stuart Anderson Deputy Head Master and Mr Kirk and seen the two children Richard and Jennifer. Mr Kirk told me that the black eye had been noticed as far back as last Friday but Richard had apparently been saying that it had been accidental and due to his sister. He was seen alone at first and he clearly had been the butt end of his fathers aggressiveness and at the interview seemed a pleasant enough boy with good physical appearance. he repeated his fathers story about being punched on the eye by his father said that he did not want to know his fellow pupils to know who had done it and wanted it to be considered as purely accidental. He does not entirely dislike his father but clearly he is becoming worried about the amount of abuse that he appears to be getting both physical and verbal.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>I got the clear impression that both children are very close to their mother and the mother is very concerned about their well being.</p> <p>Prior to investigating this matter Stuart Marquis ATL, Alness was informed as Harry Garland ATL was not present. I then arranged for the children to have a medical by Dr Grant at the surgery. At 2.30 pm I returned to see Mrs Garrett at Shore Street with the request that she go to Tain to meet the children and arrange for them to go for a medical examination, to which she readily agreed. Mr Garrett was in the house when I called the first and did not wish to involve me in any conversation what so ever. Mrs Garrett was taken to the school by me and she took the children to Dr Grant for the examination. Verbal indications were that there was no serious injuries to either of the children. In Richards case there was a noticeable black eye and some bruising on the left thigh.</p> <p>Contacted John Dunlop PFO and N.A.I. Coordinator who was absent this morning and discussed the need for an N.A.I. Conference which was fixed for 12.15pm on 30.9.87.</p> <p>Later Constable [REDACTED] Fearn Policeman came into see me and he told me that in addition to the black eye Richard had incurred charges against Mr Garrett for assault on the boy at the weekend which involved pulling his hair</p>	

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	<p>the other main element of the charge was assault on the mother and breach of the peace. Constable [REDACTED] told me that some knives were taken out of the house the request of Mrs Garrett and 2 guns [REDACTED] attach anything particularly sinister to these guns felt that to be safe they should be removed.</p> <p>Place of Safety Order was considered but in view of the relationship between the children and their mother and the fact that Mrs Garratt gave us an assurance that she could get accommodation readily at the moment if she wanted to leave home it was felt it best not to separate the children from the parent at this stage. Offer of accommodation in the Woman's Aide hostel was made but declined at this time.</p>	
29.9.87	<p>Home visit. Saw Mrs Garrett and the two children. Mr Garrett shesiad was not around very much these days [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] I explained about the N.A.I. Conference tomorrow and said to to Mrs Garrett that it seemed likely that with what had happened the children would be registered and would be under supervision. He made no comment one way or the other about this..</p>	
30.9.87	<p>N.A.I. Child Abuse Case Conference at Alness Social Work Office at 12.15 pm. It was unanimously decided to register the children Jennifer and Richard, and make application to the Reporter of Children's Panel for a panel hearing.</p> <p>Later home visit to the Garretts where I saw Mrs Garrett and both children. I explained the outcome of the conference and she seemed quite pleased at the situation was going to be monitored. It would seem at the moment that Mr Garrett is [REDACTED] very little spending most of his time in the company of his friends [REDACTED] he is being more reasonable at the moment.</p>	
5.10.87	<p>Note left by Alison Ross, Social Worker to the effect that she had a phone call from [REDACTED] policeman at Fearn on 2.10.87 about 4.50 pm to the effect that he had noticed the entry in the Tain Police Log Book about Richard being assaulted by his father on 30.09.87. It appears that the matter had been investigated and there was no co-operation that Richard had been assaulted and Mr Garrett was warned.</p>	
10.87	<p>Visit to Mrs Garret following a telephone call from school saying that Richard had walked out of the school today. By the time I got down Richard had gone back to school with his father and the situation had been resolved. I spoke about the incident on the 30th of September when Richard was alegedly assaulted by his father. It appears that his father had met him outside with his bicycle and had got onto him for smoking again and in fact going on the Hilton bus, getting off at Balintore and joining the Balintore bus where he knew there would be people who would give him cigarettes. As far as could be ascertained Richards bicycle was pushed against his leg and that was the extent of it.</p>	
7.10.87	<p>Office visit by Mrs Garrett on her way to see Mr Kirk regarding yesterdays incident, she was annoyed that her husband had quite arrogantly taken Richard back to school as she felt doing his [REDACTED] bit. However, she remarked that Richard [REDACTED] and her husband was virtually out of the family home causing them little trouble.</p>	
9.10.87	<p>Notification received from the reporter of the children's panel to be held on 21.10.87 at 12 noon in Dingwall.</p>	

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12.10.87	<p>Home visit. Home situation looking very good indeed, much improved. Mrs Garrett said that the husband is now out of the family home altogether and has taken up residence with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. I explained to her about the panel and how it worked and again she seemed quite interested that the children should be under some form of supervision for protection sake.</p>	
19.10.87	<p>Home visit. Saw Mrs Garrett and the two children, living quite well indeed and she will manage to get to the panel tomorrow without any further ado. A phone call from [REDACTED] at Tain Police Station saying that he was requested to go to the school as Richard had reported his father again for assault. The police enquiries are continuing but it appears that again Richard had got on the Hilton bus and got off at Balintore to get the Balintore bus when his father saw him and took him over, put his arm around him to smell his breath to see if he had been smoking. There were no injuries to add.</p>	
21.10.87	<p>Children's Panel, Dingwall 12 noon. It was decided to place Richard on Supervision [REDACTED]. Latest report with Mrs Garrett about the incident on Monday regarding the alleged assault by Mr Garrett, she did not seem worried about it but she had told Richard that should his father annoy him at any time he was advised to notify the headmaster. Mr Garrett actually appeared at the panel and accepted most of what was said about him but said that he tended to be a very impatient person and that if someone didn't do something that he thought they should do he became very angry he detested smoking almost to the obsessional and was anxious to see that his children were brought up properly and this was one of the main reasons the family had moved up north to get away from city life. [REDACTED]</p>	

## Richard Garret

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23/10/87	Home visit. No reply.	
26/10/87	Home visit. Saw Richard and his mother and things seem to be going quite well, Mrs Garret seems glad to have the support of the Social Work Department and I am sure will make ample use of the assistance offered. Things seem to be going quite well generally speaking but husband has been trying to make his way back into the house [REDACTED]	
27/10/87	Office visit by Mr Garret saying he feels that Richard is rather cheeky and his mother is not checking him enough. However, I feel he is mischief making and Mrs Garret seems pretty strong and a no nonsense person [REDACTED]	
5/11/87	Home visit. Saw both Jennifer and Richard and their mother. Nothing of significance to report, Richard as Mrs Garret says "is Richard" and so far he seems to be managing although he feels somewhat disappointed at times because he feels his father does not wish to take any interest in him.	
13/11/87	Home visit. Saw Richard, his mother and Jennifer. The exclusion order hearing took place in Tain Sheriff Court on Tuesday and was granted in favour of Mrs Garret although her husband indicates that he is going to appeal. Mrs Garret also mentioned that there had been an incident earlier in the week when Richard had met up with his father outside the house and apparently they both began to shout at one another, Richard defying his father to go anywhere near the house, the police were called and both were charged with breach of the peace.	
/11/87	Office visit by Richard in tears saying that he had been asked to leave school following a fight with a boy called [REDACTED] Richard feels particularly agrieved as he feels that he did not instigate the quarrel, apparently there had been a bit of name calling and a struggle got out of hand and the other boy began to get tearful in front of the headmaster and Richard standing up as usual for himself came off worst and was sent home. I took him home to his mother and explained the situation she then phoned the headmaster and it was arranged that Richard return to school in the afternoon.	

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11/17/87  
Office visit by Mr Garret saying that he had heard about Richards fight at school and was also concerned about the incident where they were both charged with breach of the peace, he felt that it was not right that he should be spoken to like that by his son. I explained to him that Richard would not be "let off" for this, he would appear iether before the Childrens' Panel or be given a warn- in by Senior Police Officers.

2/12/87  
Home visit. Saw Richard and Jennifer and things are going along quite smoothly and there are no immediate problems. Their father has shown up at the house trying to get in but has been refused admission and he is indicating of course that he is contesting the exclusion order granted to his wife. However Mrs Garret seems a lot stronger than I first thought of her and has no intentions of giving up the house easily or giving in to her husband. Her main intention is to do her best for Jennifer and Richard although she finds Richard difficult at times.

8/12/87  
Home visit following phonecall from [REDACTED] indicating that Richard and his sister had been engaged in a broul before they went out to school this morning. Firstly Richard couldn't find certain items of clothing and spoke abusively to his mother and when his sister intervned she was pushed away. On coming downstairs Richard was looking at a particular item on television but his sister and mother got in the way of television to his annoyance and to spite requesting them to move out of the way so that he could see the television his sister carried on chattering. Richard told them to shut up but they wouldn't and he was spoken to by his mother whom he became abusive towards and when his sister intervned he took hold of her kneck in an arm lock. There was no obvious injury, it was a bit sore at the time and Mrs Garret was going to take Jennifer up to see the doctor this afternoon. Mrs Garret also called P.C. [REDACTED] to give Richard a telling off. No serious damage done but it does indicate that Richards' temper does need to be curbed, he has quite a serious chip on his shoulder and I feel now that perhaps it is time to refer to more skilled help, his mother was agreeable with this and I said that I would speak to Doctor Colvin so that an appointment could be made to Doctor Butler at Raignore at the earliest opportunity. Richard does agree that his temper gets the better of him and it is quite worrying as it appears that each time prior to an outburst he gets a severe nosebleed which could be a sign of tension.

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9/12/87	Home visit. Told Mrs Garret that I had spoken to Dr Colvin and that she shou'd make an appointment with him at the earliest oportunity so that he can refer on. Meantime there have been no further problems.	
10/12/87	Home visit. Again things are quite settled, Richard has been behaving himself and Mrs Garret feels that the chip on his shoulder is because of his fathers' attitude towards him and in his actions she sees a minature father acting and would like this to be curbed if at all possible. She is fully supportive of the referral to Dr Butler.	
14/12/87	Spoke with Andrew Stevenson, Senior Social Worker, with Dr Butler at Raigmore and gave him a brief resume of the case which is to be referred. <u>Later</u> Met Mrs Garret coming out of the surgery having met with Dr Colvin who is to refer the matter to Dr Butler. She said that things have gone quite well over the past few days in fact her husband came to the house and actually Richard had offered to make him a cup of tea which was uptaken and both appeared to get on reasonably well. Mrs Garret sees this as a ray of hope.	JM

## Richard Garret

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21.12.87	NAI child abuse review case conference at Tain. Agreed that the Garrets' childrens' names should remain on the register and it was noted that a referral had been made to Dr Butler in connection with Richards' temper tantrums.	
24.12.87 to 4.1.88	Social Work Department closed due to Christmas and New Year holidays.	
5.1.88	<p>Home visit following reports by Standby Duty Officers, John Dunlop and John Skinner, once over the Christmas week and once over the New Year week, both had been called out because of Richards hostile behaviour in the home. The situation in both cases was resolved temporarily satisfactory by Richard given assurances of his improved behaviour. It appears that on one occasion Richard held his sister and mother by the throat and Mrs Garret felt that he was getting worse but perhaps the long holiday period and the fact that his father now lives in a caravan near the aerodrome but spends a lot of time at [REDACTED] is having an unsettling effect. Richard may be trying to get his parents to come together in his own rough and ready way but at the same time seems to need the encouragement and assurance of his father. <u>Later</u> I spoke with Richard at Tain Royal Academy and he said that his mother was always getting on to him and that Jennifer provoked him and made him angry. I cautioned him very severely about outbursts of this nature towards his family and said that if he had any grievences he could talk to me about them or talk to his teacher, and an arrangement is already in hand for this to be done directly with Stuart Anderson, Deputy Headmaster. However in view of the increased hostility at home and Richards attitude I agreed with himself and his parents that I would meet with them at the school on 12.1.88 at 2.15 pm despite the fact that I was on holiday.</p>	
12.1.88	<p>Tain Royal Academy. Met with Mr and Mrs Garret and Richard and for a short time Stuart Anderson, Deputy Headmaster. The situation was made more difficult by the fact that that morning Richard had got in to a fight with an older boy from the village called [REDACTED]. As a result of this quarrel Richard came off second best and his anger for his mother not breaking up the fight he put his fist through the window. The meeting was filled with acramony between Mr and Mrs Garret mainly concerned about their own domestic affairs with no direct discussion about Richard and his problems. Richard took full advantage of this and became angry mainly towards his mother, with his father indicating that he needed a firm hand and that he showed clearly what he meant by clenching his fist. Sadly at the moment Richard seems to indentify with sort of action however at school Stuart Anderson was able to report that he was doing quite well and there had been no serious problems for some time. In view of this mornings happenings and Richards attitude Mrs Garret felt rather ambivilant about having Richard at home but on an assurance given by Richard his behaviour would be satisfactory but the fact that he was to see Dr Butler next Monday she agreed to have him home. <u>Later</u> spoke to Harry Garland, Area Team Leader and Kieth Mackenzie, Social Worker about my concern about the situation and asked if Kieth would visit tomorrow as I was on holiday, to back up and support Mrs Garrets' efforts as clearly Mrs Garret seems to have reached the end of her tether with Richard.</p>	

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13.1.88	<p>Keith Mackenzie, Social Worker visited as arranged. Apparently Keith had only driven into the area when a flaming row was in progress, Richard being verbally abusive and accusing his mother of being a "grass". [REDACTED] Keith thought it best to let the situation burn out whilst he was there. The police apparently appeared at the school yesterday following an allegation that following his fight with [REDACTED] Richard might have an offensive weapon i.e. a knife in his possession. This apparently was information given to [REDACTED] by Mrs Garret and she informed the police. However, nothing was found in Richards' possession. Richard continues to be aggrieved at the fact that his mother did not interfere in the fight between himself and [REDACTED]. Richard had been threatening both his mother and Jenny and whilst Richard was out of the room Mrs Garret passed Keith some notes taken of his abusiveness towards her that day. Keith noted that there was some variance between the account given by Mrs Garret as during the time he was there Jenny was most upset and was using the situation and playing Richard up. There had been a fight between Richard and Jenny which resulted in some bruising to Jennys' shins when Keith left Richard was out kicking a football around the house.</p>	
14.1.88	<p>Keith made a telephone call to Mr Kirk, Rector, Tain Royal Academy to confirm that the police did call following a telephone call from [REDACTED] to Mr Kirk.</p>	
18.1.88	<p>Appointment with Dr Butler at Raigmore hospital Inverness.</p>	
19.1.88	<p>Home visit. Saw Mrs Garret and Jenny, Richard was out with one of his friends. Situation with Richard seems to be relatively equable at the moment, Mrs Garret showed me the court order indicating that her husband is now totally excluded from the house and the immediate area with power of arrest. Mrs Garret said that she had seen Dr Butler and Andrew Stevenson as did her husband but they got little out of Richard as regards his interview but they were told by Andrew Stevenson not to press Richard on this matter. The only blot on the landscape was whilst waiting to see Dr Butler, Richard went round Inverness looking at various shops and decided that he would like the money that had been apparently given to him by an aunt to be held in trust until he was eighteen. Mrs Garret refused and Richard got himself in to a tizzy again.</p>	
20.1.88	<p>Phoned Andrew Stevenson, Senior Social Worker at Raigmore Hospital. He confirmed the appointment kept on the 18th and said he felt a lot of Richards problems was not only in mimicking his fathers behaviour but also trying to get approval from his father. Like myself at my own meeting with Richard and his parents, he felt that there was a lot of acromony between his parents and their own domestic problems took up a great deal of the time. A follow up visit will be made probably on the 14th February but at this stage Dr Butler does not feel that there is any psychiatric illness but perhaps an I.T. programme could be worked out to help Richard take up some of his considerable energies.</p>	
21.1.88	<p>Called to see Richard at Tain Academy. He wasn't very conversational but he responded to questions asked of him and said he was getting on alright. He said there had been some trouble in the house the previous evening and the blame was put on a newly aquired budgie in the house which kept twittering and interfering with Richards' study.</p>	

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21.1.88	<p><u>Later</u> called at the house and saw Mrs Garret and Jennifer, it appears that there had been some trouble with Richard the previous evening because Richard maintained that the newly aquired family budgie had been chirping away to such an extent that Richard could not get on with his home work. It appears he grabbed the cage, through it on the floor and when Jennifer and Mrs Garret interferred he began to lash out.</p>	
22.1.88	<p>Home visit. Saw Mrs Garret and Jenny, Richard had come home from school but was upstairs. Mrs Garret is finding it difficult to control Richards' tempers now, it seems to be becoming more frequent and more violent. If Richard does not get his own way or he feels he's being thwarted in any way he throws a tantrum for the slightest thing. We discussed the possibility of Richards' coming in to care and Mrs Garret broke out into tears and said that it was something that she did not really want to happen. We talked generally about what to do with Richard and I said that I would look in again at the beginning of the week although on holiday although on holiday I would make contact with her and see if we could review the situation again.</p>	
25.1.88	<p>Home visit although on holiday and called to see Mrs Garret as promised last week. They spent a tense weekend with Richard although there had been no recurring violent attacks. However there seems to be no let up in Richards hostility towards them and I suggested that if anything happens in the week Mrs Garret should not let it develop into hostility she was to protect herself and Jenny and advise whether the police or ourselves for action to be taken and I would accordingly ask Mr Keith Mackenzie to look in this week whilst I was on holiday as he had done on the last occassion.</p>	
28.1.88	<p>Whilst on Annual Leave Keith Mackenzie was forced to see Richard in to care following an incident in the house the previous evening and he was taken to Coul Park Childrens' Home in Alness.</p>	
2.2.88	<p>Case conference at Coul Park attended by Mrs Garret who was uplifted by John MacDonald Social Worker to be present at the meeting. Report will be to hand later but meantime Richard is to remain in Coul Park on an assessment basis but the facility is there to remove him to Ferintosh House if he should become violent or uncontrollable.</p>	
8.2.88	<p>Visited Coul Park where I saw Richard in the company of [redacted] and another resident in a general state of melee, cursing and swearing and being generally uncontrollable towards members of staff. To such an extent that I had to call Richard aside to a separate room and talk to him in this contact. According to Clunnie Connachie, the officer in Charge, Richard had been very unsettled for the previous 24hrs and had refused to go to school that day and was in no mood to listen to anybody. He was in a very aggressive frame of mind and the situation was now such that consideration is being given to moving him to Ferintosh as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>Later</u> in the evening I phoned Charlie MacBeod at Coul Park to be told that Richard along with [redacted] and another boy had gone missing but were later found in a railway carriage in Inverness headed for Aberdeen supposedly.</p>	

Richard Garret

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2.88	<p>Home visit. Saw Mrs Garret who was in alone, whilst she is concerned about Richard being away from home and the sense of failure and guilt she nonetheless feels much safer also a lot easier and hopes that Richard will soon learn sense. Meantime her husband who has been hassling her about various personal items and she feels this is because he no longer has Richard around to use for his own devious purposes.</p>	

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28/9/88	HV	JJM	Called to review the whole situation with Richard and his father now both satisfied that the incident is closed and in fact some pupils at school have actually apologised in their own way for having wrongly accused him.
With Whom			
Richard and Mr Garrett			
6/10/88	Review	JJM	See file for report details.
With Whom			
Members of the NAI Review Panel.			
7/10/88	HV	JJM	Got no reply
With Whom			
Garrett family			
13/10/88	HV	JJM	Spoke in general terms to Mr Garret about how things were, he said that there were ups and downs but nothing that he couldn't handle at the moment. Richard still can be difficult and provocative at times.
With Whom			
Mr Garrett			
14/10/88	HV	JJM	This was purely to give Mrs Garrett an update on what was happening, she had obviously heard various things about the recent school incident and the minibus incident and I was to clear up some matters there with her as clearly events in a village have a habit of being distorted.
With Whom			
Mrs Margaret Garrett at 16 Shore ST Hilton.			

