

Chronology of Care

Prepared to support a Scottish Redress Scheme application

Subject: Lee David Johnstone / Recorded date of birth: 9 February 1976

Key care history established from the records

- 3 December 1987: compulsory supervision requirement imposed while the child remained at home.
- June 1989: day placement began at Redbrae List G Residential School, Maybole; records describe this as a day placement rather than reception into residential care.
- 1 November 1990: transferred from home/Redbrae to Newfield Assessment Centre for a three-week residential assessment; the stay continued while a school place was sought.
- 19 December 1990: transferred from Newfield to Millerston Unit, Kerelaw School, Stevenston, under section 44(1)(b).
- 10 January 1992: supervision terminated and transfer/discharge to the parental home recorded; social work involvement was then closed.

1. Placement summary

Dates	Placement / address	Status	Evidence and qualification
3 Dec 1987 – 31 Oct 1990	Parental home, initially Girvan then Maybole	Home supervision / compulsory supervision	Supervision imposed after home assessment. Family moved to Maybole on 21 April 1988.
June 1989 – 31 Oct 1990	Redbrae List G Residential School, Maybole	Day pupil / specialist school placement	The records expressly describe a day placement. Lee sometimes stayed overnight after incidents, but no evidence establishes continuous residential care there.
1 Nov 1990 – 19 Dec 1990	Newfield Assessment Centre / Newfield House	Residential assessment / reception into care	Transfer form records a three-week assessment beginning 1 November 1990. The stay became extended while awaiting a vacancy at Kerelaw.
19 Dec 1990 – 10 Jan 1992	Millerston Unit, Kerelaw School, Stevenston	Residential school placement under s.44(1)(b)	Regular and extended home leave occurred. The residential supervision requirement was continued in October 1991.
From 10 Jan 1992	Parental home, 16 Minnoch Crescent, Maybole	Discharged home; supervision terminated	Case closure followed termination of supervision.

2. Detailed chronology

Date	Event / care significance	Record source
7 October 1987	A child-abuse-procedure referral was made after an allegation concerning a scratch near the child's eye. The investigation concluded that the incident was accidental and no further child-abuse action was taken, although continuing social work involvement was anticipated.	01 Referrals, pp.2–3; 02 Correspondence, p.1

Date	Event / care significance	Record source
3 November 1987	A Children's Hearing issued a home-assessment requirement under section 43(4).	03 Correspondence, hearing memorandum
19 November 1987	A home assessment meeting considered behaviour at school and home, family relationships and parental control. Residential provision was identified as a possible future option if community intervention failed.	05 Correspondence, Home Assessment Report
3 December 1987	A compulsory supervision requirement was imposed. The child remained living at home in Girvan.	03 Correspondence; 04 Correspondence; 02 Correspondence
21 April 1988	The family moved from Linden Avenue, Girvan, to 16 Minnoch Crescent, Maybole. The social work case was transferred to the Maybole team.	04 Correspondence, p.1
24 May 1988	A supplementary report noted further referrals after supervision began and recommended a period of residential assessment.	04 Correspondence, Supplementary Report
June 1989	A day placement commenced at Redbrae List G Residential School, Maybole. Later records state that the placement began in June 1989 and was initially successful.	01 Reports, Newfield case conference minutes
5 June 1989	Progress notes record arrangements for Lee to be taken to Redbrae. By 7 June he was described as settled and well behaved.	03 Case Records, 1989 progress notes
1989–1990	Lee continued at Redbrae as a day pupil. Records show intermittent after-school activities and occasional overnight stays following incidents, but do not establish that Redbrae was his continuous residential placement.	03 Case Records; 01 Reports
16 October 1990	An admissions/support meeting recorded deteriorating behaviour and attendance at Redbrae and a Children's Panel recommendation for residential assessment at Newfield.	01 Reports, admissions meeting
1 November 1990	Transfer to Newfield Assessment Centre for a three-week residential assessment was recorded under section 44(1)(a). This is the clearest documentary start date for reception into residential care.	02 Misc, RIC6 transfer form
15 November 1990	A Newfield case conference concluded that Lee could not be maintained in the community and recommended residential school, identifying Kerelaw as the intended placement.	01 Reports, Newfield case conference minutes
11 December 1990	Correspondence confirmed that Lee was currently at Newfield Assessment Centre.	01 Correspondence, parental contribution memorandum
19 December 1990	Following a Children's Hearing, Lee was transferred from Newfield to Millerston Unit, Kerelaw School, Stevenston. The placement was under section 44(1)(b). He was distressed on arrival and required reassurance regarding home leave and family contact.	03 Case Records, 1990 progress notes; 02 Misc transfer notification
January 1991	Shortly after admission, Lee absconded on more than one occasion and was returned by police. He reported intimidation by an older resident. Staff and social work planned structured leave and continued family contact.	03 Case Records, 1991 progress notes
27 January – 1 February 1991	Lee was admitted to Crosshouse Hospital and later diagnosed with colic. On discharge he went home for an extended weekend before returning to Kerelaw.	03 Case Records; 01 Misc review documents
5 February 1991	Initial child-in-care review confirmed admission to Kerelaw on 19 December 1990 after an extended stay at Newfield. The plan was structured leave and gradual reintegration into the community.	01 Reports / 01 Misc, review minutes
February–April 1991	Lee progressed to extended home leave: Friday to Monday at weekends plus one overnight stay during the week. He was reported settled at school and home.	03 Case Records, Sheet 27
Late April–mid May 1991	Following the Easter break, Lee failed to remain at Kerelaw and absconded repeatedly. He returned in mid-May and settled back into the school routine.	03 Case Records, Sheet 27
28 May 1991	Review records noted frequent absconding and alleged offences, but also successful home visits and improved behaviour while grounded.	01 Reports, review minutes

