

HELEN ANDREWS

EVIDENCE REVIEW AND PAGE-REFERENCE SCHEDULE

Scottish Redress application support - four social-work and Children's Hearing files

Applicant	Helen Andrews / Helen Devine Andrews
DOB	21 August 1968
Core placements	St Francis Children's Home, Roseangle, Dundee; Carolina House, Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee
Review scope	Proof of placement, legal basis, abuse/neglect, disclosures, impact, aftercare and contradictory/neutral entries

Executive findings

- Placement is strongly evidenced before 1 December 2004. The records identify Helen Andrews, DOB 21 August 1968, and the former/expanded name Helen Devine Andrews.
- The clearest supported placements are St Francis Children's Home, Roseangle, Dundee, from 31 October 1974, and Carolina House, Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee, from April 1979 until November 1984. The records also show periods at home, with grandmother, temporary family addresses, a Children's Shelter, Burnside House, a Salvation Army hostel and supported/independent-living accommodation.
- The legal basis includes Children's Hearing supervision requirements under section 44(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, repeated reviews, conditions requiring residence in a residential establishment and authority for managers to grant leave.
- These four files do not contain a clear direct allegation that staff at St Francis or Carolina House physically or sexually abused Helen. They do contain significant evidence of family-home neglect, conflict, hunger, police involvement and children saying they did not want to return home. That evidence should not be presented as institutional abuse.
- The files contain neutral or potentially contradictory material, including reports that the children progressed, adjusted reasonably well, were popular, and appeared contented during periods in care. These entries should be acknowledged and explained rather than omitted.

Placement chronology

Date/period	Care setting/status	Event or relevance	Source pages
31 Oct 1974	St Francis Children's Home, Roseangle, Dundee	Placed following family breakdown / inadequate care; later supervision requirement imposed.	Documents p1, p4; Review minutes pp10, 14; Social Work pp1-7
8 Jan 1975 onward	Residential care under supervision	Children's Hearing requires residence in a residential establishment and allows managers to grant leave.	Children's Hearing pp6, 8-10
1975-1977	St Francis Children's Home	Repeated reviews continue supervision and residence in care.	Children's Hearing pp11-17; Social Work pp5-9
Oct 1978-Apr 1979	Mother's care under supervision	Supervision varied to mother; family arrangement later broke down.	Documents p1; Social Work pp11-23
Apr 1979-Nov 1984	Carolina House, Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee	Returned to care after family breakdown; supervision and annual reviews continued.	Documents pp1, 6; Children's Hearing pp4, 18-23; Social Work pp24-27, 34-36

28 Nov 1983	Statutory status	Supervision terminated; section 16/parental-rights process recorded. Helen remained at Carolina House afterward.	Documents p1; Social Work pp34, 38-41
19 Nov 1984	Grandmother's home, 11 Fleming Gardens South, Dundee	Moved from Carolina House to grandmother.	Documents p1; Social Work pp34-36
1985-1986	Hostel and supported accommodation	Salvation Army hostel, Maybole Place and later independent living; social-work support continued.	Documents p1; Review minutes pp1-7; Social Work pp28-37

Detailed page-reference schedule

Document	PDF page	Date	Author/role	Factual evidence	Category	Evidential value	Format/clarity
Children's Hearing documents HA (1).pdf	1-2	11 Nov 1974	Reporter / Children's Hearing	Initial referral and hearing paperwork under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. Confirms Helen Andrews as the child concerned and the formal statutory process.	Placement/legal basis	Direct placement evidence	Typed; partly redacted/faint.
Children's Hearing documents HA (1).pdf	4	30 Apr 1980	Chair of Children's Hearing	Supervision requirement reviewed for Helen Andrews while at Carolina House, 133 Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee; further review fixed for 21 Jan 1981.	Placement and address	Direct placement evidence	Typed/handwritten; partly redacted.
Children's Hearing documents HA (1).pdf	6, 8-10	8 Jan 1975	Children's Hearing	Hearing imposes/records a supervision requirement requiring residence in a residential establishment, with managers authorised to grant leave and the child required to observe the establishment's rules.	Legal basis and residential placement	Direct eligibility evidence	Typed with handwritten additions; some wording faint.
Children's Hearing documents HA (1).pdf	11-17	10 Nov 1976-12 Oct 1977	Children's Hearing / Deputy Reporter	Repeated reviews continue the supervision requirement, showing continuing statutory oversight and residence in care.	Duration and review history	Direct placement evidence	Typed/handwritten; several names/addresses redacted.
Children's Hearing documents HA (1).pdf	18-23	8 Jun 1979-30 Apr 1983	Children's Hearing	Further review documents identify Helen Andrews and, from 1980 onward, Carolina House, Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee. The requirement continues until 30 Mar 1983; the final form records	Placement, duration, discharge from supervision	Direct eligibility evidence	Typed/handwritten; faint in places.