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21/9/88	HV	JJM	Got no reply, a note left to phone the office tomorrow morning. There was also an incident which occurred on the minibus during an IT session which could mean that Richard could be excluded from that group and Harry Garland ATL wished to see himself and Mr Mackenzie in this regard.
With Whom			
The Garrett Family			
22/9/88	OV	JJM	Harry spent some time talking with Richard about the incident on the minibus where he was alleged to have been extremely aggressive and actually punched one of the boys. Parents of this boy were apparently told what happened, they wished no further action. Richard duly apologised for his behaviour and after some discussion left for home with his attendance at the IT group still in the balance.
With Whom			
Harry Garland John MacDonald Richard Garrett			
26/9/88	Phonecall	JJM	Richard is not at school today because of fear of recoil from an incident on Friday where he was alleged to have 'shopped' boys who had taken alcohol into the school during a sponsored run session.
With Whom			
From Mr Garrett			
27/9/88	HV	JJM	Discussed the events of Friday where Richard was alleged to have told teachers about boys carrying drink into the school during Friday's sponsored run session. Richard denied emphatically that he had done this and was extremely aggrieved that he was being blamed for this. Already he had had reprisals against him and people were warning him and threatening him at school.
With Whom			
Richard and Mr Garrett			
28/9/88	Visit	JJM	There has been an upturn in the allegations about Richard telling on the other boys. Enquiries reveal that in fact the police in Tain had been advised in the morning by a member of the public about these boys carrying drink into the school and as a result they had called up the school. Mr Kirk emphasised that Richard had nothing to do with any telling whatsoever, the only thing Richard apparently had done was that he had asked some of the boys for drink and this may have fueled the imaginations.
With Whom			
To Tain Academy with Richard Garrett and Headmaster, Mr Kirk.			

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CLIENT NAME *Richard Garrett* .....

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
27/10/88	HV	JM	Again the situation seems relatively calm, Richard is having no problems at school, getting on quite well there and is quite pleased about this. However, his home conducts still leaves a lot to be desired.
With Whom			
Mr Garrett and Richard			
5/11/88	Standby	JJM	Called out whilst on Standby at 3 am in the morning. Called to the police station by Sgt. [REDACTED] who was looking for a place for Richard as he and his father had had an argument which resulted in his father ejecting him from the house. Richard was taken by the writer to Culpark Children's home and he remained there for a few hours and then took himself off back to his father's home. Later his father phoned to say that he was home and that they had resolved their difficulties.
With Whom			
Richard Garrett			
7/11/88	HV	JJM	Needed to discuss with Richard his actions of Saturday. He said that he and his father had had an argument about his staying up late and his father's association with [REDACTED] and it got to the stage where his father could no longer tolerate the provocation he was receiving from Richard and called the police. Obviously Richard was concerned about the incident because it could have meant that he could have been returned to care. We discussed to some lengths the relationships and attitudes at home but clearly Richard, despite this wished to remain at home.
With Whom			
Richard Garrett at Tain Academy			
22/11/88	HV	JJM	Situation quite good, no major problems, but still Richard's provocation at home an issue.
With Whom			
Richard and Mr Garrett			
6/12/88	HV	JJM	Actually proceeding towards the house when I saw Richard who was making his way through the village. Said he was getting on fine and looking forward to the Christmas Holidays. He has been going across to see his mother and sister but is getting a fairly cool reception at the moment.
With Whom			
Richard Garrett			

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CLIENT NAME *Richard Garrett* .....

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
19/12/88	OV	JJM	<p><i>This visit by Mr Garrett was to discuss events which had led to Richard being excluded from school last week, during the time I was on holiday. It appears that Richard had been extremely aggressive towards the headmaster after being involved in a 'punch-up' with another boy. It appears that it was so bad that Richard was excluded from school. However, Mr Garrett had today gone to the school with Richard and he had been taken back under very stringent conditions. We discussed this at some length and Mr Garretts feelings that Richard is perhaps getting rather much for him at the moment. Having said this however he gave no indication that he wanted Richard out of the home and seems willing at this time to continue to do what he can for the lad within his limits.</i></p>
With Whom			
Mr Garrett			
19/12/88	Visit	JJM	<p><i>This visit was provedential as Richard had been coming down to see the headmaster in any event and the end result was a joint interview with the writer, headmaster, Mr Kirk and Richard. Richard fully apologetic for what had happened last week and gave full assurance that nothing like this would occur again and on this understanding he was allowed back to school and with the holidays coming up over the next few days this is perhaps providential.</i></p>
With Whom			
Richard Garret at Taim Royal Academy.			
With Whom			
With Whom			

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RICHARD GARRETT  
 CLIENT NAME ..... REFERENCE NUMBER ..... 2400278901

Date 19.2.89

Police constables [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] called at Richard's home to question him about the break into the Balintore Hotel. During the time of this interrogation, it appears he was extremely belligerent towards the police and when he was asked to accompany them to the police station for further enquiry, he committed a breach of the peace and resisted arrest. The consequence of this an unruly certificate was made and the duty social worker, Harry Garland, was required to convey him to Ferintosh House, Conon Bridge.

20.2.89 - 12 noon, Children's Panel at Dingwall, where Richard's father was present. Richard had considerably calmed down by this time and the panel decided that the best thing to do was to vary the supervision order in terms of Section 44 (1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act, to allow him to go to Ferintosh House, in the meantime, he would stay at Coulpark as there is no bed available in Ferintosh until, probably, Friday of this week.

Spoke with Richard and his father about the incident, it would seem this is a typical Richard attitude towards anybody who is acting in an authoritarian role, clearly the boy finds difficulty in dealing with, what he considers the negative feelings of others, and this has led him into so many confrontations before. Sadly, Richard appreciates this, but at the same time has done little or nothing to control it. With those closest to him and with those he feels safe, i.e. parents, social workers or police, he tends to react in a hostile way. With his peer group where he has much less chance of escaping from any consequences, he will avoid confrontation. He is unhappy about going into care and feels that he was wronged and that the police are "gunning" for him. At the Children's Panel, he denied the charge of breaking in to the Balintore Hotel, but admitted the breach of the peace and resisting arrest.

21.2.89 - Called on Richard's father, David Garrett, to tell him how he had settled in, in the meantime it had been agreed that Richard will continue to go to Tain Academy, as is his wish, and he will be conveyed there by the mini bus from Coulpark to Tain and back each day.

23.2.89 - 12 noon, Child Care Review at Coulpark Children's Centre, which included Harry Garland, Area Team Leader (Chair), Alan Humphries, Senior Care Officer, Coulpark, John MacDonald, Social Worker, David Garrett, Father and Richard Garrett. Basically, decided in the meantime to retain Richard at Coulpark until a facility became available at Ferintosh. In the meantime, some work to be done with Richard in terms of his dealing with the negative feelings of others, particularly adults. See file for report of review.

CONTACT RECORD

CLIENT NAME *Richard Garrett*

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
With Whom			Social work department closed for holidays.
<i>26.12.88 to 4.1.89</i>			
<i>6.1.89</i>	<i>HV</i>	<i>JJM</i>	No reply but later Richard seen in the village on his way to see his mother, said things were going fine between himself and his father and the holiday had passed out incident.
With Whom <i>Garretts</i>			
<i>9.1.89</i>	<i>OV</i>	<i>JJM</i>	Seeing that he was concerned that Richard had been in further trouble in school and he had had to go and speak with Mr Kirk. Mr Kirk seems to be taking a hard line on Richard's behaviour, I said that I would call and see Mr Kirk at Tain Academy tomorrow
With Whom <i>Mr Garrett</i>			
<i>10.1.89</i>	<i>Visit</i>	<i>JJM</i>	Spoke with Mr Kirk about Richard's recent bout of disruptive behaviour and Mr Kirk cautioned saying that he was not prepared to put up with this much longer, his new senior staff had been complaining already and he could not risk Richard's behaviour spreading to other vulnerable pupils.
With Whom <i>Mr Kirk</i>			
<i>13.1.89</i>	<i>HV</i>	<i>JJM</i>	Spoke with Richard and his father together and told them of my meeting and discussion with Mr Kirk. Mr Garrett was in full agreement with Mr Kirk's reactions but Richard again demonstrated in a most verbally abusive way that he felt he was being 'put upon', at school and that he had no reason to be complaining about him any more than any other pupil. Considerable discussion between Richard and social worker involved with Richard eventually calling down but how much has sunk in remains to be seen
With Whom <i>Mr Garrett and Richard</i>			

CONTACT RECORD

CLIENT NAME *Richard Garrett*

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
19.1.89	HV	JJM	Things seem to be going along quite well since our last meeting, no problems reported at school and Mr Garret says that Richard had been trying to behave but he still remains very much on edge.
With Whom		Richard and his father	
31.1.89	HV	JJM	Richard not yet home from school but Mr Garrett says that he is not too bad at the moment within reasonable proportions but still very much on edge and the slightest thing he fears will disrupt him. Mr Garrett strongly objecting to Richard going to the local pub where he plays snooker for money, still smoking heavily and Mr Garrett maintains that he is getting alcohol at the pub. He has also in recent times been over to see his mother who Mr Garrett believes is maybe stirring Richard up.
With Whom		Mr Garrett	
6.2.89 to 10.2.89			Social worker on annual leave.
13.2.89	OV	JJM	Seems that during my absence on holiday Richard has been excluded from school once again for exhibiting hostility and temper in the presence of the headmaster after having been taken into the office on a complaint of disrupting one of his classes. AS a result he had been excluded from school and Mr Garrett now wants to know which way to turn, he had been in earlier in the week to see Keith Macenzie who had spent some time in interview with Richard and his father.
With Whom		Mr Garrett	
13.2.89	Visit	JJM	Spoke with Mr Kirk about the events of last week, he said that he would be prepared to take Richard back to school if he was prepared to listen to reason and accept his punishment without comment.
With Whom		Mr Kirk	

CONTACT RECORD

CLIENT NAME *Richard Garrett*

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
15.2.89	HV	JJM	Explained my meeting with Mr Kirk and Mr Garrett said that he would take Richard up to the school, by this time Richard had cooled down and certainly wanted back to school but certainly did not appear to see that he was altogether in the wrong. He was cautioned about this attitude in front of Mr Kirk and said that he would comply with any instructions given regarding behaviour at school.
With Whom		Richard and Mr Garrett	
16.2.89	Visit	JJM	Actually met Mr Garrett on my way to visit him at his home. He said that Richard had gone back to school and that things seemed to be fine at the moment, still by no means sure of the way Richard will go in the short term.
With Whom		Mr Garrett	
17.2.89	HV	JJM	Called with PC [redacted] as Mr Garrett had phoned earlier saying that he was concerned that Richard was going to spend a lot of his long weekend (mid term break) in the snooker club in Tain and was going to take no notice of him and a row would perhaps insure if he did. First Richard was very belligerent especially about the presence of the police but calmed down after a while despite the fact that once his father wanted him removed from the house there and then. He eventually agreed to give it a try and see how things developed.
With Whom		Mr and Garrett and Richard	
17.2.89	HV	JJM	Richard was in Tain by this time, Mr Garrett said that things were on a reasonably even keel but he was still concerned about Richard over the weekend. Explained to him that there any further incidents over the weekend to contact the duty social worker through the police. I would also advise the duty social worker and the police with regards to potential problems.
With Whom		Mr Garrett	
19.2.89			Richard Garrett taken into care under an unruly certificate and placed in Ferintosh overnight following a police visit to his home he was being questioned about a break in to the Balintore Hotel. At this point Richard became abusive and violent towards the police and was charged with breach of the peace and resisting arrest.
With Whom			

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CLIENT NAME *Richard Garrett*

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
20.2.89			Emergency Children's panel at Dingwall where Richard denied the allegation that he broke into the Balintore hotel but admitted the breach of the peace and resisting arrest. The panel then ordered that he should be placed at Ferintosh House but as there was no vacancy there in the meantime he should stay at Coulpark until such time as there was a vacancy.
With Whom			
21.2.89	HV	JJM	Mr Garrett is a lot more relaxed he says that a lot of the stress has been taken out of the situation since Richard went away but also felt rather guilty about the boy being in care and hoped that it would not be too long before he would be able to take him home again.
With Whom			
Mr Garrett			
23.2.89	Review		See file for report.
With Whom			
Coulpark			
24.2.89	HV	JJM	Mr Garrett still feeling a bit guilty about Richard being in care but accepts his need to be there as he himself felt that he could not have carried on much longer with the stress that was being caused between himself and Richard because of Richards hostility and defiant manner and the fact that despite everything that had been done he seemed to be learning very little and in fact becoming more aggressive and difficult to handle.
With Whom			
Mr Garrett			
28.2.89	phonecall	JJM	he had heard that Richard had been in trouble in school again and wondered what had happened as he had heard nothing. I later found out that Richard had been once again excluded from school for disrupting a class and Mr Kirk was almost certainly putting him out finally.
With Whom			
Mr Garrett			

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RICHARD GARRETT  
 CLIENT NAME ..... REFERENCE NUMBER ..... 2400278901

Date 20.2.89

Advised by Harry Garland, Area Team Leader and Stand by Duty Social Worker for the previous day, that unruly certificate had been placed on Richard and, thereafter, he was taken by Harry to Ferintosh House.

It appears that the Police went to the house on 19.2.89 to question Richard about an alleged break-in to the Balintore Hotel. During the course of the questioning by PC's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Richard became very abusive, refused to co-operate with the Police in the presence of his father and, eventually, had to be restrained and thereafter, an unruly certificate was placed on him. Richard was charged with the break-in to the Balintore Hotel, with resisting arrest and with breach of the peace.

12 noon - Richard uplifted by John MacDonald, Social Worker, from Ferintosh House and taken to Dingwall where a emergency Children's Panel had been arranged. Richard would not admit to the break-in to the Balintore Hotel, but admitted to the breach of the peace and resisting arrest charges. As a result of this, Richard was made subject of a supervision order, varied to place of residence at Ferintosh House, but in the meantime, as there was no vacancy in Ferintosh House, he would remain in Coulpark Children's Centre, until probably Friday when a vacancy would become available. Richard was then conveyed back to Coulpark in the company of his father and a meeting ensued between Richard, Mr Garrett and Alan Humphries, Senior Care Officer on duty and John MacDonald, Social Worker. Richard clearly expressed strong feelings about not going to Ferintosh House, he would rather remain in Coulpark, basically, this would seem to be because he felt unsafe amongst peers of his equal, where he would not be able to exercise his own personal authority. Richard, clearly, did not want to be in care, would wish to be back home, it was made clear to him, however, that this would not be possible in the ensuing few weeks, certainly without his father's agreement and, at this point, Mr Garrett was in no position to offer that facility, as clearly Richard had been misbehaving for a good number of weeks before he ever came into care again. Mr Garrett said that he had almost reached the end of his tether with Richard, he was disobedient at home, defiant and could provoke in a most intimidating way, which resulted in a lot of arguments between them. He totally agreed that Richard's attitude towards the Police on this occasion was completely irrational and out of order.