Date	Event / care significance	Record source
Summer 1991	Lee attended a school trip to Germany and reportedly behaved well. After returning, he experienced another unsettled period.	01 Reports / 01 Misc, October review
September 1991	After a period away from school, Lee returned to Kerelaw of his own accord and said he wished to work towards termination of supervision.	03 Case Records, Sheet 27
1 October 1991	Child-in-care review considered future planning as Lee approached school-leaving age. The intention was to develop work experience and a planned permanent return home.	01 Reports / 01 Misc, review minutes
16 October 1991	A Children's Hearing continued the residential supervision requirement naming Kerelaw School.	01 Statutory Orders
November–December 1991	Lee was on extended leave from Kerelaw, was doing well in the community and obtained temporary work in a local bakery. Social work sought an early review.	03 Case Records, Sheet 28; 01 Reports
10 January 1992	A Children's Hearing terminated the supervision requirement. Records also show transfer/discharge from Kerelaw to the parental home at 16 Minnoch Crescent, Maybole.	03 Case Records, Sheet 28; 02 Misc, RIC6/discharge form
January 1992	Social work recorded that ongoing involvement was no longer required and the case was closed.	03 Case Records, Sheet 28

3. Evidential observations

Redbrae status: The evidence supports a specialist day-school placement from June 1989. Although Redbrae was a residential school and occasional overnight stays are recorded, the records repeatedly describe Lee as a day boy. Redbrae should therefore be presented cautiously and not automatically described as a continuous care placement.

Newfield start date: The transfer notification gives 1 November 1990 as the date of transfer to Newfield for a three-week assessment. Later reviews describe the stay as extended while awaiting a Kerelaw vacancy.

Kerelaw dates: Multiple records consistently give 19 December 1990 as admission to Kerelaw and 10 January 1992 as return/discharge home and termination of supervision.

Date-of-birth inconsistency: Most records give 9 February 1976. A small number of forms contain apparent typing/OCR errors (including 1975). The chronology uses 1976 because it is the consistently repeated date.

Scope: This chronology identifies formal care, assessment, supervision, discharge and significant placement-related events. It is not a complete recital of every offence allegation, school incident or social work contact.

4. Suggested wording for the application

The records indicate that the applicant was subject to compulsory supervision from 3 December 1987. He later attended Redbrae List G Residential School as a day pupil from June 1989. He entered residential care on or about 1 November 1990 for assessment at Newfield Assessment Centre and was transferred on 19 December 1990 to Millerston Unit, Kerelaw School, Stevenston. He remained formally placed at Kerelaw, with periods of home leave and absconding, until the supervision requirement was terminated and he was discharged to the parental home on 10 January 1992.