

Chronology of Care - Helen Andrews

Prepared from the attached Children's Hearing documents, placement records, review minutes and social-work reports for use in support of a Scottish Redress application.

Applicant	Helen Andrews; also recorded as Helen Devine Andrews.
Date of birth	21 August 1968.
Confirmed care settings	St Francis Children's Home, Roseangle, Dundee; Carolina House, Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee. Later aftercare/independent-living placements include a Salvation Army hostel and Maybole Place Supported Accommodation/Independent Living Project.
Primary placement period supported	Residential care is documented from 31 October 1974. Carolina House residence is documented from 1979/1980 until November 1984. Later supported accommodation continued into 1985-1986.
Legal framework	Children's Hearing supervision requirement under section 44(1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, requiring residence in a residential establishment and compliance with its rules, subject to leave authorised by managers. Later parental rights were assumed under section 16.

Important evidential distinction

The records contain significant concerns about neglect, instability, hunger, violence and police involvement in the family home. Those entries explain why care was required, but they are not direct evidence that staff at St Francis Children's Home or Carolina House abused Helen. The reviewed files do not contain a clear direct allegation of physical or sexual abuse by residential staff.

Detailed chronology

Date/period	Care setting / status	Recorded event	Redress relevance	Source
5 Jul-26 Jul 1972	Family/kinship placement	Helen and siblings recorded as placed with their maternal grandmother for about three weeks.	Temporary kinship-care episode before the later residential placements.	Review minutes p.10
15 Feb-30 Mar 1973	Family/kinship placement	Children again recorded as placed with their grandmother.	Further evidence of instability and temporary care before residential admission.	Review minutes p.10
30 Oct 1974	St Francis Children's Home, Roseangle, Dundee	Helen and siblings were received into care by their grandmother under section 15 and placed in St Francis Children's Home.	Strong direct proof of residential placement and start date.	Documents p.1; Review minutes p.10; Social Work reports pp.5, 34, 40
27 Nov 1974	Children's Hearing / court process	Referral to the Reporter, Children's Panel and Sheriff for proof.	Shows formal statutory intervention following admission to care.	Documents p.1; Social Work reports p.1
8 Jan 1975	St Francis Children's Home	Children's Hearing imposed a supervision requirement under section 44(1)(b), requiring residence in a residential establishment, observance of its rules and allowing managers to grant leave.	Direct proof of legal basis for placement and residential status.	Children's Hearing docs pp.8-10; Documents p.1
5 Feb 1975	St Francis Children's Home	Review report states Helen and siblings were placed at St Francis Children's Home, Roseangle, Dundee, and recommends that they remain together in care.	Confirms continuing residence and professional recommendation.	Review minutes pp.10-11

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10 Nov 1975	St Francis Children's Home	Panel review: supervision continued.	Confirms continued statutory residence.	Documents p.1
11 Mar 1976	St Francis Children's Home	Review records that the children had lived in St Francis since 31 October 1974 and recommends continued care because no stable family home was available.	Corroborates duration and reason for continued placement.	Review minutes pp.14-15
10 Nov 1976	St Francis Children's Home	Annual review: supervision continued. Social-work report records ongoing residence at St Francis and recommends supervision remain in force.	Confirms continued statutory residential placement.	Children's Hearing docs pp.11-14; Documents p.1; Social Work reports pp.5-7
12 Oct 1977	St Francis Children's Home	Panel review: supervision continued.	Confirms continued placement.	Children's Hearing docs pp.16-17; Documents p.1
11 Oct 1978	Mother's home, 215 Aberlady Crescent, Dundee	Supervision varied to residence with mother under section 44(1)(a).	Marks temporary return from residential care to family placement.	Documents p.1; Social Work reports pp.11-13
7 Mar 1979	Mother's home	Review: supervision continued.	Continued statutory oversight while living with mother.	Documents p.1
12 Apr 1979	St Francis Children's Home	Following family breakdown, Helen was received into care again and planned for St Francis Children's Home.	Direct proof of return to care.	Documents pp.1, 6; Social Work reports pp.18-23, 34
13-16 Apr 1979	Children's Shelter / emergency care	Address record shows a short placement in the Children's Shelter before the next placement arrangements.	Evidence of emergency/temporary placement during transition back into care.	Documents p.6
9 May 1979	Carolina House	Review at request of social worker under section 44(1)(b), with Carolina House identified.	First clear documentary link to Carolina House.	Documents p.1
6 Jun 1979	Grandmother's home under supervision	Hearing report records the children wished to remain with their grandmother; supervision was recommended to continue with residence there.	Temporary family placement under continuing supervision.	Social Work reports pp.14-16
23 Jan-15 Feb 1980	Temporary family/kinship addresses	Address record shows short stays with an aunt and grandmother before Carolina House.	Documents transitional placements immediately before Carolina House residence.	Documents p.6
24 Mar 1980	Carolina House, Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee	Address record identifies Carolina House.	Direct placement evidence.	Documents p.6
30 Apr 1980	Carolina House, 133 Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee	Children's Hearing documents name Carolina House and continue the supervision requirement.	Strong proof of placement, address and legal basis.	Children's Hearing docs pp.4, 20, 23
31 Mar-1 Apr 1981	Carolina House	Annual review continued supervision. Social-work report is addressed c/o Carolina House Children's Home and recommends continuation of the requirement.	Confirms continued residence and review.	Documents p.1; Social Work reports pp.24-25
31 Mar 1982	Carolina House	Annual review: supervision continued.	Confirms continued statutory placement.	Documents p.1; Children's Hearing docs p.21
2 Feb 1983	Carolina House	Children's Hearing continued the supervision requirement until 1 February 1984.	Confirms continuing placement and legal authority.	Children's Hearing docs p.22
28 Nov 1983	Carolina House	Panel terminated supervision; section 16 parental-rights arrangements were applied for/granted.	Important change in legal status, while later records show Helen remained at Carolina House until November 1984.	Documents p.1; Social Work reports pp.38-41