				revocation and conditions concerning residence and leave.			
Documents HA (1).pdf	1	21 Aug 1968-1 Oct 1986	Social Work chronology	Chronology gives DOB 21 Aug 1968; placement in St Francis Children's Home from 31 Oct 1974; return to care after family breakdown on 12 Apr 1979; Carolina House review on 9 May 1979; annual reviews in 1981 and 1982; supervision terminated 28 Nov 1983; move to grandmother on 19 Nov 1984; later independent-living addresses.	Identity, placements and dates	Direct placement evidence	Typed; clearest summary page.
Documents HA (1).pdf	4	Various	Social Work case index	Records surname Andrews, forenames Helen Devine, DOB 21.08.68, and St Francis address/history. Indicates case openings and statutory categories.	Identity/former name and placement	Direct identity/placement evidence	Typed and handwritten; partly redacted.
Documents HA (1).pdf	6	1978-1980	Social Work address card	Lists St Francis Home, Children's Shelter, temporary family addresses, Burnside House, and Carolina House/Carolina address, documenting movement through care and temporary placements.	Transfer/address history	Direct corroborative placement evidence	Typed/handwritten; some addresses redacted.
Documents HA (1).pdf	2-3, 5, 7-8	1983-1987	Social Work forms	Family details, social worker Oliver Fuller, later case-opening/closure information and post-care addresses. Useful for aftercare and continuity but not direct evidence of abuse.	Aftercare and professional involvement	Corroborative evidence	Typed/handwritten; partly incomplete.
Review minutes HA (1).pdf	1-2	16 Jan 1986	Reviewing consultant / social work staff	Review records that Helen and sibling spent most of childhood in residential care; later placement in Salvation Army Hostel and supported accommodation after leaving Carolina House. Notes transition difficulties and family background.	Long-term placement and aftercare	Direct/corroborative evidence	Typed; extensive redactions.
Review minutes HA (1).pdf	3-7	1985-27 Jun 1986	Review team	Records independent-living difficulties, support from	Life impact and aftercare	Impact/corroborative evidence	Typed; partly redacted.

				Independent Living Support Unit and social workers, employment issues, and leaving-care planning around Helen's 18th birthday.			
Review minutes HA (1).pdf	10-11	5 Feb 1975	Social worker / review officer	States placement at St Francis Children's Home, Roseangle, Dundee from 31 Oct 1974. Gives prior placement history and says the children were adjusting reasonably well and were popular.	Placement and neutral/positive evidence	Direct placement plus neutral evidence	Typed; some names redacted.
Review minutes HA (1).pdf	12-13	17 Jul 1975	Social worker / review officer	Review of family contact and children's situation; recommendation that the children remain in care for the time being while family circumstances are monitored.	Continued residence/review	Direct corroborative evidence	Typed; partly redacted.
Review minutes HA (1).pdf	14-15	11 Mar 1976	Social worker / review officer	Records placement date 31 Oct 1974 and recommends continued care because a stable home could not be provided. Also records positive/neutral observations about progress.	Duration and reason for continued care	Direct placement evidence	Typed; partly redacted.
Review minutes HA (1).pdf	16-17	1977 review	Social worker / review officer	Further review records continuing care, family contact and future-care planning. No clear allegation of abuse in the placement is recorded.	Continuity and neutral evidence	Corroborative/neutral evidence	Faint typed text; some redactions.
Social Work reports HA (1).pdf	1-4	Nov-Dec 1974	Social worker / Reporter	Initial statutory reports describe family breakdown, inadequate care and the need for compulsory measures. These establish the reason for entry into care but concern the family home rather than abuse in a residential placement.	Legal basis and pre-care neglect	Direct legal/placement evidence	Typed; heavily redacted in places.
Social Work reports HA (1).pdf	5-7	3 Nov 1976	Social worker	Annual review confirms Helen and siblings living in St Francis Home under supervision. Discusses limited/inconsistent parental contact and recommends supervision continue.	Placement and duration	Direct placement evidence	Typed; some names redacted.