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CLIENT NAME *Richard Garrett*

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
28.2.89	phonecall	JJI	Talked about Richard's exclusion from school and Alan Humphries felt that it was perhaps rather harsh and that we should try and see Mr Kirk about Richard returning to school.
With Whom Alan Humphries, Snr Care Officer Coulparth			
1.3.89	Phonecall	JJI	Arranging a meeting on 7.3.89 at the school in Tain, Richard, myself and [redacted] officer in charge.
With Whom Mr Kirk			
1.3.89	OV	JJI	Met to discuss the events Richard's behaviour at school and what was happening. Explained about our meeting tomorrow in the hope that Richard might get back into school. Mr Garrett said that he was concerned that on visiting Richard at Coulparth he was told that Richard and his party had been left at a disco at Inverness which was cancelled, meantime the party's supervisor had gone and they went and purchased alcohol.
With Whom Mr Garrett			
2.3.89	meeting	JJI	After considerable debate, Mr Kirk agreed under very stringent conditions that Richard could return to school, this included a behaviour table, sitting outside the headmasters office during breacktime, etc.
With Whom Mr Kirk, Richard Garrett and Charlie MacLeod			
7.3.89	EV	JJI	To advise of the children's panel on 10.3.89 and discuss briefly. Later also visit to Mrs Garrett at her new home at 70 Lochslin Place, Balintore she was advised of the panel and said that she would not be coming as she had now washed her hands of Richard and his father, he had apparently been making visits to her and being a nuisance when he was in the house and also that she had learned that her husband's parents had purchased their former home and this had been a trick and she was clearly very annoyed about it.
With Whom Mr Garrett			

CONTACT RECORD

CLIENT NAME *Richard Guroth*

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
0.3.89	phonecall	JJM	Assertaining if there was a vacancy at Ferintosh which there was not and apparently not likely to be one in the foreseeable future.
With Whom			
Neil Campbell, Ferintosh			
10.3.89			Order of the previous panel on the 20th of Feb'. Varied to name Coulpark as place of residence rather than Ferintosh House. Richard's father and I spoke with Alan Humphries about the incident when Richard and others obtained alcohol. He said he was aware of it and that the member of staff had been 'dealt with', he had said that he had not checked the disco was on and had gone 'busking'.
With Whom			
children's Panel, Dingwall			
13.3.89	visit	JJM	Richard, of course, has been there for the last few weeks, settled down quite well, seems to be causing a bit of trouble, not in typical fashion stirring it between one and the other of the residents, he has come into conflict with one boy already and received a black eye, seems to like to think he can 'pull' the girls. However, we had a fairly long session along with Alan Humphries regarding his behaviour and how he copes with the negative feelings of others to which he responded quietly and intelligently.
With Whom			
Richard at Coulpark.			
17.3.89	meeting	JJM	This meeting by prior arrangement. Mr Kirk saying that he was not prepared to keep Richard at school any longer as he had been involved in three acts of disruption in class and breaking the rules previously set down for him on his last return to school. It was arranged that I would collect Richard from school at 2pm and take him to the child care review at Coulpark in the afternoon.
With Whom			
Mr Kirk			
17.3.89	Child Care Review		See file for report details.  Letter to Jack Goodfellow, Ferintosh House see file.
With Whom			
Coulpark			

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CLIENT NAME *Richard Garrett*

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
21.3.89	phonecall	JJM	Mainly to discuss prospects for Richard's future of education. Advised to contact Ken Dutton educational psychologist.
With Whom			
Alan Humphries			
21.3.89	phonecall	JJM	Ken said that he would try and talk with Mr Kirk and see if he could have Richard reinstated but failing this it would mean either attending Invergordon or Aness Academy or at the worst going to Ferintosh House.
With Whom			
Ken Dutton			
22.3.89	OV	JJM	Mainly to discuss Richard's progress over the week ends that he has been with his father since coming into care and they have gone reasonably well we were now discussing what the situation would be over the school holiday period because Mr Garrett felt it would be too much to have him for the whole holiday to which both I and Coupark were in agreement. I said I would work out a staggered programme of his homecoming and let him know.
With Whom			
Mr Garrett			
23.3.89	Visit	JJM	Mainly discussed with Richard the forthcoming school holiday period and the time he would spend at home during that period. Richard agreed that he would go home on Friday 24th and return to Coupark on the 31st and he would go home again on 1st April and remain there until the 5th of April returning to Coupark on the 6th of April and remain there until the school returns on the 10th of April, apart from the weekend.
With Whom			
Richard at Coupark			
23.3.89	IV	JJM	gave Mr Garrett details of the times of Richards periods with him during the school holidays.
With Whom			
Mr Garrett			

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CLIENT NAME Richard Garrett

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
30.3.89	Visit	JJM	Richard in fairly relaxed form indicating that the period with his father had so far gone well and that as far as his temper was concerned he had no problems with either the residents or staff at Coulpark. He discussed at length his feelings about authority and those that exercise it and he again intellectually accepted the discussion intelligently and with interest. He said he had written to the Children's Panel Reporter about getting his money back following discussion with Constable [redacted] who gave him to believe that he had been convicted of the breaking into the Belintore hotel and therefore the money would not be refunded to him. He has seen his grandparents once since they came to live in Hilton.
With Whom			
Richard at Coulpark			
31.3.89		JJM	Met them outside the social work office and was introduced formerly to Mr Garrett Snr. Mr Garrett (Richard's father) said that although Richard had been coming home and things were generally satisfactory he was still being quite defiant at times.
With Whom			
Mr Garrett and his father.			
5/4/89	Office Visit	JJM	To talk over some concerns about Richard and his relationship with his mother. The apparently Mrs [redacted] said she does not work which is the same but keeps allowing him to DSS over his relatives but with [redacted] he has been reported for having her as her child in the home and not declaring; his bank has been withdrawn and DSS investigators have been to see him. He denies vehemently the allegation.
With Whom			
Mr Garrett.			

Dr. J. E. ROBERTS  
Dr. G. GRANT  
Dr. I. G. COLVIN

THE HEALTH CENTRE  
TAIN  
ROSS-SHIRE  
TEL: TAIN 2203

GG/LM

5 October, 1987

Richard Garrett, Culag, 16 Shore Street, Hilton. (2.10.73)

This is to certify that on the 28th of September 1987 at approximately 4.38 p.m. I examined the above child. A bruise was noticed below his left eye and he also had a bruise of about 1" diameter on the lateral aspect of his left thigh.



G GRANT, MB ChB BSc (Hons).

Jennifer Garrett,

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 Garrett*

Present Address\* *9 Abbotsford Balmintree* New Address\* *Coll Park Childrens Centre Alnwick*

Statutory Condition Imposed *Section 44(1)(b) Social Work (Scot) Act 1968*

Name of Doctor *Dr Colvin Tain* D.O.B. *2/10/73*

School Attended (Children only) *Tain Academy* Case Ref. *No Change*

Date of Change *20/2/89*

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

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete)

- Stop
- Start
- Amend Register

EFFECTIVE DATE

Reason ..... Name of FP/CC .....

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

- Admission
- Discharge
- Temp. Change

EFFECTIVE DATE

Reason *Police charges and beyond parental control* Establishment *Coll Park Childrens Centre Alnwick*

Financial Assessment Attached  DHSS Supplementation applied for

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....

Reason .....

Signed *Jo Prachas* Date *20/2/89*

Authorised ..... Date .....

OFFICE Action taken *Amended register 6/3/89*

Documentation completed by ..... Date .....

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Our ref. **JJM/AF**

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date

17th March 1989

Mr Jack Goodfellow  
Principal Officer  
Ferintosh House  
Sellar Place  
CONON BRIDGE

Dear Mr Goodfellow

**RE: RICHARD GARRETT, D.O.B. 7.10.73, CURRENTLY COULPARK CHILDREN'S CENTRE,  
HOME ADDRESS - 9 ABBOTSHAVEN, BALINTORE**

Richard Garrett was placed under an unruly certificate on 20th February 1989 and, after an emergency Children's Panel, he was placed at Coulpark Children's Centre.

On the following Saturday, his father visited Richard at Coulpark Children's Centre. Richard told his father they had been taken to a disco in Inverness the previous night, that the disco had been cancelled and he and some others had purchased a carry-out. Mr Garrett brought this to our attention, feeling that this lack of supervision was inappropriate in Richard's case.

Enquiries with Coulpark and Richard revealed that Richard, along with a number of other children, had been scheduled to attend a disco at the Rose Street Hall in Inverness. However, it would appear that the disco had been cancelled, which had not been checked out by the member of staff scheduled to have the care of the party that evening. My understanding is that the member of staff involved deposited the children at the disco and then proceeded to go about his own business, I believe busking in the market in Inverness!! He then returned to pick up the children at the agreed time

The account given above is confirmed by Alan Humphries, Senior Care Officer at Coulpark Children's Centre and he advises me that this member of staff, who I understand is used on a temporary basis, had been interviewed regarding the incident and has been "dealt with". In view of the Parent's concern about the matter, which is shared by myself, I would be grateful if you could confirm that the matter has been dealt with as indicated.

Yours sincerely

  
HARRY GARLAND  
AREA TEAM LEADER

c.c. Alan Humphries, Coulpark Children's Centre, Aness  
Jenny Tidey, Acting P.F.O., Dingwall

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MEMORANDUM

To Principal Officer  
Social Work Dept.,  
DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter,  
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 14.3.89

Please ask for

RECEIVED  
15 MAR 1989  
REGISTERED

RICHARD GARRETT 9 Abbotshaven Balintore

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 10.3.89  
supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was  
~~CONTINUED/VARIED/TERMINATED/DISCHARGED.~~

*[Handwritten signature]*

REPORTER

## SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

## Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 10.3.89

~~ADDRESS~~

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross &amp; Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 20.2.89 to which  
Richard, Garrett is subject, hereby require him/her\* ~~to reside in~~ <sup>reside in</sup> Coulpark children's  
Home, Alness

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council ]†

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 20.2.89 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.

EDITH BLAKE

*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 There is no change in the circumstances from the last hearing for his removal from home. He should now reside in Coulpark Children's Centre as there is no place available in Ferintosh Children's Centre.

EDITH BLAKE

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Dingwall Division

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

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME: *Richard Garrett*

DATE OF BIRTH: *7/10/73*

AGE:

ADDRESS: *9 Abbotshaven  
Balintore*

RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: *10/3/89*

TIME: *2.45pm* PLACE: *Dingwall*

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: *Review*

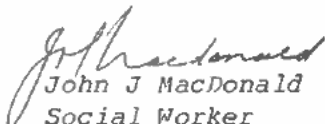
PREVIOUS APPEARANCES:

The panel will recall that when last Richard appeared before them on 20/2/89, following an emergency panel brought about by the application of an unruly certificate, at that time it will be recalled that an order was made under Section 44 (1)(b) which varied the existing order from residing with his father at 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore to Ferintosh House. Although Richard had spent the previous night at Ferintosh there was no room on a full time basis for him and he was placed at Coulpark on a temporary basis until a vacancy occurred at Ferintosh House.

It should be said, however, that prior to the incident which necessitated Richard being taken into care on this occasion, his behaviour at home had been noticeably worsening. His father was becoming concerned about his defiant behaviour, his possible consumption of alcohol and the fact that he kept company which his father did not feel was appropriate for him. It has also to be said that Mr Garrett kept faith with the social work department and the police and on all occasions where he felt that he couldn't handle Richard, he would convey this and support by way of visitation and discussion with father and son usually followed. However, the situation came to a point where Mr Garrett really felt that he had come to the end of his tether because school also began to feel the effects of Richards bad behaviour despite his relatively good performance up to the Christmas Holiday. His behaviour at school began to deteriorate fairly rapidly by way of offering defiance to teachers and openly arguing with his headmaster. On the most recent occasion at school when being questioned about an incident, he demanded that his social worker be present whereupon the headmaster put him out of school and sent him to the social work department and thereafter he was sent back to Coulpark Children's Centre.

Richard has now been at Coulpark since the 20th of February. I understand there that his behaviour has been relatively good but on one occasion he was in conflict with a boy of his own age at the home. I understand that this was not entirely Richards fault but he came off the worst in a physical confrontation. Arrangements were made for him to return to Tain Royal Academy under the stringent conditions imposed by Mr Kirk, the Headmaster, and I understand he has been attending there satisfactorily ever since.

It is still the writers hope that Richard could be returned home to his father on a full time basis within a few weeks but there is still some need to work with him on an individual basis to try and alleviate some of the negative feelings that he has about people in general but about adults and those in authority in particular. Richard seems to wish to challenge those who have authority over him and feels a degree of security in this but with his peer group it is quite a different matter and he often shows a great deal of concern about himself if he feels he is going to be placed in a situation where he might physically be confronted. His father is still of a mind to have him home and there is one promising factor on the skyline at the moment, that is, his grandparents are coming up from England and occupying the house that he and his parents previously occupied at 16 Shore Street, Hilton. The writer of course is not able to gauge the feelings of the grandparents and does not know them but it may well be that the presence of this extended family in the area might prove to be some help to Richard and to his father by way of offering third party informal counselling within the family setting. However, at this time as there seems no possibility that a place will be available for him in Ferintosh House in the foreseeable future, it has to be said that he should remain at Coulpark where he is in the meantime.

  
John J MacDonald  
Social Worker

74/89.

MEMORANDUM

To Principal Officer,  
Social Work  
DINGWALL

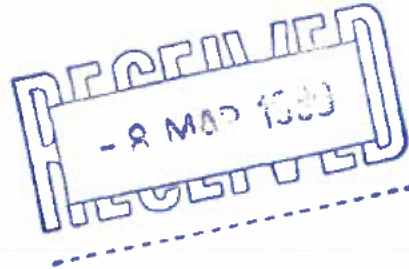
From Divisional Reporter,  
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 7.3.89

Please ask for



RICHARD GARRETT Coulpark children's Centre, Alness

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

Friday 10th March at 2.45 p.m.

at the undernoted address.

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

EDUCATION CENTRE, CASTLE STREET, DINGWALL

~~SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, HIGH STREET, ALNESS~~

REPORTER

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*

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

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

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

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6. Date of Admission into Care: *20.02.89*

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

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

*N/A*

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.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - EDUCATION COMMITTEE

ROSS AND CROMARTY DIVISION

..... 27/2/89 ..... Date  
JFK/JJ ..... Our Ref.  
..... Your Ref.



TAIN ROYAL ACADEMY,  
Scotsburn Road,  
TAIN.  
Ross-shire. IV19 1PS  
Telephone - 0862 2121

J. F. KIRK, B.Sc. Rector

Dear Parent(s)

I regret that I have found it necessary to exclude your ~~son/daughter~~  
~~Richard Gavett~~ from this school. This decision is effective from  
- - - 28/2/89 - - - . To ensure that this causes the minimum loss to  
his/her education, I must urge you to arrange to meet me in the school as  
soon as convenient. It would be most suitable if you could telephone the  
school at any time between 9.00 am and 3.45 pm and the appropriate  
Assistant Rector or Depute Rector or myself will discuss the situation with  
you as soon as possible.

At present, no formal note of this exclusion has been put into your son/  
daughter's record folder. This can probably be avoided if we meet promptly  
and agree on a course of action. However, if this does not happen, I must  
legally give you the basic facts of this exclusion in writing within 7 days.  
These facts must also be sent to the Divisional Education Officer for Ross-  
shire, and must be put into your son/daughter's record folder. They can only  
be removed then by you successfully appealing under section 28D of the  
Education (Scotland) Act 1980.

I hope that we can cooperate to settle this exclusion as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely

*JFK*  
J F Kirk  
Rector

*Recd 1/3/89*

## MEMORANDUM

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To John Dunlop  
Principal Fieldwork Officer/  
N.A.I. Co-ordinator  
DINGWALL

From John MacDonald  
Social Worker  
TAIN

Your Ref.

Our Ref. JJM/AF

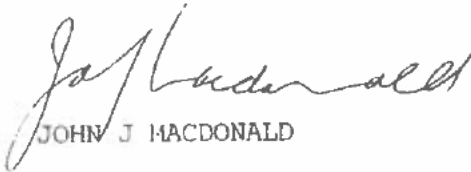
Date 21.2.89

Please Ask For

### CHANGE OF LOCATION OF CHILD ON N.A.I. REGISTER

RICHARD GARRETT, D.O.B. 2.10.73, 9 ABBOTSHAVEN, BALINTORE

I have to advise you that the above named child was admitted to Coulpark Children's Centre on 20.2.89. It is expected that he will be transferred to Ferintosh Children's Centre thereafter, probably on Friday 24th February.

  
JOHN J MACDONALD

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 20.2.89

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of (and in substitution for) the supervision requirement dated 23.0.80 to which

Richard J Gannett is subject, hereby require him/her\* ~~to reside at~~ Fernholme Children's Home

Ante Alice Bridge Highland Regional Council

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1\*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 23.0.80 is hereby revoked.

*Alexander Glang*  
Chairman of  
the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

- 11. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.
- 12. 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.

*Alexander Glang*  
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

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MEMORANDUM

To Principal Officer  
Social Work Dept.,  
DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter,  
DINGWALL

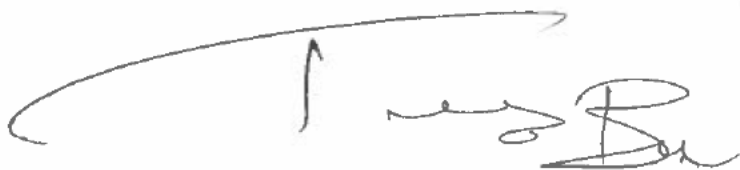
Your ref.  
Please ask for

Our ref.