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1983-1984	Carolina House	Residential daily records and later reports show continued residence, school attendance, medical appointments, family visits and authorised overnight stays.	Corroborates day-to-day residence after supervision ended.	Residential care records, throughout; Social Work reports pp.34, 40
19 Nov 1984	Grandmother's home, 11 Fleming Gardens South, Dundee	Helen moved from Carolina House to her grandmother's home.	Likely end of Carolina House placement and beginning of aftercare/family placement.	Documents p.1; Social Work reports pp.34, 40
11 Oct 1985	Salvation Army hostel / Independent Living Unit	Helen moved to a Salvation Army hostel following breakdown at home.	Aftercare/supported accommodation following family-placement breakdown.	Documents p.1; Review minutes pp.1-2; Social Work reports pp.34, 40
28 Oct 1985	Maybole Place Supported Accommodation / Independent Living Project	Helen moved to Maybole Place.	Evidence of supported independent-living placement.	Documents p.1; Review minutes pp.1-7; Social Work reports pp.28-31, 40
Jan 1986	Mother's home, Manchester	Helen moved to her mother at 326 Charles Barry Crescent, Hulme, Manchester.	Family placement after supported accommodation.	Documents p.1; Review minutes pp.6-7; Social Work reports pp.34, 40
Aug 1986	Grandmother's home, Dundee	Helen returned to Dundee and stayed with her grandmother.	Further aftercare/family placement.	Documents p.1; Social Work reports pp.34, 36, 40
1 Oct 1986	4 Stobswell Road, Dundee	Helen moved to a bedsit at 4 Stobswell Road.	Evidence of transition to independent adulthood.	Documents p.1; Social Work reports pp.32, 34, 36
3 Aug 1987	Post-care review	Report notes that Helen had been discharged from care on reaching 18 in August 1986 and records the history of St Francis, Carolina House and later placements.	Retrospective summary confirming the overall care history.	Social Work reports pp.35-37, 40-41

Placement and eligibility conclusions

St Francis Children's Home: The combined records provide strong direct evidence of residence from 31 October 1974, subject to statutory supervision from 8 January 1975, with continuing reviews through 1977 and a return to care in April 1979.

Carolina House: The records identify Carolina House by name and address and support residence from 1979/1980 until 19 November 1984. Children's Hearing decisions, address records, social-work reports and residential daily records corroborate this placement.

Legal authority: The placement was initially governed by a supervision requirement under section 44(1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. Later records refer to termination of supervision and assumption of parental rights under section 16.

Later placements: The Salvation Army hostel and Maybole Place were aftercare/supported-living settings after Carolina House. Their eligibility under the Scottish Redress Scheme may require separate legal assessment because they appear to have been independent-living or aftercare arrangements rather than children's residential care placements.

Abuse evidence in these four files: No clear direct allegation of physical or sexual abuse by residential staff was located. The documents do record instability, neglect and violence in the family home, and later emotional and behavioural difficulties, but those matters must be kept distinct from alleged treatment within the care establishments.

Key gaps and recommended supporting records

- Obtain a formal admission/discharge register or placement confirmation for St Francis Children's Home and Carolina House, if available.
- Obtain the complete Children's Hearing statement of grounds and all review decisions, including any missing pages or attachments.
- Obtain institutional logbooks, incident records, medical records, school records and staff files for the periods of residence.
- Where the application alleges abuse at a care setting, link each allegation to the specific institution, approximate period, alleged perpetrator and any contemporaneous medical, police, social-work or complaint record.
- Explain apparent neutral entries such as descriptions of Helen being settled, popular or progressing; these do not necessarily disprove abuse but should be addressed rather than omitted.

Source note

Page references are PDF page numbers in the four reviewed files. Many pages are scanned, partly redacted or faint. Where wording is uncertain, the chronology uses cautious summaries rather than treating unclear handwriting as definitive.