Social Work reports HA (1).pdf	8-9	1977 review	Social worker	Further report confirms continued residence at St Francis and ongoing uncertainty over return home. Contains behavioural and family-contact observations, not a clear disclosure of institutional abuse.	Placement/review and neutral evidence	Corroborative evidence	Typed; faint and redacted.
Social Work reports HA (1).pdf	11-13	5 Apr 1978	Social worker	Records children's return to mother's care under supervision after years in authority care; notes progress in care, weekend home visits and concerns about home circumstances.	Transfer from care / family placement	Direct transfer evidence	Typed; partly redacted.
Social Work reports HA (1).pdf	14-16	6 Jun 1979	Social worker	Report states children were unhappy at home and went to grandmother; recommends supervision continue with residence at grandmother's. Useful for placement transition and reasons for avoiding return home.	Disclosure/family neglect and transfer	Direct/corroborative evidence	Typed; some redactions.
Social Work reports HA (1).pdf	18-23	May 1979	Social worker	Detailed account of family breakdown: children crying and saying they did not want to go home, police involvement, concerns about violence, drinking, hunger and inadequate care. This is direct evidence of harm/neglect in the family home, not at St Francis or Carolina House.	Contemporaneous disclosure and neglect	Direct evidence of family-home harm	Typed; substantial redactions.
Social Work reports HA (1).pdf	24-25	31 Mar 1981	Social worker	Report identifies Helen at Carolina House and recommends continuation of the supervision requirement. Notes schooling and family contact.	Carolina House placement	Direct placement evidence	Typed; partly redacted.
Social Work reports HA (1).pdf	26-27	6 Sep 1983	Social worker	Summarises return to care and placement in Carolina House in April 1979; describes moves, family contact, education and recommendation that care continue until independent living.	Placement duration and planning	Direct placement evidence	Typed; partly redacted.

Social Work reports HA (1).pdf	28-31	1985-30 May 1986	Social workers	Post-care reviews record address in care/supported accommodation, employment and independent-living difficulties, and continuing social-work support.	Aftercare and life impact	Impact/corroborative evidence	Typed; heavily redacted.
Social Work reports HA (1).pdf	32-37	1986-1987	Social work management	Summarises placement history: St Francis from 1974, return home in 1978, Carolina House from April 1979 until Nov 1984, then grandmother, hostel and supported accommodation. Records adjustment difficulties and leaving-care support.	Comprehensive placement chronology	Direct eligibility evidence	Typed; some pages partly redacted.
Social Work reports HA (1).pdf	38-41	1983-1987	Social workers / committee papers	Records DOB 21.8.68, supervision termination/parental-rights history and later formal summary that most childhood was spent in residential care. Confirms placements and statutory status.	Identity, legal status and duration	Direct eligibility evidence	Typed; partly redacted.

Abuse, neglect and impact findings

Physical abuse

No clear direct allegation of physical assault by residential staff is recorded in these four files. The Social Work reports do describe violence and conflict in the family home and police involvement (especially pp18-23), but this must not be attributed to St Francis or Carolina House.

Sexual abuse

No clear reference to rape, sexual assault, inappropriate touching, grooming, forced nudity or sexual misconduct was identified in these four files.

Emotional abuse / psychological harm

No clear direct allegation of emotional abuse by residential staff was identified. The documents record distress connected with family instability, repeated moves, inconsistent parental contact and leaving-care difficulties.

Neglect

Strong evidence concerns neglect in the family home: inadequate care, hunger, conflict, instability and children saying they did not want to return home. The institutional records themselves do not clearly establish deprivation of food, clothing, medical care or education by St Francis or Carolina House.

Contemporaneous disclosures

The clearest disclosure material is in Social Work reports pp18-23: children crying, saying they did not want to go home, and concerns involving drinking, violence and hunger. Police and social work responded by returning the matter to the Panel and arranging visits/support.

Institutional knowledge / failure to act

No clear record was found of prior complaints against a care employee, disciplinary action, inspection criticism, destroyed records or management pressure to withdraw allegations.

Mental-health and life impact

Later review material records difficulty adjusting to independent living, employment instability, need for continued support and family/relationship stress. It does not contain a formal trauma diagnosis or express causal link to abuse in care.

Substance use

No reliable record was found in these four files linking alcohol or drug use by Helen to abuse or trauma.

Contradictory / neutral evidence

Several reviews describe the children as progressing, adjusting reasonably well, popular, contented or settled. These observations do not disprove abuse but should be disclosed and reconciled with any contrary account.

Recommended evidential use

1. Use Documents HA page 1 as the clearest single-page placement chronology, supported by the Children's Hearing orders and the detailed Social Work reports.
2. Use the Children's Hearing documents to prove the legal basis, compulsory supervision, residential-placement conditions, leave authority and review dates.
3. Use the St Francis and Carolina House social-work reports to prove residence, duration, transfers, family contact and social-worker involvement.
4. Keep family-home neglect evidence separate from any allegation concerning residential care staff.
5. Obtain the unredacted local-authority case file, establishment admission/discharge registers, resident files, school records and health records if direct evidence of abuse within either institution is required.

Prepared from scanned and partly redacted records. Handwriting and faint text have been described cautiously; unclear wording should be checked against the original files before quotation in a formal statement.