Date 21.2.89

RICHARD GARRETT 9 Abbotshaven Balintore

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 20.2.89  
supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was  
~~CONTINUED/VARIED/TERMINATED/DISCHARGED.~~



REPORTER

RECEIVED  
23 FEB 1989  
DINGWALL

## SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

## Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT ~~XXXXX~~ALL on the 20.2.89  
~~ALNESS~~

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 23.5.88 to which  
 Richard Garrett is subject, hereby require him/her <sup>reside in</sup> ~~to reside at~~ Ferintosh Children's Centre  
 Conon Bridge

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council

]†  
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subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 23.5.88 is hereby revoked.

ALEXANDER GLASS

*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*

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\*Delete as appropriate

## REASONS

Since his return to live with his father despite the considerable efforts of his father to help Richard learn self control the situation has deteriorated and Richard has failed to respond to his father's and Social work's advice. His father needs a break and a cooling off period at Ferintosh Children's Centre would be advantageous to allow Richard to rethink his position.

ALEXANDER GLASS

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MEMORANDUM

To Principal Officer,  
Social Work  
DINGWALL

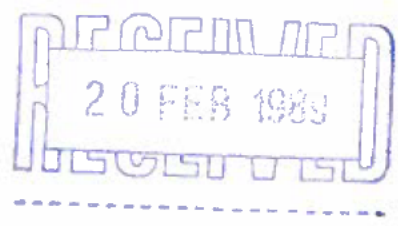
From Divisional Reporter,  
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 15-2-89

Please ask for



Richard Garnett  
7. Abbotstown Ballyton

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on Wednesday 3.8.89 at 11 am at the undernoted address.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 3.3.89

EDUCATION CENTRE, CASTLE STREET, DINGWALL

~~COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEPT. BRIDGEND SCHOOL ALNESS~~

REPORTER

ATTENDING CASE CONFERENCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
Mr. H. Garland	Area Team Leader	Social Work Department
Mr. J. MacDonald	Social Worker	Social Work Department
Mr. G. Robertson	Tain Royal Academy	Education Department
[REDACTED]	Police Constable	Northern Constabulary
Miss A. Little	Community Nurse Manager	Highland Health Board
Mrs. E. Scott	Senior Medical Officer	Highland Health Board

INVITED BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
Mr. A. Butter	Case Worker	R.S.S.P.C.C.
[REDACTED]	Police Constable	Northern Constabulary

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO CASE CONFERENCE

Six monthly review.

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Mr. J. MacDonald, Social Worker, tabled a report and highlighted its main points.

It was particularly noted that Richard's school report had been better than had been expected, although he still had difficulty with concentration. The time gap between serious incidents had now widened, with Mr. Robertson of Tain Royal Academy, seeking to change Richard's hard-man image. Mr. Robertson reported regular contact with Richard and was encouraging him to walk away from troublesome situations.

There were no negative reports from any of the agencies represented, and indeed the local police had worked well with him.

Mr. MacDonald, however, reported his concern that Richard's father still needed the Social Work Department to keep a close rein on the situation. Mr. Garland also cautioned any decision to de-register, pointing out that there was still potential for a lot of violence. Those present agreed with this recommendation.

It was also agreed that Mr. Robertson would liaise with Mr. MacDonald on the possible development of re-establishing links between Richard and his mother. Mr. MacDonald would remain the key worker.

DECISION

CHILD'S NAME TO BE RETAINED ON CENTRAL REGISTER

PERSON/AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION - Child Abuse Co-ordinator

RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

KEY WORKER NOMINATED

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
Mr. J. MacDonald	Social Worker	Tain Area Office. Social Work Department.

DATE OF NEXT CASE CONFERENCE

April, 1989

SIGNED:  \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 24.10.88.

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

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. 2/10/73</p>	<p>PRESENT ADDRESS 9 Abbotshaven Balintore</p> <p>TEL NO</p>
<p>PARENTS/CARERS NAME &amp; ADDRESS David Garrett 9 Abbotshaven Balintore</p>	<p>HOME ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)</p>	
<p>LEGAL STATUS OF CHILD(REN)</p>	<p>DATE OF REGISTRATION 13/9/87</p>	
	<p>DATE OF PREVIOUS CASE CONFERENCE 13/4/88</p>	

RECOMMENDATIONS OF LAST REVIEW

- 1/ Richards name to remain on Register.
- 2/ There is nothing to stop Richard going home once Mr Garrett is settled in 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore.
- 3/ [REDACTED]
- 4/ Review in six months.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE LAST CASE CONFERENCE

Richard was discharged from care at Ferintosh House on 23/5/88 and went to live with his father at 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore. During the major part of the summer holiday in fact July and August, Richard and his father went on a working holiday to the Haddington area during which time his supervision was temporarily undertaken by a Social Worker from the Haddington office. During the period of that holiday Richard spent one night in care following a row with his father, but after consultation between Richard, his father and the social worker, he was returned to his father and remained there until the end of the holiday. Since his return to school there has been nothing significant regarding his general behaviour except very recently when he was accused of telling on some boys who were taking alcohol to the school. This caused a consternation for a number of days until it was realised that Richard in fact was not responsible for this, however, during this time he underwent a lot of provocation and physical and verbal abuse. There is some tension around at the moment because Richard has been called as a witness for the prosecution against his father in the case of alleged drunken driving which occurred last October. Richard is a member of a Tain based I.T. Group, but his continued membership is in doubt because of an incident where he was generally very verbally abusive and physically abusive to one particular member of the group.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT INVOLVEMENT/LEVEL OF CONTACT

Home visits are made on a weekly basis either with Richard and his father or his father alone. Each month Richard is seen on his own at school, and there is an agreement between the social worker and his father that during the middle of the week any difficulties that arise can be discussed over the telephone. There is also an agreement about the noting down of incidents as they arise, their severity and how they are coped with which ~~reach~~ <sup>lead</sup> to points for discussion at various meetings.

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INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER AGENCIES

Nil

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AREAS OF CONCERN

There is some reason to believe that the gaps between incidents of Richards intemperant behaviour are becoming lengthier, but it is still his provocative attitude towards his father particularly and others close to him that cause concern. He can be a bully towards younger children but yet recently he was the butt of some bullying himself by older boys and this had some learning in it for Richard. His father has been at the end of his tether PT

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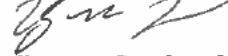
FUTURE PLANS FOR CHILD INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVIEW CASE CONFERENCE

Although some improvements are being noted, Richard still remains a very immature and badly behaved teenager at times. The most worrying thing is that he tries to provoke his father into some sort of action and Mr Garrett has found difficulty in controlling himself at times. However, to his credit Mr Garrett has managed to deal with this by contacting either the police or the Social Work Department and has indeed behaved in a very circumspect manner. The level of co-operation offered to the Social Worker by Mr Garrett is of a high order but there are times when Mr Garrett does feel exasperated and more recently he has asked if it would be possible for him to have a break from Richard by this he means either in one of our foster homes or children's homes. I feel this could be well used and a planned admission for a week or so might give Mr Garrett the break he needs when he requires it. Other than that Richard seems very happy to remain with his father and his father seems quite happy to have him despite the difficulties there have been at times between them. However, in the circumstances I would have to say that Richards name should remain on the register as there is still quite a considerable amount of work to be done in this case with regard to Richard's more acceptable behaviour, and the provocative manner in which he projects this towards his father.

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Signature   
Social Worker John MacDonall

Date:

Counter signed   
Area Team Leader Harry Garland

Date:

4/10/88

Pupil's Guidance Teacher	GRR	5.10.88
Assistant Rector	hm	5.10.88
Depute Rector		
Rector		
Pupil's Guidance Teacher →		File

Tain Royal Academy

REPORT CHECK

To: Mr Robertson Date: 5.10.88

Please check on the behaviour/effort of Richard Garrett of class 4D in the subjects listed below. If it will be difficult to do this in the next few days, let me know as soon as possible.

This check has been initiated by his mother because routine

When you have completed the check, please return this form to me and I will take any further action that is required.

1987-88 38 abs. / 380 openings  
 1988/89. 2 / 66 openings.

Signature M MacArthur

Subject	Teacher	Result
English	Dr Turnbull	Behaviour & effort fine. Works hard. Contributes to work of class. No complaints.
Maths	Mr MacArthur	Richard finds it difficult to concentrate for any length of time. Lately his effort has improved. His work is O.K. <small>Maths</small>
History	Mrs Hill	Richard is trying to keep calm but obviously finds difficulty at times. Needs constant attention - even if its a row.
Physics	Dr. Georgeour	Does try, but has missed a lot through absence/lack of effort in 53. Very pleased with himself over small amounts of progress. Does concentration more easily than others. Work & behaviour has improved since 53.
Chemistry	Mr Crombie	Easily distracted, not very highly motivated as yet but there are signs of improvement.
Tech Drawing	Mr Jupp	ERRATIC BEHAVIOUR - LACKS SELF CONTROL BUT HAS ABILITY. IF ONLY HE WOULD BE CONSISTENT.

This information was given to his/her parents on \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) by telephone
- (b) at an interview
- (c) in writing

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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

Highland Regional Council  
"Slioch"  
Castle Street  
Dingwall  
IV15 9HU

Telephone 0349 63441

Please ask for Mr. J. Airth  
Inverness 234121  
Extension No. 765

Our ref. JA/EH

Your ref.

Date 14. 9.88

Senior Medical Officer  
Assistant Director of Nursing Services  
R.S.S.P.C.C.  
Constable [REDACTED]  
Constable [REDACTED]  
Assistant Divisional Education Officer  
The Rector, Tain Royal Academy  
Reporter to Children's Hearing  
Procurator Fiscal, Tain  
Tain Medical Group  
Area Team Leader, Tain  
Social Worker, Tain



Non-Accidental Injury and Child Abuse

Richard Garrett (b. 2.10.73)  
9 Abbotshaven, Balintore

I have arranged a Case Conference Review on the above-named child, to take place on Thursday, 6th October, 1988 at 2.30 p.m., at the Social Work Department, Scotsburn Road, Tain.

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

*James Airth*

James Airth  
N.A.I. Co-ordinator

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES FORM

2400279901

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 GARRETT

Present Address\* 10 DONALD STREET New Address\* 9 Abbots Haven  
By Haddington, East Lothian BALINTOCK

Statutory Condition Imposed SOCIAL WORK (SCOT) ACT 1968

Name of Doctor DR COLVIN D.O.B. 2-10-73  
TAIN HEALTH CENTRE Case Ref. 402789

School Attended (Children only) TAIN ROYAL ACADEMY To TAIN ROYAL ACADEMY

Date of Change 16-8-88

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

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete) EFFECTIVE DATE  
Stop    
Start   
Amend Register   
Reason /

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete) EFFECTIVE DATE  
Admission   
Discharge   
Temp. Change   
Reason /  
Establishment /  
Financial Assessment Attached  DHSS Supplementation applied for

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)  
Action to be taken ADVISE HADDINGTON SOCIAL WORK Effective Date /  
Reason RETURN FROM EXTENDED HOLIDAY

Signed J. McDonald Date 16-8-88  
Authorised J. McDonald Date 17/8/88

OFFICE Action taken noted & filed  
Documentation completed by C. Palmer Date 23/8/88

MEMORANDUM

To John Dunlop  
Principal Fieldwork Officer  
DINGWALL

From John MacDonald  
Social Worker  
TAIN

Your ref.

Our ref. JJM/AF

Date 18.8.88

Please ask for

CHANGE OF LOCATION - N.A.I. AND CHILD ABUSE CASE - RICHARD GARRET, d.o.b. 2.10.73,  
9 ABBOTSHAVEN, BALINTORE.

I have to advise you that Richard and his father returned from holiday at [REDACTED] by Haddington, East Lothian, and are now back in their own home at 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore. I would be grateful if you could advise the appropriate agencies.

*J J MacDonald*  
J J MACDONALD

Roinn na  
Gaidhealtachd



Highland

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

Highland Regional Council  
Area Office  
Scotsburn Road  
Tain IV19 1PR

Telephone 0862 3021 / 3071  
Mr. H. M. Garland  
Area Team Leader

Please ask for

Our ref. *JJM/AF*

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date *18th August 1988*

*Mrs Moira Healey  
Social Worker  
Area Office  
Victoria Park  
HADDINGTON  
East Lothian*

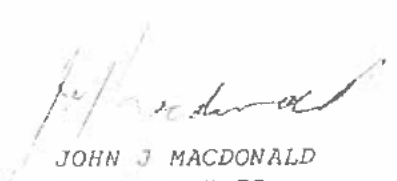
*Dear Moira*

*RE: RICHARD GARRET*

*Richard and his father arrived home in time to start school on Monday of this week, and since thi incident towards the end of July, things seem to have gone fairly smoothly.*

*My most grateful thanks for taking an interest in Richard and his father whilst they were in your area, you can now stand down. They may have accrued some benefits from being together in another area, but only time will tell, but once again, my most grateful thanks for your help in this case.*

*Yours sincerely*

  
*JOHN J MACDONALD  
SOCIAL WORKER*



From:	Headquarters Shrubhill House Emergency Shrub Place Duty Team Edinburgh EH7 4PD Telephone 031-554-4301
To: SW/SSW	Moira Henderson (?)
AREATEAM	Haddington

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

## REFERRAL FORM EMERGENCY DUTY TEAM

Referral Number	88/3092
Date:	27.7.88
Time referred:	21.30
Time completed:	

### DETAILS OF CLIENT

Surname	GARRETT	Forename(s)	RICHARD
Present Address	Tenterfield C.U., Haddington		In care under Section 44(1)(a)

### DETAILS OF REFERRER

Name & Title	[REDACTED]
Address/Agency	Haddington Police Station

### DETAILS OF PROBLEM and SUBSEQUENT ACTION

P.C. [REDACTED], Haddington Police phoned to request E.D.T. help with Richard, an 14 year old boy who had been put out of the house by his father. Richard and his father normally reside in Easter Ross, but are in the Haddington area for the duration of the school holidays. Richard is on supervision to John McDonald S.W. in the Tain area. The police were called this evening by Mr. Garrett who said that he wanted Richard removed from the house as he was in danger of assaulting Richard if he stayed there any longer. Agreed to visit Richard and his father. Richard was presently at Haddington Police Station. It was arranged that Richard could be placed in Tenterfield C.U. overnight if need be. After talking with Richard and to Mr. Garnett it was decided that Richard should go overnight to Tenterfield. Richard was anxious to go back to his father's but his father was still quite angry with him and was refusing to have anything to do with him.

Mr. & Mrs Garrett are divorced. Richard initially (Signed )  
lived with his mother, but according to Mr. Garrett (Countersigned )

she put Richard into care because she could not cope with him. Mr. Garrett removed him from care in May '88 and has looked after him since then. However Mr. Garrett says that Richard is a difficult boy to handle and he feels he has gone too far this time and needs to be taught a lesson. Mr. Garrett was really quite angry with Richard and he admitted that in the past he had hit Richard and felt he could quite easily do it again. While Mr Garrett was saying this evening, that he did not want Richard back with him, I feel he may very well feel differently when he has calmed down in the morning.

Richard is keen to go back with his dad and admitted the need for him to apologise to his dad and agree that he had been in the wrong. Hopefully there will be some reconciliation.

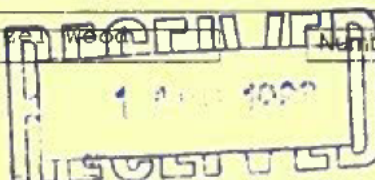
Medical consent form given to Tenterfield C.U.

Phoned Highland Standby Officer Stuart Marquis and advised him of the situation. He will phone Tain S.W. Dept. office and advise them.

Carol Donachie (Soc. Worker) (Signed )  
John J. Smillie (Asst. co-ordinator) (Countersigned )

Is the Client aware of the referral? YES NO E.D.T. File Number 1 1 0 0 4

Referral telephoned to: Duty Officer, Hazel Wood Number of pages 1



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 GARRETT

Present Address\* ..... 9 ABBOTSHAVEN BALINTORIE

New Address\* ..... 16 DONALD STREET

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... SOCIAL WORK (SCOL) ACT 1968 SECTION

Name of Doctor ..... DR COLVID

D.O.B. .... 2-10-73

School Attended (Children only) ..... TAIN HEALTH CENTRE

Case Ref. .... 402789

School Attended (Children only) ..... TAIN ROYAL ACADEMY

To ..... N/A

Date of Change ..... 28-6-88

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

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Name of FP/CC .....

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Discharge 
Temp. Change 
Reason .....
Establishment .....
Financial Assessment Attached  DHSS Supplementation applied for

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)
Action to be taken ..... ADVISE LOTHIAN N.A.E. COORDINATOR AND HADDINGTON S.V. OFFICE Effective Date .....
Reason ..... EXTENDED HOLIDAY AWAY FROM NORMAL HOME ADDRESS

Signed ..... J. Macdonald Date ..... 4-7-88
Authorised ..... J. Macdonald Date ..... 6/7/89

OFFICE Action taken ..... Filed
Documentation completed by ..... L. Palmer Date ..... 7/7/88

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Scotsburn Road  
Tain IV19 1PR

Telephone 0862 3021 / 3071  
Mr. H. M. Garland  
Area Team Leader

Please ask for

Our ref. *JJM/AF*

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date *5th July 1988*

*Moira Healey  
Social Worker  
Area Office  
Victoria Park  
HADDINGTON  
East Lothian*

*Dear Moira*

*RICHARD GARRETT*


*Please find attached some reports which may be of assistance to you in your contacts with Richard and his father over the next few weeks.*

*The telephone numbers for contact which I gave yesterday over the phone are:-*

- 1) 
- 2) 

*Many thanks for your help.*

*Yours sincerely*

  
JOHN MACDONALD  
SOCIAL WORKER

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Area Team Leader

Please ask for

Our ref.

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date 23rd June 1988

David Garrett  
9 Abbotshaven  
BALINTORE  
Ross-shire

Dear David

The address and telephone number of your nearest Social Work Department  
is as follows:-

Area Office  
Victoria Park  
HADDINGTON  
East Lothian

Telephone : 062 082 4181

  
John MacDonald

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Please ask for Mr. Dunlop

Our ref. AJD/EH

Extension No. 249

Your ref.

Date 30. 5.88

Senior Medical Officer  
Assistant Director of Nursing Services  
R.S.S.P.C.C.  
Constable [REDACTED]  
Constable [REDACTED]  
Assistant Divisional Education Officer  
Reporter to Children's Hearing  
Procurator Fiscal, Tain  
Tain Medical Group  
The Custodian, N.A.I. Register  
Area Team Leader, Tain (Standby List)  
Area Team Leader, Alness (Standby List)  
Area Team Leader, Dingwall (Standby List)

Non-Accidental Injury and Child Abuse

Richard Garrett (b. 2.10.73)

I have to advise you that the above-named has been discharged from Ferintosh House, Conon Bridge and is now residing at 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore in the care of his father, David Garrett.

Please amend your records.

*A.J. Dunlop*

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

MEMORANDUM

To Principal Officer,  
Social Work  
DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter,  
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 27.5.88

Please ask for

RICHARD GARRETT 16 Shore Street Hilton

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

Monday 23rd May 1988 at 7.30 p.m.  
at the undernoted address.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 19.5.88

~~EDUCATION CENTRE, CASTLE STREET, DINGWALL~~

SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, HIGH STREET, ALNESS



REPORTER

MEMORANDUM

To Principal Officer  
Social Work Dept.,  
DINGWALL

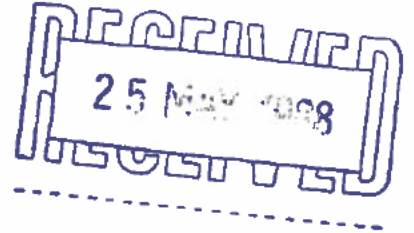
From Divisional Reporter,  
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 24.5.88

Please ask for



RICHARD GARRETT 9 Abbotshaven Balintore

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 23.5.88  
supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was  
~~CONTINUED/VARIED/TERMINATED/DISCHARGED.~~

*T. as B.*

REPORTER

SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT VARYING EXISTING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 23.5.88  
ABNESS

A children's hearing for HIGHLAND REGION (ROSS & CROMARTY DIVISION) by way of variation of (and in substitution for) the supervision requirement dated 30. 3.88 to which Richard Garrett is subject, hereby require him/her \*(to reside in (to be under the supervision of HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 30.3.88 is hereby revoked.

ALEXANDER GLASS

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.
  - 1. Richard Garrett is to reside with his father David Garrett 9 Abbotshaven Balintore

ALEXANDER GLASS

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.

REASONS

His father now has suitable accommodation for him. There is a strong bond between him and his father and the recent contacts between them have gone reasonably well so that he can now reside with his father. He and his father need the support of the Social Work Department for there is continuing concern about his arrogance and displays of uncontrollable temper

ALEXANDER GLASS

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

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Residential   
Community Care Unit   
Day Care   
  
Short Term   
Long Term

CHILDREN

Residential   
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Short Term   
Long Term

HANDICAPPED

Residential   
Day Care   
  
Short Term   
Long Term

OTHER

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

Full Name RICHARD GARRETT

Present Address\* FRAIN TOSH CHILDRENS CENTRE New Address\* 9. Abbotshaven  
CORON BRIDGE BALINTORE

Statutory Condition Imposed SECTION 4(1)(A) Social Work (C&A) ACT 1968

Name of Doctor DR. COLVIN D.O.B. 2-10-73  
TAIN HEALTH CENTRE Case Ref. ....

School Attended (Children only) TAIN ROYAL ACADEMY To .....

Date of Change 23-5-88

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

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Name of FP/CC .....

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Admission  .....  
Discharge  23-5-88  
Temp. Change  .....  
Reason RETURN HOME TO FATHER  
Establishment FRAIN TOSH CHILDRENS CENTRE, CORON BRIDGE  
Financial Assessment Attached  DHSS Supplementation applied for

**SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)**  
Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....  
Reason .....  
Signed J. McDonald Date 24-5-88  
Authorised J. McDonald Date 30/5/88

OFFICE Action taken Register amended  
Documentation completed by C. Palmer Date 3/6/88

To John Dunlop  
PFO and NAI Co-ordinator  
Dingwall

From John MacDonald  
Social Worker  
Tain

Your ref.

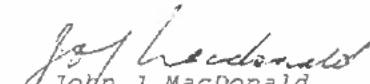
Our ref. JJM/SCS

Date 24/5/88

Please ask for John MacDonald

NAI and Child Abuse Register  
Change of Location  
Richard Garrett d.o.b. - 2/10/73  
Ferintosh House, Connon Bridge

I have to advise you that Richard Garrett is now residing at 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore in the care of his father, David Garrett. This effected from 23/5/88, on the decision of the Children's Panel of this date. He was formerly resident at Ferintosh Children's Centre, Connon Bridge.

  
John J MacDonald  
Social Worker

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 2.10.73 AGE 14

ADDRESS Currently FERINTOSH HOUSE  
CONON BRIDGE  
Formerly 16 SHORE STREET, HILTON

RELIGION

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING 23.5.88

TIME 7.30 pm PLACE DINGWALL

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL REVIEW

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES 21.10.87 MADE SUBJECT OF HOME SUPERVISION ORDER. 30.3.88 -  
ORDER MADE TO INCLUDE RESIDENCE AT FERINTOSH HOUSE, CONON  
BRIDGE

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Glasgow - Chair  
Mr Phinney  
Glasgow

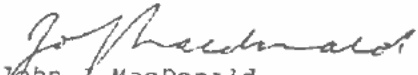
Richard's order was varied to include his residing at Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge. This following an admission there earlier in the month, and a prior admission to Coulpark sometime earlier.

The panel will also be aware that Richard's father started taking an increased interest in his sons general welfare and was very keen that he should be taken out of care and placed with him. At that time the situation was rather difficult in that Mr Garrett had not yet obtained satisfactory housing accommodation. Nonetheless prior to the hearing and just after it, there had been fairly regular contact between father and son and Richard allowed to spend a maximum of two nights with his father. Mr Garrett made further pleas to the social work department for longer stays and a case conference under the N.A.I. procedure was convened on 13.4.88 to consider this matter. It was decided at this time to "open end" contact between father and son and in particular Richard's coming to stay with his father at Balintore. Subsequently Richard spent the last week of the Easter school holiday with his father and has been with his father each weekend and some of them extended weekends from Thursday until Monday. I am pleased to report that Mr Garrett now has secured accommodation at 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore and his house is well appointed and ready for occupation by Richard should he return to the home.

As previously indicated Richard has been having more frequent contact with his father and has spent a good deal of time with him. In keeping with agreement between the writer and Mr Garrett he has discussed problems and difficulties that have occurred from time to time between himself and Richard. He certainly has found Richard demanding and can be intimidating even towards himself when things do not go his own way. For instance Mr Garrett discovered that Richard was playing pool at the local public house and went down to ask the licensee not to admit him for fear that he would become involved in drinking alcohol. Richard learned of this and became extremely abusive towards his father. At school recently Richard was taunted by another boy and instead of ignoring the taunt as he has so often, been asked to do, he punched the boy on the nose then put his knee into his face. On the health side his father noted that he had become quite listless and headachy and took him to the doctor where various tests were conducted and I understand that these included a thyroid test and all found to be negative.

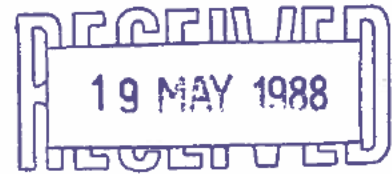
I understand that Richard's behaviour at Ferintosh is generally satisfactory and that he presents no real problems. However, it seems with his father as previously with his mother he will take advantage, using intimidation and threat where he feels it is most effective to get his own way. However, Mr Garrett is still keen to have his son out of care and with him despite these difficulties and he feels that if he has the support of the social work department to talk things over from time to time then perhaps it could succeed. Mr Garrett is quite honest in saying that quite normally he would probably deal with Richard as he did in the past by way of "rough handling" but he realises that it is not the answer and he cannot do this therefore he must refer difficulties to ourselves and this he has clearly done over the last two months since Richard has been seeing more of him.

I must say that I am very impressed with Mr Garrett's efforts on his sons behalf and appreciate his desire to have his son out of care. However, there are attendant difficulties and Mr Garrett which thankfully is aware, and this opportunity with his father probably represents Richards last chance to be out of care and with a member of his family and to go home this must be emphasised strongly to him. Sufficient to say of course this has been said to him on numerous occasions by the writer. In so far as Richard seems to understand it at the time he seems to have little control over events when his temper is roused. I nonetheless feel that an opportunity should be given on this occasion for Richard to be released from care to his father with monitoring under a home supervision order by the writer.

  
John MacDonald  
Social Worker  
17.5.88

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
ROSS AND CROMARTY AREA

REVIEW CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE MINUTE



13th April, 1988 at Social Work Department, Tain

Chairperson: Mr. A. J. Dunlop

Previous Case Conference held on 21.12.87

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Richard Garrett (b. 2.10.73)  
Jennifer Garrett (b. 29.12.75)

HOME ADDRESS: 16 Shore Street, Hilton

PRESENT ADDRESS: Richard - Ferintosh House, Canon Bridge  
Jennifer - 16 Shore Street, Hilton (Home)

FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD DETAILS:

Mother: Margaret Brown or Garrett Housewife  
Father: David Garrett Unemployed

ATTENDING CASE CONFERENCE:

Mr. A. J. Dunlop, P.F.O./ N.A.I. Co-ordinator	Social Work
Mr. J. MacDonald, Social Worker, Tain	Social Work
[REDACTED]	Police
Mrs. Shannon, Health Visitor	Health Board
Miss A. Little, Nursing Manager	Health Board
Mr. P. Jamieson, Deputy Principal, Perintosh House	Social Work

INVITED BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Mr. H. Garland, Area Team Leader, Tain	Social Work
Mr. A. Butter, Caseworker	R.S.S.P.C.C.
Dr. Roberts, G.P.	Health Board
Dr. Roche, Senior Medical Officer	Health Board

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO CASE CONFERENCE:

Review

RECORD OF DISCUSSION:

John MacDonald (Keyworker) presented a written report on the Garrett children. He also gave a brief account of the background of the family. The Garrett children were placed on the At Risk Register on 13.9.87 after Richard's father had assaulted him. Richard's father left the family home in November 1987 to stay with friends. Mr. Garrett then moved to a caravan at the Aerodrome, near Tain. Mr. Garrett has been offered tenancy of 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore. Since Mr. Garrett left the family home, Richard's behaviour deteriorated rapidly and Police were called to the family home twice. The first time Richard was admitted to Coulpark under Section 15 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 on 28.1.88 to 26.2.88. He was then returned to the family home. He remained there for approximately one week when the Police were called again and he was admitted to Ferintosh on a voluntary basis on 3.3.88. Mr. Garrett has been paying more attention to Richard since he was admitted to Ferintosh and Mr. Garrett would like Richard to be able to go and live with him permanently.

Ferintosh felt that there was an initial problem with Richard when he went there at first with temper problems. Richard has not been much of a problem lately. There is a lot of contact between Richard and his father, both by phone and home visits. Mr. Garrett is trying hard to find out the problem with Richard by talking to him. Their relationship is both close and positive.

The Police highlighted the danger if Mr. Garrett goes back on the drink then Richard might start drinking and we will be back at stage one. However, this should not prevent us returning Richard and supervising the situation.

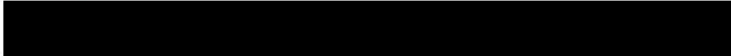
Ferintosh are willing to give Richard a school placement at Ferintosh.

DECISION:

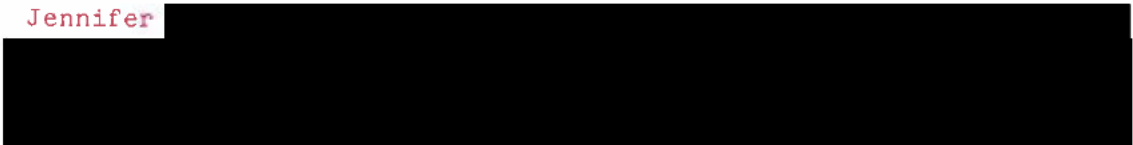
Richard's name to be retained on Register



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Richard's name to remain on Register
- 2. There is nothing to stop Richard going home once Mr. Garrett is settled in 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore.
- 3. 
- 4. Review in 6 months.

Note: Jennifer



KEY WORKER NOMINATED:

Mr. J. Macdonald, Social Worker, Tain

NEXT CONFERENCE: 6 months

Signed:

*[Handwritten signature]*

Date:

*18/5/88*

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

## HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

## REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE

NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN)	D.O.B.	PRESENT ADDRESS
RICHARD GARRETT JENNIFER GARRETT	2.10.73 29.12.75	Ferintosh House, Conon Bridge 16 Shore Street, Hilton  TEL NO
PARENTS/CARERS NAME & ADDRESS		HOME ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)
DAVID GARRETT, CARAVAN, FEARN, AERODROME. MARGARET BROWN OR GARRETT, 16 SHCPE STREET, HILTON		
LEGAL STATUS OF CHILD(REN)	DATE OF REGISTRATION 13.9.87	
	DATE OF PREVIOUS CASE CONFERENCE 21.12.87	

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF LAST REVIEW

1. Childrens names to remain on the at risk register to review in six months if Mr Garrett has not attempted to return to the home and is settled and consideration will be given to de-registering the children.

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE LAST CASE CONFERENCE

Richard was admitted for a period of a three week assessment at Coulpark Children's Centre from 28.1.88 to 26.2.88. He was thereafter released to his home following a case conference but on 3.3.88 had to be admitted to Ferintosh Children's Centre when a disturbance at home and an assault on his mother and sister and resisting arrest. He is currently still at Ferintosh House. Richards father has now taken an interest in his welfare and seems anxious to have his son released from care and to be placed with him subject to his getting a house on his own account. As a result of this Richard has been spending time with his father at home usually at the weekends but at a recent case conference and in order to facilitate his exams it was decided that he could stay over a maximum period of two nights. His mother who is still very interested in the boys welfare and generally concerned about him concedes that at his present state of temperament she would find it very difficult to have him in the house and does concede perhaps his father at this stage might be the most appropriate carer.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT INVOLVEMENT/LEVEL OF CONTACT

Up to the time Richard came into care in January there was a lot of home contact in order to support Mrs Garrett in her efforts with Richard. Since that time these contacts have now had to input Mr Garrett and of course Richard individually since his coming into care. Nonetheless there is an active, ongoing dialogue and contact with this family as a whole.

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INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER AGENCIES

Richard was referred to the child psychiatrist because of his temper outbursts and has had two appointments, no further appointments have been made as it is felt by the doctor that there is no significant psychiatric disorder for her to continue with contact.

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AREAS OF CONCERN

Richards sudden outbursts of temper, which are accompanied usually by threats of violence, actual violence and/or verbal abuse. The parent with whom he now wishes to live with is his father, he is a schedule 1 offender and was in fact the reason for the children being placed on the N.A.I. register in the first instance.

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FUTURE PLANS FOR CHILD INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVIEW CASE CONFERENCE

For most of the time Richard is an amiable, intelligent and well spoken youth. He was making good progress at school until fairly recently and it is significant that since December the down turn in his behavioural pattern has been accompanied by a down turn in his academic performance. As he wishes to make a career for himself in the Navy in some specialised branch it is important for him that he is able to control his temper. At the moment as far as being out of care and in the care of the parents concerned the father is showing great interest in doing this task and has been heavily involved with the boy over the last few weeks. Up to the moment things have been going quite well between them and very recently Mr Garrett has indicated to the writer that he has been virtually offered tenancy of a house at 9 Abbotshaven, Balintore. At this very moment in time Richard wants to spend a good part of the remaining Easter Holiday with his father and he is presently there on a two day basis subject to further extension should the conference so agree. I believe that this would be a good testing out area for father and son and in line with what we would hope would be future homecoming to his father.

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Signature *J. J. [unclear]*  
Social Worker

Date: 12/4/88

Counter signed  
Area Team Leader

Date:

CONFIDENTIAL

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Highland

Department of Social Work  
J. Goodfellow  
Principal  
Ferintosh House  
Regional Specialist Children's Centre

Highland Regional Council  
Sellar Place  
Conon Bridge  
Ross-shire  
IV7 8BU

Telephone 0349 61508

REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

Richard Garrett

Date of Birth: 2.10.73

Following a period of assessment in Coulpark Children's Centre, Richard was returned home to his mother on February 26th, 1988.

During the 3 weeks that Richard was resident in Coulpark he accumulated numerous charges which mainly involved abuse to cars, however, on his return home Richard was again involved with the Police. On March 3rd he was charged with assault on his mother and sister along with a charge of resisting arrest. Due to his behaviour Richard was admitted to Ferintosh Children's Centre as being 'beyond parental control'.

Within Ferintosh Richard has not presented any major management problems although there have been signs that he requires direction. His anti-authoritarian stance frequently comes to the fore, although seldom goes outwith the boundaries.

Richard has not used any physical abuse toward child or adult within the centre, however, the use of verbal abuse is never far away when things are not to Richard's liking.

Initially Richard was somewhat overawed by the physical size and the power of the male peers within Ferintosh. This did not prevent him attempting to impress the group, however, this was unsuccessful and he quickly discovered that the facade he presented was transparent. This attempt at relating with the peer group has resulted in Richard being very much 'the loner', barely accepted by them and, at times, having to turn to adults for companionship.

Richard's approach to adults leaves a lot to be desired at times. Females are generally viewed as people that are only around to meet Richard's needs. Males are his equal, therefore more acceptable. In general Richard knows the correct, and acceptable, manner in which to relate with adults but chooses to take the stance he thinks will impress people.

Richard has continued his education at Tain Academy. He has attended regularly and shown a willingness to maintain his place in this setting as opposed to taking the easy option of attending Ferintosh for education. There have been a few minor incidents within the school although in general this has been a fairly positive area since Richard became a Ferintosh resident.

Throughout his period in residential care, Richard has shown warmth and concern for his father and grandparents.

Since the last Hearing, on 30th April, Richard has stayed with his father for a week during the Easter holidays, also every weekend. Latterly the weekends have included Thursday and Friday nights. Again these visits have not passed without minor incidents, however, there has not been any reason for Richard's visits being stopped. Mr. Garrett and Richard are in contact by phone nearly every night, again both parties voice their warmth towards each other. To the best of our knowledge, Richard and his mother have not been in contact since the last Hearing, he does, however, see his sister who attends the same school.

Since the Hearing on April 30th, Mr. Garrett has made a lot of effort to provide acceptable and adequate accommodation for Richard and himself in the Tain area. Although there are still areas of concern regarding Richard's overall behaviour, it would seem reasonable at this time to ask the Panel to consider varying the supervision order thus allowing Richard to reside with his father.

Ferintosh House,  
Regional Specialist Children's Centre,  
Sellar Place,  
Conon Bridge.

CW/GC

17th May, 1988

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

Highland Regional Council  
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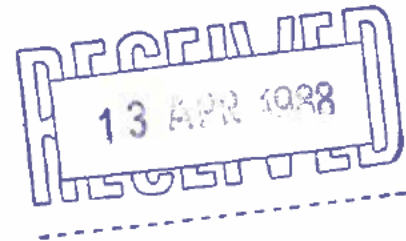
Telephone (0349) 63441

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Please ask for Mr. Dunlop      Our ref.      AJD/EH  
Extension No.      249      Your ref.           Date      11. 4.88

Senior Medical Officer  
Assistant Director of Nursing Services  
R.S.S.P.C.C.

[REDACTED]  
Assistant Divisional Education Officer  
Reporter to Children's Hearing  
Procurator Fiscal, Tain  
Tain Medical Group  
Mr. J. Goodfellow, Ferintosh House  
Area Team Leader, Tain  
Social Worker, Tain



Non-Accidental Injury and Child Abuse

Richard Garrett (b. 2.10.73) Ferintosh House, Conon Bridge  
Jennifer Garrett (b. 29.12.75) 16 Shore Street, Hilton

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I have arranged to hold a Case Conference Review on the above-named children to take place at the Social Work Department, Scotsburn Road, Tain, on Wednesday, 13th April, 1988 at 11.30 a.m.

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

*A.J. Dunlop*

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

MEMORANDUM

To Principal Officer  
Social Work Dept.,  
DINGWALL

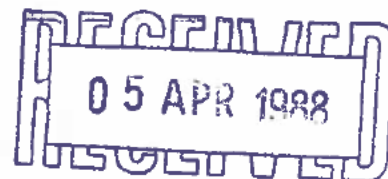
From Divisional Reporter,  
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 31.3.88

Please ask for



RICHARD GARRETT 16 Shore Street Hilton

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 30.3.88  
supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was  
~~CONTINUED/VARIED/TERMINATED/DISCHARGED.~~

REPORTER

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 30.3.88

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 21.10.87 to which Richard Carrett 16 Shore Street Invergordon is subject, hereby require him/her\* to reside at Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council

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]\*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 21.10.87 is hereby revoked.

J.S.B. WHYTE

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

- 11. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.
12. 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.

J.S.B. WHYTE

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

Because of his recent misdemeanours and his temper which his mother cannot control he needs a stable relationship and guidelines that can be given by his father to help him control his temper. It is necessary that he reside at Ferintosh Children's Centre where he can have some firm discipline until his father can obtain appropriate housing. It is hoped that he can spend some part of his Easter holidays with his father to test out the relationship over a few days.

J.S.B. WHYTE

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IV15 9QN  
Tel: 0349-63381  
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COMHAIRLE  
Rois is Chrombaidh

If calling or phoning please ask for

Jill Stewart

Ext. 234

My Ref: JS/WSJ

Your Ref:

Date: 5.4.88.

Mr John MacDonald  
Social Worker  
Area Office  
Scotsburn Road  
Tain  
Ross-Shire



Dear Mr MacDonald

**MR DAVID GARRETT, "CARAVAN" OLD AERODROME, FEARN.**

Thank you for your letter of 29th March 1988 regarding the above named.

Mr Garrett has applied for housing in Balintore. In view of what you say in your letter regarding custody of his son, Mr Garrett's application will be considered for housing.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

DEPUTE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

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 2.10.73 AGE:

ADDRESS 16 SHORE STREET, HILTON  
CURRENTLY AT FERINTOSH, CONON BRIDGE

RELIGION

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING 30.3.88

TIME 12 noon PLACE DINGWALL

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL REVIEW AND FURTHER OFFENCES OF MALICIOUS DAMAGE, BREACH  
OF THE PEACE AND RESISTING ARREST.

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES 21.10.87

The panel will of course be aware of the family background in this case from the previous report.

At the time of the last hearing Mr and Mrs Garrett were living together although the situation between them was rather fragile. Shortly after that Panel Mr Garrett moved out of the family home, went to stay with friends in the village of Balintore and thereafter went to stay in a caravan on the old aerodrome at Fearn, there he continues to reside. He was previously employed as a road sweeper with Ross & Cromarty District Council but is currently unemployed and in receipt of benefit.


For about a month following the last panel things went relatively well at home, but then Richard began to adopt a very belligerent and hostile attitude towards his mother and younger sister. From around the middle of December request to the social worker to attend at the house because of Richards aggressive attitude began with increasing regularity. In fact during the Christmas/New Year holiday period, duty social workers had to be called twice to contain him. In January the situation worsened despite informal meetings between Richard, both parents and the school and the end result was that on 28.1.88 he had to be received into care under Section 15 Social Work (Scotland) Act as his mother became fearful of him and the physical violence that he was exerting on herself and young sister.

Around about that time referral was also made to the child psychiatrist at Raigmore Hospital, Dr Butler, who has seen Richard on two occasions and has found nothing significant in his make up which would require her to be seeing him on a regular basis. He spent three weeks in Coulpark Children's Centre, Alness on an assessment basis and was discharged from care on the 26th February following a case conference it was concluded that he had made good progress and although his quick tempered nature was a matter of concern it was felt that he had certain controls over this and had learned to control his temper that bit more.

However, on 2.3.88 the police were called to the family home where Richard was creating a disturbance and causing alarm to his mother and sister yet again. Despite the visiting constables efforts to proccate the situation Richard became increasingly belligerent and had to be arrested and was taken to Tain Police Station about 8 o'clock that morning. As a result of this incident he was again received into care and was put to Ferintosh Children's Centre where is currently residing.

Again this voluntary admission is on the basis of an assessment. Up to the moment I understand, Richard has complied with the rules of the establishment and has behaved himself despite some initial hostility. He is a bright boy and doing some good third level examinations at the moment, therefore he continues to attend at Tain Royal Academy. With his exams ongoing at the moment. His mother now feels that unless Richard has completely reconciled himself to behaving within the home she cannot feel that she can trust him at this point in time to avoid striking her or his sister Jennifer again. It must be made clear however, that this is not a rejection of Richard in any way, Mrs Garrett has become very disillusioned and lost her spirit in her attempts to help Richard and feels that the physical danger particularly to Jennifer is one that she is not prepared to allow without greater assurances from Richard himself. Mr Garrett has taken a increasing interest in Richards activities and at the moment he is spending some time with his father at the weekends from Ferintosh. Richard clearly identifies a lot with his father and although the original referral was concerned with an assault on him by his father it would appear now that there is a better understanding between the father and son and Mr Garrett wishes to do his best to maintain his sons education and also to try and have him out of local authority care as soon as is reasonable.

On the one hand Richard can be a very articulate, intelligent and likeably boy but then for little reason at times he can become extremely aggressive often physically anger raging up in him in a matter of seconds. The main problem is to try and influence him to exercise control over his temper and to adopt a more patient attitude towards life and individuals in general. It is noticeable that since the deterioration of his parents marriage things with Richard have got constantly worse and there is little doubt that he became confused and frustrated by what was happening on the domestic scene. At the moment his father is hopeful of obtaining a council house and then if the situation allows we would then be considering him going home to his father at some stage, hopeful in the intirim that he has learned sufficient to be able to control his temper.

  
John J MacDonal  
Social Worker

24.3.88

ADDENDIM

The offences of malicious mischief took place while he was resident in Coulpark and in company with some of the other children there.

**EDUCATIONAL REPORT**

Information sought by the Reporter to the Children's Panel for the purpose of (a) helping the Reporter to decide whether or not a child should be referred to a Children's Hearing as being possibly in need of compulsory measures of care and (b) thereafter helping a Children's Hearing to decide what measures are appropriate, in terms of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

To be returned to the Reporter by .....

(a) **PERSONAL DETAILS**

Name of Child ... RICHARD A. GARRETT ..... Date of Birth ... 2.10.73 .....  
Address ... Culag, 16 Shore Street, Hilton, Tain .....  
Class and (if appropriate) Course ... 3D .....  
School Leaving Date (if appropriate) .....

(b) **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

		Possible		
(i) During last session	( 19.8.86 to 5.7.87 )	Attendance	396	Absences 17
(ii) During current session	( 19.8.87 to 4.3.88 )	.. ..	246	.. 27
(iii) During <u>last four weeks</u>	( 8.2.88 to 4.3.88 )	.. ..	36	.. 13

(Please give inclusive dates relating to each entry)

(iv) Do 'days absent' form a pattern? (Yes or No) ..... No .....

(v) If 'Yes', can you give any possible reason for this?

(vi) Is there any other relevant information, e.g. genuine reasons for absences, which should be stated?

Richard's absences have increased since the start of the domestic problems.

(vii) Is the child a persistent late-comer? (Yes or No) ..... No .....

(viii) If 'Yes', can you give any possible reason for this?

(c) **CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR PATTERN IN SCHOOL**

(i) How does the child behave?

Behaviour in second year was acceptable after a great deal of effort. This year Richard's behaviour has deteriorated.

(ii) What is the child's reaction to control?

He doesn't like being checked, and is always on the defensive.

(iii) Does child have a close relationship (good or bad) with any other pupil or pupils?

None. Richard doesn't mix well.

(iv) How does child relate with members of staff generally, and does the child relate particularly well with any individual teacher?

This session Richard has become restless and inattentive. No special relationship with any member of staff.

(v) What is the child's temperament and personality?

He has a fiery temper - and can explode very quickly.

(vi) Has there been any change in the child's pattern of behaviour?

His behaviour has deteriorated this session.

Parents have been to school as a follow-up to Richard's behaviour problems.

(ii) What is the parents' attitude to school?

Cooperative

(iii) Are there any significant circumstances in the home environment which affect the child's school life?

Yes - the domestic situation has caused a deterioration in Richard's general attitude.

(c) SPECIALIST SERVICES

Has the child been referred to any of the following specialists? (Yes or No) ..... Yes.....

(i) School Doctor; (ii) Social Worker; (iii) Educational Psychologist; (iv) Speech Therapist; (v) Child Psychiatrist.

If 'Yes' give name of specialist to whom referred, date of referral and reason for referral.

Social worker : Referral made by police following domestic dispute.

(f) PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

(i) Is it known whether the child is in part-time employment? If so, please state with whom.

No.

(ii) Are the hours of employment known? If so, please give details.

(g) EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

(i) What subjects or activities is the child interested in, including extra curricular activities?

Technical Drawing - no extra curricular activities.

(ii) In what subjects does the child show special ability or aptitude?

None - average in most.

(iii) In what subjects does the child show special difficulty?

As above

(iv) How does the child apply himself/herself?

Sullen, restless and inattentive. Doesn't like being checked, but does respond to praise.

(v) Where applicable, what certificate work is to be undertaken by the child and at what level?

0 grade (in S4) - English, Mathematics, History, Chemistry, Physics, Technical Drawing.

Head teacher/Guidance or Class Teacher's assessment of child:

RICHARD A GARRETT

Richard is at present in third year, the first of a two year 0 grade course. He is generally of average ability, but at present is not showing anything like his potential.

Since enrolling in Tain Royal Academy, he had constantly been the target of his peers - mainly because of his quick temper. Richard's "friends" know that he will rise to their bait, that they are guaranteed an immediate reaction. In spite of endless tellings Richard just cannot ignore these taunts and is constantly in trouble for exploding, and often taking physical action.

In second year Richard made a most commendable effort to control himself - with a fair degree of success. However this session his attitude in classes and to his fellow pupils has deteriorated to an unacceptable level. The teaching staff have been keeping a close eye on Richard since the start of his domestic problems, and his inability to cope has become increasingly obvious.

Class or Guidance Teacher

Head Teacher

School

Date

*S. L. Anderson*  
*978*  
TAIN ROYAL ACADEMY

18 March 1988

CONFIDENTIAL  
REVIEW REPORT

Richard Garrett

Date of Birth: 2.10.73

Richard was admitted to Ferintosh on an emergency basis on 3.3.88 under Section 15 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. His admission to care was a direct result of his violent behaviour towards his mother and sister within the family home where it appears he was charged with Breach of the Peace by the Police. Richard was accompanied by Senior Field Social Worker, Mr. H. Garland and Field Social Worker, Mr. J. MacDonald. A medical inspection had been carried out prior to reception into care where marks to Richard's face and wrists had been commented on. Comments from the residential staff on duty on admission noted he looked apprehensive and very tired. However, after the usual formalities had been completed he was shown to his room and appeared to settle in.

General Behaviour:

Since admission Richard has presented as a polite and friendly boy. He has shown ability to initiate conversation with adults over a wide range of subjects. Any chores requested of him within the House unit have been carried out with the minimum of supervision and to an acceptable standard. He appears to be helpful with any other extra tasks and appreciates things that are done for him.

Medical:

Besides the statutory F.F.I. Richard was noticed to have a respiratory problem. A doctor's appointment was sought with the local medical practice where a chest infection was diagnosed. Medication for this is currently being taken with good effect.

Relationship with Peers:

Initially, Richard was somewhat overawed by the physical size and the power of the male peers within Ferintosh. This did not prevent him attempting to impress this powerful group. However, this was unsuccessful and he quickly discovered that the facade he presented was transparent. Consequently he gravitated to a more realistic peer position.

Relationship with Adults:

In this area Richard started badly. Whether he had previously learned this anti-authoritarian stance or whether his recent experience with the Police had an effect on his approach is uncertain. Since then, however, Richard has conformed to our rules and boundaries and seems to have learned a more acceptable approach/response.

He tends towards adults, seeking them out, in favour of the company of his peers. However, this can be inappropriate, i.e. he can be very tiresome repeatedly asking for cigarettes.

Family:

Richard is the oldest of two children. His parents are separated, though his father lives locally.

Since admission there has been no contact in any form from his mother. His father has phoned frequently and Richard has spent day long visits with his father which seem to have gone very well. Despite what appears to be an unsettled history there is an obvious and genuine bond between Richard and his father, displayed by both in telephone conversation and on visits. His paternal grandparents from Cheshire have also shown concern.

Education:

Since admission to Ferintosh Richard has attended our school unit. However, he has stated that he wishes to return to mainstream education at Tain Royal Academy at the earliest opportunity.

Conclusion:

During his stay at Ferintosh Richard has not presented any major management problems although there have been signs that he requires direction. He has, however, coped with boundaries.

It is clear that the bond with his father and with his paternal grandparents is a major factor in influencing his lifestyle. He is currently at a watershed and the direction he takes in the immediate future may decide where this future lies.

Ferintosh House,  
Regional Specialist Children's Centre,  
Sellar Place,  
Conon Bridge.

17th. March 1988

PM/MM

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: 2.10.73
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2. Address of Parents: Mother 16 SHORE STREET HILTON Father CARAVAN OLD ARODROME BALINTORE
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3. Present Address of Child: FERINTOSH CHILDRENS CENTRE CONON BRIDGE
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4. Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care:  
Section 15 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968
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5. Date of Admission into Care: 3.3.88
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6. Date of Review: 17.3.88 Date of Previous Review:
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7. 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:

*14.3.88 - Monitor progress to date and discuss general attitudes.*

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

*4.3.88, bring family up to date since reception into care, discuss feelings at the moment.*

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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):

*No change - family situation remains as it was since reception into care.*

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

*Richard is attending school at Ferintosh where his behaviour appears to be very satisfactory, health good and does not appear to be any major problems.*

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

*Richard's father requested him to come with him for a day and this has been agreed and will be followed up and checked out as necessary. In the meantime the mother has decided she will not make contact immediately and will await the time of writing anyway a contact from Richard.*

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15. Areas of Concern (if any):

(a) Family: *Fear of Richards ~~bad~~ tempers which have resulted in violence towards both his mother and his younger sister.*

(b) Child: *Control of the temper tantrums that are described above.*

(c) Substitute Family:

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

*It is recognised that Richard has some controls over his temper but as yet he has some way to go in getting sufficient controls to be able to resist striking out to those close to him. He was very recently in Cowlpark Childrens Centre where it was felt by the whole staff that he had made sufficient progress and had sufficient controls over his temper to be able to be released to his home. The school situation appears to be satisfactory, parental contact is really no problem and it is hoped that his period in care would be short lived but with sufficient intensity that he could return home at a reasonably short interval.*

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

1. Encourage access between both parents.
2. Concentration on getting Richard to control his temper by constant monitoring by any rule breaking and cutting boundaries fairly finely. As far as rehabilitation is concerned perhaps might be quite useful to consider weekends at home in due course.

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18. Invited to Attend Review:

John Dunlop, Principal Fieldwork Officer  
Harry Garland, Area Team Leader, Tain  
Andrew Stevenson, Senior Social Worker, Raigmore  
Val Dunford, Children's Resources (Social Worker)  
Manager, Ferintosh children's centre  
David Garret, father  
Margaret Garret, mother  
Stuart Anderson, Guidance Teacher, Tain Academy

Signed: .....

Designation: .....

Date: .....

*J. MacDonald*  
*Senior Worker*  
*14/3/88*

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

Following extensive discussion and looking at the various options and concerns it was decided that

1. Richard should go back to school and sit the exams which were due to start the next day.
2. During the exams and Richards schooling he can have the maximum of two nights per week residing with his father in his caravan near Tain.
3. The social work department will help Mr Garrett get appropriate housing ie council or SSHA.
4. The social work department will assist in any way necessary to get Richard to school for his exams.
5. We will aim to get Richard living with his father to do this taking his case to the Children's Panel and the N.A.I. forum which at present precludes this residence.
6. To make sure Mrs Garrett is well aware and agreeable to plans that have been agreed today.

Access Form 'O' Completed        YES        NO

Chairperson of Review Meeting: .....JOHN DUNLOP.....

Designation: .....PRINCIPAL FIELDWORK OFFICER.....

Date: .....

Principal Officer: .....

Date: .....

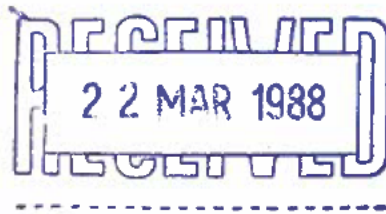
To Mr. John MacDonald,  
Social Worker

From Mr. J. Erskine,  
Senior Care Officer

Your ref.  
Please ask for

Our ref.

Date 21st March, 1988



We would wish to confirm the arrangements for the children's camping holiday to England as per the phone call from Miss Williams Senior Care Officer to your office.

..Richard Garrett..... will leave from Ferintosh on Monday the 4th April, returning Ferintosh on the 10th April.

It is proposed that the children will spend time camping, youth hostelling and taking part in various activities within the remit of the accompanying officers.

Parental consent has been obtained.

*John Erskine*

To Principal Officer,  
Social Work Dept.,  
DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter,  
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 8.3.88

Please ask for ~~FERINTOSH CHILDREN'S CENTRE~~  
CONON BRIDGE



<sup>HILTON</sup>  
RICHARD GARRETT 16 Shore Street Invergordon

I received the undernoted police report concerning the above named.

I have decided that this case should go to a children's hearing which  
I have fixed for Wednesday 30th March 1988 at <sup>12 noon</sup>  
at the undernoted address.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 25.3.88

EDUCATION CENTRE, CASTLE STREET, DINGWALL

~~SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, HIGH STREET, ALNESS~~

REPORTER

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.  
ALNESS  
RECEIVED 10/3/88

**CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES**

ARNA  
 DIVISION TAIN .....

**To be completed for:-**

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name Richard Gannett  
 Present Address 16 Shore Street  
Hilka  
 Date of Birth 2-10-73  
 Case Reference 402789  
 Effective Date of Change 3-3-88  
 Statutory Condition Imposed Section 15 SW (Arcl)  
Oct 1968

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	
Residential Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

**Change of Address where applicable :-**

From 16 Shore St Hilka  
 To Parental Children Centre Lane Bridge

**To be completed in respect of Children only:-**

General Practitioner Dr Colver, York  
 School last attended York Academy  
 School to be attended Not yet mentioned

Signed [Signature] Date 3-3-88

**Administrative Action:-**

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

## HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RECEPTION OF CHILDREN INTO CAREInformation Compiled by J. J. MAUDONARD Designation SOCIAL WORKERDate 3-3-88Reason for Admission: Details BEYOND PARENTAL CONTROLStatute SECTION 15 SOCIAL WORK (SCOT) ACT 1968Likely Duration of Care Not determinedAny Current Medication NoneFacts about Child/ren

	ONE	TWO	THREE
Legal Surname	GARRETT		
First Names	RICHARD ALEXANDER		
Sex	MALE		
Date of Birth	2.10.73		
Religion	C of E.		
Date and Place of Baptism			
Date of Present Admission	3.3.88		
Address at time of present Admission	16 SHORE STREET HILTON		
Number of previous periods in care	ONE		
Date & address of last admission	28-1-88		
General Practitioner's Name and Telephone No.	DR COLVIN TAIN HEALTH CENTRE		
Case Number	402789		

Brothers or Sisters not shown elsewhere on this form.

Name	Age	Address
JENNIFER	12	16 SHREE ST HILTON

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 . MARGARET ELIZABETH GARRETT

being the parent/guardian of RICHARD ALAN 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 X M. E. Garrett  
Father/Mother/Legal Guardian

Address 16 Shree Street, Hilton

Relationship to Child/ren Mother

Date 3-3-88

Witness X J. MacDonald

Designation J. MacDonald - Social Worker

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 MALE

Address 16 Shore Street, Hillton

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 good nutrition.

4. Did your examination reveal any physical or mental abnormality or handicap? (Please specify).  
 ① no R Ear after punch - NAD (from mother)  
 ② small lump anterior scalp - due to hitting head on Police Van  
 ③ wheals on wrists from hand cuffs

5. Other observations, health matters or special needs which should be noted by those taking over the daily care of the child. ④ Abrasion @ knee & ⑤ skin fresh.  
⑤ wheal on L shoulder from scratching apparently sister

6. I examined the above named child on 3.3.88 (Date) and, in my opinion, the child is fit to be placed in a foster home or children's home.

Signed D. Colvin Designation S.P.

Date 3/3/88

Address Health Centre Tar

**CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES**

AREA TAIN  
 DIVISION .....

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name RICHARD GARRETT  
 Present Address 16 SHORE STREET  
HILTON  
 Date of Birth 2-10-73  
 Case Reference 402789  
 Effective Date of Change 26-2-88  
 Statutory Condition Imposed SECTION 15 S N (SCOT)  
ACT-1968

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	
Residential Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From COUL PARK CHILDRENS CENTRE  
 To 16 SHORE STREET HILTON (OUT OF CARE)

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner TAIN HEALTH CENTRE  
 School last attended TAIN ROYAL ACADEMY  
 School to be attended .....

Signed [Signature] Date 1-3-88  
1-3-88

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

Alness Neighbourhood Childrens Centre

Report for Panel/Case Conference/Review :

To Be Held On 23rd Feb. 19.88.... at: (a) Venue.....Coulpark Childrens Centre.  
(b) Time.....10.00 a.m.

Name.....RICHARD GARRETT.  
RICHARD.....

D.O.B.....2.10.73.....  
Address.....16, Shore Street, Milton.....

D.O.A.....28.1.88.....

Statute.....Section 15 Social Work(Scotland) Act, 1968.....

Date of Last Panel/Case Conference/Review.....19.....

Period Covered by this Report: From.....28.1.88.....To.....23.2.88.....

Keyworker.....CHARLIE MACLEOD.....

Field Social Worker.....JOHN MACDONALD.....

Richard was admitted to Coulpark on 23th January 1988 as a result of physical and threatening behaviour towards his mother and sister. The situation was looked at during a review on 2nd February 1988 and it was decided that Richard would remain in Coulpark for a three week period of assessment.

#### Behaviour with staff, children, when solitary

Richard's behaviour was initially seen to be very changeable depending on the group he was with, the prevailing atmosphere in the building and his own feelings. He commenced by putting on a great hard man act, strutting about and telling of his quick aggressive temper. He attempted to give the message to both adults and children that he was not one to be trifled with.

This attitude has to a large extent remained in his interacting with his peers, where he is seen as the leader, the younger boys following him around, often following his lead and being kept under his thumb. It did not take many occasions of his aggressive bluff being called to reveal the timid boy underneath who would much rather turn and walk away rather than face his accuser.

With adults, Richard is now showing more of a "trying to please" attitude. He is often seen as showing two sides - the hard aggressive one to the children, and to the staff, the one of a helpful, pleasant and ingratiating boy. Although he has not been in much contact with younger children (ie lower primary school) he has shown a warmth for them and an ability to play with and to help them. This turns into more of an aggressive shield with his own age group. Richard likes company - both adult and peers, but the few times he is on his own, he occupies his time constructively. In a one to one situation with adults, Richard makes good company, chatting amicably on a wide variety of subjects for long spells.

#### Personal and social development

Richard's temper had initially caused problems as he tended to blow at the least thing. This changed as his stay here went on until he managed to go for an eight day stretch without losing his temper. Although so quick to blow, Richard displayed quite a large element of self control during these displays of temper and it is suspected that the displays might not be a totally genuine temper tantrum but rather partly put on, or behaviour learnt from an early age. After the explosions, Richard, once calm, has been very willing and able to talk about the situation and related issues.

Richard has shown an ability to accept responsibility around the establishment

(mainly school related) Richard has coped with the freedom given to him, going out and returning (usually) at the appointed time. He is able to perform all the daily tasks expected of a boy of his age and has shown quite an independence in looking after himself. Richard relates to all adults. Problems with specific males have for some time caused antagonistic problems but these have eased off lately. With females/adults Richard feels quite at ease, although there have been more aggressive incidents with female peers in the establishment.

#### Health

During his stay in Coulpark, Richard's health has given no cause for concern. He has attended the doctor and had medication for a chest infection and a tendon problem in his arm. Richard smokes a lot (without permission) - an area which on several occasions has been the sparking off point for confrontation. Richard has a healthy appetite and eats most of what's put in front of him. Bedtimes and settling were slow on admission, but once he got over the initial feelings, he has settled quickly and has slept well throughout the night.

#### Relationship with parents/family contact

There have been several phone calls to Richard from mother and also two calls from dad. Apart from this there has been no contact with home. Richard speaks quite warmly of home but is also glad to be away from the home setting for a while. He acknowledges that there are problems with him there, as he pushes his weight around quite a lot both with his little sister and his mother. He would like to see himself returning there but is not sure whether this should be immediately or in a short while.

#### Imaginative play, concentration, interests

Richard spends his time on his own or in company, constructively. He enjoys pool and swimming. A willingness was shown to join in many of the other activities in the establishment. Although the interest was not always there, he did have the ability to pursue the activity to the end rather than giving up half way through. His concentration span if accompanied by interest was very good. His interests are wide and varied and he enjoys talking about them if given the time to do so. Apart from visits to the Alness Youth Club, there has not been much opportunity for him to participate in many outside clubs, activities etc during his stay in Coulpark.

#### School

Richard has continued to attend Tain Royal Academy while staying in Coulpark. We have transported him there and back daily. From 4th February, Richard has missed

on well there. This was partly due to the fact that there was an unsettled group of boys of similar age in Coulpark at that time and truancy was among their problems. From 11th February Richard has returned to school and the problem appears to have been corrected. Richard still speaks positively of school and of individual subjects.

#### Conclusion and Recommendation

Richard's temper - one of the main reasons for his admission to Coulpark, although causing problems initially, has not shown itself as violent or out of Richard's control as was at first suspected. He has no serious problems with ordinary peer or adult relationships and has a warmth and family feeling for home. While acknowledging that problems at home may still cause Richard's temper to rise, I do not feel that he is in need of residential care and that the family bond is still strong enough for Richard to have a place there.

I would recommend that he either:-

- a) Returns home immediately or
- b) Returns home, but making the return phased over several weeks, while some of the family dynamics can be looked at and possibly worked on.

C MacLeod

Keyworker

## HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RECEPTION OF CHILDREN INTO CAREInformation Compiled by K.A. MACKENZIE Designation SOCIAL WORKERDate 28/1/88Reason for Admission: Details Parents request, cannot control childStatute Sect 15 Social Work Act (Sect) 1968Likely Duration of Care —Any Current Medication —Facts about Child/ren

	ONE	TWO	THREE
Legal Surname	Garnett		
First Names	Richard Alexander		
Sex	Male		
Date of Birth	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 1973		
Religion	C of E		
Date and Place of Baptism			
Date of Present Admission	28/1/88		
Address at time of present Admission	16, Shore Street Hilton		
Number of previous periods in care	—		
Date & address of last admission	—		
General Practitioner's Name and Telephone No.	Dr Colvin Twin Health Centre <del>2203</del> 2203		
Case Number	402789		

Brothers or Sisters not shown elsewhere on this form.

Name	Age	Address
Jennifer.	12	16, Shore Street Hilton

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 ..... MARGARET ELIZABETH GARRETT

being the parent/guardian of ... RICHARD ALEXANDER 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 ..... M. E. Garrett .....  
Father/Mother/Legal Guardian

Address ..... 'CHLAG' 16 SHORE ST. HILTON TAIN

Relationship to Child/ren ..... MOTHER

Date ..... 28. 1. 88

Witness ..... H. Macdonald

Designation ..... Social Worker

## CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ..... FATHER ROSS .....

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name ..... RICHARD ALEXANDER GARRATT .....

Present Address ..... COUL PARK ALNESS .....

Date of Birth ..... 2 10 73 .....

Case Reference ..... 402789 .....

Effective Date of Change ..... 28/1/88 .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... sect 15 Social Work  
 ..... (sect) Act 1968 .....

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	✓
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	N/A

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ..... 16 SHORE STREET .....

To ..... COUL PARK ALNESS .....

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner ..... Dr COLVIN TRAIN HEALTH CENTRE .....

School last attended .....

School to be attended ..... TRAIN ROYA - ACADEMY .....

Signed ..... H Madh... .....

Date ..... 28/1/88 .....

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			



NON-ACCIDENTAL INJURY AND CHILD ABUSE - CASE CONFERENCE REVIEW

- Social Work Department, Tain
- 21.12.87

Present:

Mr. A.J. Dunlop, N.A.I. Co-ordinator/Principal Fieldwork Officer  
Mr. H. Garland, Area Team Leader, Tain  
Mr. J. MacDonald, Social Worker, Tain  
[REDACTED] Police  
Dr. Colvin, G.P.  
Mrs. B. Shannon, Health Visitor  
Mrs. M. Kinder, Community Nurse Manager  
Miss J. Reid, Student Nurse  
Miss A. Stoltman, Admin Assistant, Dingwall

Apologies:

Mr. S. Anderson

Subjects:

Richard Garrett (b. 2.10.73) 16 Shore Street, Hilton  
Jennifer Garrett (b. 29.12.75) 16 Shore Street, Hilton

Parents:

Margaret Brown or Garrett, 16 Shore Street, Hilton  
David Garrett 9 John Street, Balintore

Mr. John Macdonald, Key Worker, presented a written report detailing events which have taken place since the last Case Conference (see attached).

Mr. Garrett has now left the family home and is living in a caravan outside Tain. Mrs. Garrett obtained an Exclusion Order making it illegal for Mr. Garrett to enter the house. John Macdonald explained that the situation within the home is now much more settled. Mrs. Garrett is a very caring and competent parent. It was noted that her plans for the future do not include Mr. Garrett. Both children are well looked after.

Richard's extreme temper has caused some problems especially in confrontations with his father. Dr. Colvin pointed out that Richard has witnessed his father's temper and violent tendencies and suggested that Richard has grown up under the impression that this kind of behaviour is acceptable. John Macdonald said that Richard has been referred to a psychologist.

Discussion followed on whether the children's names should remain on the At Risk Register. John Dunlop pointed out that the original risk to the children had been due to Mr. Garrett's drinking and violence. As Mr. Garrett was no longer in the home the risk no longer existed. However, John added "we could not be certain that Mr. Garrett would remain away". Harry Garland suggested that as Mr. Garrett is living in a caravan at the moment and winter is approaching, there was a possibility that Mr. Garrett may attempt to return home. With this in mind it was agreed that the names of both children should remain on the At Risk Register for a further period of 6 months.

Conclusions:

1. Children's names to remain on the At Risk Register.
2. Review in 6 months. If Mr. Garrett has not attempted to return to the home, and is settled, then consideration will be given to de-registering the children.



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

N.A.I. AND CHILD ABUSE REVIEW CASE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT TAIN SOCIAL WORK OFFICE ON 21.12.87 at 2 pm.

Concerning:- Parents - David Garrett, aged 39 years, 9 John Street, Balintore  
Margaret Brown or Garrett, aged 51 years, 16 Shore Street  
Hilton

Children - Richard Garrett, d.o.b. 2.10.73  
Jennifer Garrett, d.o.b. 29.12.75, 16 Shore Street,  
Hilton.

The meeting will recall that they first convened on this case on 13.9.87 following a report that David Garrett the childrens father had assaulted Richard and causing him to have a black eye on one occasion and on an another occasion pulled him down the stairs by the hair.

Since the date of the last conference a Childrens Panel convened on 21.10.87 placed Richard under the supervision of the Social Work Department and also about that time Mr Garrett left the family home and is now staying at the address given above. As a result of this there has been much less tension in the household and there is less cause to be alarmed by any friction between father and son.

However, Richards temper appears to be the mirror image of his father, has been getting into trouble both at home and at school in recent times. On one occasion when his father came to the house to collect some of his belongings he and Richard clashed in a verbal exchange of abuse and as a result both were charged with breach of the peace. On another occasion at school Richard became involved in a fight with another boy and as a result was excluded from school for that day but his mother and social worker went to see Mr Kirk and he was readmitted on the condition that he did not repeat any further acts of this nature. A lot of the antagonism has been directed to Richards father by Richard even although he is outside the home Richard feeling that whilst his father has let the family down he also has feelings that the other side of his fathers nature neither praises him nor gives him any encouragement and apparently hasn't done so for some time. This situation between the parents is that Mrs Garrett has obtained an exclusion order at Tain Sheriff Court which makes it impossible for Mr Garrett to enter the household legally, if he does so he will be arrested immediately. However, I understand that Mr Garrett is contesting the exclusion order in court.

More recently at home one morning Richard was looking intently at something on television before going to school when his sister standing in the way of the television was talking to their mother about some other matter and when she did not move away from the television when Richard shouted at her he became very angry and pushed her and then got a hold of her in an armlock around the neck. There was no bruising and no serious injury occurred and Jennifer attended the doctor where it was discovered that nothing serious was wrong. However, as a result of this Richard was spoken to severely both by the social worker and the local policeman and in addition to this by agreement by Richard and his mother he has now been referred to Dr Butler at Raigmore Hospital for further investigation because of the nature of his temper. It was also revealed that during these temper tantrums or just prior to them Richard develops severe nose bleeding which gives rise to the fact that he may well be encountering a lot of internal pressure on himself for one reason or another and these have never fully been investigated in the past.

However, as previously indicated the general situation is now a lot less tense because of Mr Garretts departure from home, he particularly was extremely aggressive and the danger of him clashing with Richard was fearful and very prevalent. Mrs Garrett is a very capable person and is a very good parent to both children, the house is in excellent taste and the children are extremely well turned out. One more promising item on the agenda was that very recently Richards father came again to the house to collect some items belonging to him and when Richard saw him on this occasion he offered him to come into the house and make him a cup of tea which he did and the meeting passed fairly peacefully and therefore there is hope that in the future things might well improve along with the input of psychiatric help in the New Year.

*John Redmond*

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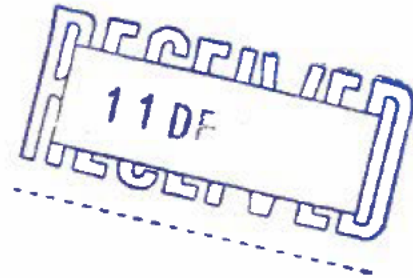
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Reporter to Children's Hearing  
Procurator Fiscal, Tain  
Tain Medical Group  
Area Team Leader, Tain  
Mr. J. MacDonald, Social Worker



Non-Accidental Injury and Child Abuse

I have arranged the following Case Conference Review to take place on Monday, 21st December, 1987 at the Social Work Department, Scotsburn Road, Tain at 2.00 p.m.

Richard Garrett (b. 2.10.73)  
Jennifer Garrett (b. 29.12.75)

16 Shore Street, Hilton, Fearn

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

Thank you for your co-operation.

*A. J. Dunlop*

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

## Supervision Requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 21.10.87

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)  
in exercise of the powers conferred by section 44(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, being satisfied

that Richard Carrett 16 Shore Street Hilton  
is in need of compulsory measures of care require him/her [to reside in ]\*  
[to be under the supervision of Highland Region ]\* subject to the conditions noted below.

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

A. N. COLLING

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 Because of the upheaval and the tensions that have arisen in the household during the past few months Richard needs the help of the Social Work Department to allow him to become less aggressive and more able to accept the disciplines which are necessary within a family life.

A. N. COLLING



Easter Ross.

Mrs Garrett described her marriage at times as being quite turbulent and described her husband being a fairly forceful person whose answers to problems is to adopt an aggressiveness posture. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Unfortunately I was not able to discuss these matters with Mr Garrett, on one occasion prior to the notifications of this report I tried to speak with him but he walked away and up to the minute I have not been able to discuss the terms of this report with him so it is difficult to give an account of his side of the situation.

Mrs Garrett's concern is the increasing hostility that seems to be coming between Richard and his father and Richard's general attitudes. In this he seems to be mimicking his father and is increasingly devinant and hostile towards his mother in themanner that his father appears to adpdt. [REDACTED]

Until this minute Mrs Garrett seems to have been able to contain a lot of the difficulties but is not now prepared to continue as she previously did. Mrs Garrett regards the increasing degree of violence withsome concern and says that this has got worse over the past two or three months and it was coincidental with a time that she went to Manchester to see an old friend. It had been during that time her husband met up with a couple from the village who are known to be heavy drinkers, since that time and on her return he has been drinking heavily in their company and his aggression and abuse to the family has increased.

#### DETAILS OF REFERRAL

First assault reported took place either on the 23rd or 24th of September the parties are not sure of which date. However, the story appears to be that Richard came home from school and had been reported by a villager as having been seen smoking to his mother. His mother therefore reprimanded him and Richard, on being so reprimanded tried to push past his mother when he was seen by his father, I understand that words were exchanged and his father then punched him on the face. The police were not called on this occasion and the matter was only made known to the writer on the 28th of September when her husband came home late under the influence of drink'threw a glass at his wife, caused a disturbance and pulled Richard by the hair. He was taken into custody for this offence but was released the following day. On learning of these incidents full N.A.I. procedures were brought into practice and an investigation took place which resulted in a case conference being held at Alness Social Work Office at 12.15 pm on 30.9.87 whenit was decided that both children be placed on the Non Accidental Injury/Child Abuse Register and the matter be referred to the childrens panel.

#### CONCLUSION AND RECCOMMENDATION

The state of affairs between Mr & Mrs Garrett is now very fragile to say the least and I understand that Mr Garrett tends to spend a lot of time ou of the house. In the earliest stages there was some concern about further injuries to the children and the Place of Safety Order was considered, however, on balance it was felt tht the closeness to the mother and the fact that Mrs Garrett indicated that she was wanting out of the family home and could in desperation get away if necessary and it was decided to leave the children where they were. I also understand that a number of knives were found in the house and at Mrs

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Garrett's request they were taken away and destroyed by the police. In addition two guns were handed over to the police who are continuing to hold onto them. I do not think there is anything sinister about the guns, they appear to have been in Mr Garretts possession for some time and he is apparently getting annoyed that they are being taken from his possession. However, the police I dare say in view of recent nationwide happenings have decided for safety sake to maintain control over them. Both Jennifer and Richard attend Tain Academy where I understand at the early stages Richard was difficult but has settled down dramatically apart from one incident recently when he walked out of school.

Therefore there is some general concern about this whole family's situation which is having a very strong bearing on the lives of these young children and I feel that it could be in their interests to have some supervision of their situation on a formal basis at least until some decision is made as to what is going to happen between the parents.

*John J MacDonald*  
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Social Worker





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NON-ACCIDENTAL INJURY AND CHILD ABUSE

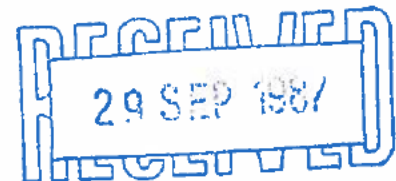
I have arranged the following Case Conference to take place on Wednesday, 30th September, at the Social Work Department, Suie House, Bridgend, Ainess, at 12.15 p.m.

Richard Garrett (b. 2.10.73) 16 Shore Street, Hilton,  
Jennifer Garrett (b. 29.12.75) Fearn.

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

I look forward to meeting you then.

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



To Principal Officer,  
Social Work Dept.,  
DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter,  
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 8.10.87

Please ask for

RICHARD & JENNIFER GARRETT 16 Shore Street Hilton

I received the undernoted police report concerning the above named.

I have decided that this case should go to a children's hearing which I have fixed for Wednesday 21.10.87 at 12 noon at the undernoted address.

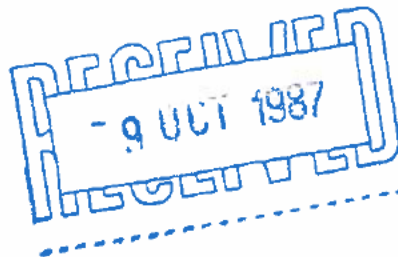
I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 16.10.87

EDUCATION CENTRE, CASTLE STREET, DINGWALL

~~SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, HIGH STREET, ALNESS~~



REPORTER



**Form of statement by reporter of grounds for the referral of a case to a children's hearing**

*(Conditions in section 32(2) (a) to (g) of the Act)*

(Name and address of child) RICHARD ALEXANDER GARRETT 2.10.73  
16 Shore Street Hilton Fearn

is being referred to a children's hearing for HIGHLAND REGION  
on the grounds of the following conditions:—

~~that he/she committed the offence specified in the statement of facts below~~  
that an offence mentioned in Schedule I of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 has been committed in respect of him.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

IN SUPPORT OF THE ABOVE CONDITION IT IS STATED THAT

SEE SEPARATE SHEET

*(Address of Reporter)*  
Education Centre  
Castle Street  
DINGWALL

date 8.10.87

\_\_\_\_\_  
*\*Reporter/On behalf of the Reporter*

**NOTES**

At the children's hearing the child or his parents may or may not accept the grounds for bringing the child before the hearing. If the grounds are accepted by the child, and his parents, if present, the children's hearing will discuss and consider with the child and his parents what is best for the child. If any of the grounds are not accepted, the hearing may either discharge the referral or direct the reporter to refer to the sheriff for a

decision as to whether or not any of the grounds exist. If this happens the child will have to appear before the sheriff at a later date. If the sheriff decides that any of the grounds do exist the children's hearing will then discuss and consider what is best for the child, as if these grounds had been accepted. If the sheriff decides that no grounds exist, the referral will be discharged.

*\*Delete as appropriate*

1. Richard Garrett born 2.10.73 and Jennifer Garrett born 29.12.75 live with their parents David Garrett and Mrs. Margaret Brown or Garrett at 16 Shore Street Hilton.

2. At 16 Shore Street Hilton while in the charge, care and custody of his father David Garrett being a person over the age of 16 years the said Richard Garrett was twice wilfully assaulted by the said David Garrett in a manner likely to cause him unnecessary suffering or seriously to impair his health and development

(a) on 23.9.87 by being struck in the eye with a clenched fist causing bruising

(b) on 26.9.87 by being pulled down the stairs, having his hair pulled and being struck across the face with a hand both assaults being inconsistent with the normal chastisement of a child.

Contrary to section 12 of the Children & Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937 being an offence mentioned in Schedule I of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975

NON-ACCIDENTAL INJURY TO CHILDREN

To be completed and sent simultaneously to:

- (i) Divisional Co-ordinator, Social Work Department
- (ii) Reporter to the Children's Panel
- (iii) Police
- (iv) To be Retained by the Agency making the Referral.

Name of Parent/Guardian *FATHER: David Garrett MOTHER: Margaret Brown or Garrett*

Name(s) of Child(ren) Date(s) of Birth

*Richard Garrett d.o.b. 2.10.73* *2.10.73*

*Jennifer Garrett* *29.12.75*

Address

*16 Shore Street*

*HILTON*

Date of Incident *23.9.87 and 26.9.87*

Brief details of the case which gives cause for concern:

*Reported by Mrs. Garrett on 28.9.87 that on 23.9.87 her husband had given Richard a black eye allegedly for smoking and giving cheek to his mother. This came about as a result of a telephone call from Mrs. Garrett to the writer requesting information about housing for herself and the children. It also transpired that on 26.9.87 Mr. Garrett had been charged with breach of the peace and assault on Mrs. Garrett and again Richard where upon he had struck him on the face and pulled his hair.*

Has Place of Safety Order been obtained YES/NO\*

Have Police been involved YES/NO\*

\*Delete as appropriate

N.B. Completion of this form must be preceded by a telephone call to the Social Work Department Divisional Co-ordinator immediately there is cause for concern regarding the above named child(ren).

Submitted by: Name *John A. MacDonald* Date *30.9.87*

Designation *Social Worker*

Agency *Social Work Department*

*Scotsburn Road, Tain.*

NON ACCIDENTAL INJURY AND CHILD ABUSE CASE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT  
ALNESS SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, 12.15 P.M. ON 30.9.87.

CONCERNING: Parents - David Garrett aged 39 years  
Margaret Brown or Garrett aged 51 years

Children - Richard Garrett d.o.b. 2.10.73  
Jennifer Garrett d.o.b. 29.12.75

Address - 16 Shore Street,  
Hilton.

About 9.30 a.m. on 28.9.87, a telephone message was received by the writer from Mrs. Garrett indicating that her husband had been arrested the previous night for assaulting her and that she was now concerned about looking for alternative accommodation. During the course of the conversation she mentioned that Richard has son, had been struck by her husband earlier in the week and had received a black eye. It was indicated to Mrs. Garrett at this point that I would require to investigate the matter and accordingly a visit was arranged to the home that day.

The Garrett family are not on the Non-Accidental Injury register, and neither are they known to the custodian whose records were checked by the writer. Enquiry at Tain Royal Academy to Mr. Kirk, Headmaster, revealed that he had noticed a black eye on Richard on Friday of last week but the explanation given to him was that his sister had done it.

About 11 a.m. in the company of Alison Ross, Social Worker, I visited Mrs. Garrett at her home address. She told me that she had been married before and her marriage had ceased because of her husband's adultery. She was married to her present husband Mr. Garrett for some fifteen years and the two children concerned were the result of their marriage. They came to their present home on 25.7.86, their previous address being 25 Brock Street, Macklesfield. She said that they had come north to get away from the rough and tumble of city life mainly for the children's sake but in particular Richard who seemed to be getting into spots of bother at school and in that area. She said that there had been no previous social worker involvement except for the time when she used to foster children when she was married previously.

She described her husband as being a fairly forceful person and his general answer to any problem was to adopt a hostile and aggressive posture. He has been very aggressive verbally and physically towards herself, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as regards Richard there seems to be quite open hostility between father and son and Richard is often the butt of his physical aggressiveness. However Mrs. Garrett said that she was able to cope with these patterns of hostility involving the family up until fairly recently.

It appears that she went away on holiday some two or three months ago to see an old friend in Manchester. During that time she maintains that her husband had made up friends with a couple in the village area who are known to be heavy drinkers. Since about that time and her return he has been drinking rather heavily in their company and his acts of aggression and abuse towards them have increased rapidly.

Mrs. Garrett was not sure but it was either last Wednesday or Thursday when Richard came home from school and he was reported by a villager as having been seen smoking to his mother. His mother reprimanded him and Richard has he often apparently is was quite hostile on being reprimanded and tried to push past his mother when he was seen by his father. His father then proceeded to punch him on the face for little or no provocation. Mrs. Garrett is now actively seeking alternative accommodation and has contacted the Housing Department in Dingwall with the intention of moving out if necessary if things did not improve she would also consider going to Women's Aid with the children. Concerning the incident where her husband was locked up in the early hours of Saturday morning she says he came home drunk threw a glass at her, the children hearing the noise came down and were also involved in the row. I later discovered from Constable [REDACTED] who was involved at the time that Mr. Garrett is also charged with assaulting Richard on this occasion pulling his hair and striking him on the face.

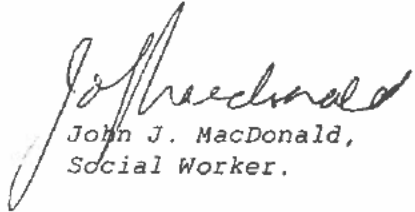
About 12 mid-day I attended at Tain Royal Academy where I spoke with Stuart Anderson Deputy Head master and arranged to see the two children Richard and Jennifer. Richard was seen alone at first and he clearly has been the butt of his father's aggressiveness although in interview he seemed a pleasant enough articulate and concerned boy of good physical appearance. He reiterated his mother's story about being punched on the eye by his father but said it was Tuesday rather than on Wednesday or Thursday and he admitted saying to his school mates that his sister who had caused the injury, not his father. Jennifer was seen in the company of her brother, she was less concerned than Richard as she has tended to be less involved in the aggressiveness from her father but nonetheless she described her father's actions when angry as being quite frightening but most of the time she says that she gets on with him alright. Clearly both children are very close to their mother and their mother very concerned about them and there is a strong bond between these children and the mother.

About 2.30 p.m. I returned to see Mrs. Garrett at Shore Street with the request that she come up to Tain and meet the children and arrange for them to go for medical examination to which she readily agreed. Mr. Garrett was in the house when I called but brushed passed me and did not wish to involve me in any conversation whatsoever. Mrs. Garrett then met the children, they were taken to Dr. Grant for examination and they were later taken home by the writer. I understand verbally from Mrs. Garrett that there was no concern shown by the Doctors as regards any of their injuries nor was there any indication of any lasting damage.

Constable [REDACTED] who was involved in the events of the weekend called to see me to explain his circumstances and to express his concern about the family situation. He confirmed that Mr. Garrett was in fact locked up and that he would be charged with breach of the peace and assault on his wife and Richard. He also told me that a number of knives had been removed from the house at the request of Mrs. Garrett and now destroyed. In addition the two guns owned by Mr. Garrett were also removed from the house and it is also understood that charges under the firearms act will follow as a result of illegal possession of ammunition.

The increasing aggressive behaviour in this household by Mr. Garrett towards his family is one of concern. In fact had it not been for the attitude of Mrs. Garrett and her sense of responsibility, and the closeness of the children to her a place of safety would have been almost certainly taken. Mrs. Garrett assured me that she had a number of safe houses she could go to in case there was any further upheaval.

She had access to a telephone and would not hesitate in contacting someone to get out of the house if necessary. However it is my view and as a minimum that this family should be registered on the Non Accidental Injury and Child Abuse register.

  
John J. MacDonald,  
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