

Evidence Extraction Sheet

Subject: James Moffat Jackson / James (Jimmy) Jackson, also recorded as “Jackson or Grant” | DOB: 26 January 1974

Important: This is an evidential extraction, not a legal determination. The source PDFs are scanned and partly handwritten/redacted; OCR can misread names and dates. I have treated ambiguous wording conservatively and have not inferred abuse where the record only describes behaviour, sanctions or an unexplained event.

Category findings

1. Proof of placement and eligibility

Strong evidence. Identity: James Moffat Jackson, also recorded as James/Jimmy Jackson or Grant; DOB 26 January 1974. Care history includes short foster placements (1981, 1983 and 1985, addresses not legible/identified), Andrew Thomson House in 1986, Oakbank School from 11 Feb 1987 into 1988, a return home, a second Oakbank period beginning 22 Oct 1988, transfer/admission to Andrew Thomson House on 31 Jan 1989, and supervision terminated 4 Jan 1990. Grampian Regional Council Social Work Department is repeatedly identified as the responsible local authority.

2. Direct evidence of physical abuse

No clear record found of physical assault by Oakbank or Andrew Thomson House staff. Page 2/93 records that Mrs Jackson assaulted Jimmy shortly before his October 1988 Oakbank admission; this is outside the institutional placement. Page 2/18 records a “scuffle” with teaching staff but does not establish who used force or whether it was abusive.

3. Direct evidence of sexual abuse

No direct or indirect sexual-abuse disclosure identified in the legible OCR reviewed.

4. Emotional or psychological abuse

No explicit staff verbal/emotional abuse identified. Relevant impact evidence includes the statement that Jimmy feared a return to Oakbank (1/22) and refusal of contact/home leave with his mother (2/94). These records do not explain the full reasons for the fear/refusal.

5. Neglect

Potential safeguarding relevance: Jimmy attributed an Oakbank absconding episode to bullying, after which he was moved to the Unit (1/16). No record located showing staff knowingly ignored that bullying; the documented response was a move. Oakbank had earlier moved him to a smaller unit because he was considered vulnerable (2/85).

6. Contemporaneous disclosures and complaints

Most significant disclosure located: Jimmy told social worker T. Terry at Oakbank that he had run away because of bullying (1/16). Response: moved to the Unit, recorded as happy about the move. No formal abuse complaint or investigation wording located.

7. Institutional knowledge and failure to act

No clear evidence located of prior complaints against a staff member, staff discipline, regulatory/police investigation of staff, destroyed records, or management cover-up. Incident records show police/social-work notification after absconding and injury (2/23).

8. Frequency, duration and pattern

Repeated absconding is documented during Oakbank placements: Sept 1987 (serious burns), Mar 1988 (returned same day), and late 1988 (including an episode attributed to bullying). Home/weekend leave and sanctions affecting leave are also documented.

9. Mental-health and psychological impact

No diagnosis of depression, PTSD, anxiety disorder, self-harm or suicidality identified. Fear of return to Oakbank (1/22) is the clearest psychological-impact entry.

10. Physical and medical consequences

Serious burns to the left leg/foot following Sept 1987 absconding from Oakbank; hospital admission at Foresterhill and reported hospital stay until 19 Oct 1987 (2/18, 2/23-24). The records attribute the burns to petrol ignition, not to staff assault.

11. Substance use and coping mechanisms

Records mention drinking and suspected solvent/drug misuse before the Oct 1988 admission (1/11, 2/93); Jimmy admitted occasional drinking. Later record says no indications of solvent/alcohol abuse during leave (2/96). No record expressly links substance use to abuse/trauma.

12. Education, relationships and life impact

Education was disrupted by placement moves, absences after burn injury and temporary school exclusion; records also document return to Elgin Academy and later Army plans. No source located expressly attributes these life impacts to abuse.

13. Apparently contradictory evidence

Material discrepancies include the second Oakbank admission date (22 Oct 1988 on several records vs 29 Oct 1988 on 1/70), the Sept 1987 burn incident date (16 Sept on incident report vs 17 Sept in later summary), and mixed administrative/narrative details around 1985 foster-care return-home timing. Several reports describe James as settled/progressing well at Oakbank; these are retained rather than treated as disproving the bullying/fear entries.

14. Page-reference schedule

The detailed schedule below uses PDF page numbers. Internal page numbers are included where legible; many scanned forms do not have a readable internal page number. Handwriting and redactions are noted where OCR reliability is reduced.

Detailed page-reference schedule

Doc	PDF p.	Internal p.	Date	Author / role	Care setting	Category	Short factual extract	Relevance	Evidence type	Format
1 of 2	11	Contact record	24-25 Oct 1988	T. Terry, social worker	Oakbank School	Placement / substance use	Mother said she could not cope; Jimmy had been stealing, drinking and staying out late; she suspected solvent/drug abuse. Oakbank could offer accommodation as long as necessary.	Explains circumstances around the later 1988 care episode and records suspected substance use; no causal link to abuse stated.	Corroborative / context	Typed form; OCR from scan
1 of 2	16	Contact record p.4	Nov-Dec 1988	T. Terry, social worker	Oakbank School	Safeguarding / disclosure / emotional impact	Jimmy "claims to have run away as a result of bullying." He was moved to the Unit and was happy about this. The same page records further running away.	Contemporaneous disclosure of bullying in placement, linked to absconding, with a protective response (move to Unit).	Direct disclosure + corroborative response	Typed; some dates partly unclear
1 of 2	22	Contact record	6-9 Mar 1989	T. Terry, social worker	Andrew Thomson House / Elgin Academy	Emotional impact	During school difficulties Jimmy was "desperate to stay at school as he fears a return to Oakbank."	Contemporaneous expression of fear associated with Oakbank; supports emotional impact, but does not itself identify the cause.	Impact / corroborative	Typed
1 of 2	27	Contact record	7 Dec 1989-4 Jan 1990	I. Terry, social worker	Community / Andrew Thomson House	Discharge / legal status	Jimmy wished to be discharged from care; a Children's Hearing was convened. On 4 Jan 1990 "Supervision terminated."	Evidence of the end of compulsory supervision / care involvement.	Direct placement/legal evidence	Typed
1 of 2	28	Contact record	Jul-Dec 1989	I. Terry, social worker	Andrew Thomson House / community	Placement pattern / leave	Plan records attendance at Elgin Academy, time with Mrs Conti, one overnight per week at ATH, and weekly contact with mother; Army placement required supervision to be discharged.	Shows reduced residential use and transition planning before discharge.	Direct placement evidence	Typed; one date OCR unclear
1 of 2	29	Contact record	31 Jan 1989 onward	I. Terry, social worker	Andrew Thomson House	Admission / leave	"Jimmy admitted to A.T.H." Review: remain at ATH, continue Elgin Academy, home leave with aunt, further review September 1989.	Direct evidence of admission and ongoing placement arrangements.	Direct placement evidence	Typed
1 of 2	36	Review/Assessment	31 Jan 1989 / review 1989	Social Work Department	Andrew Thomson House	Admission / eligibility	"Jimmy admitted to A.T.H. on 31.1.89." Reason for continued contact: "Child in Care."	Clear admission date and care status.	Direct placement evidence	Typed
1 of 2	59	Review notice/report	25 Sep 1989	Social Work Department	Andrew Thomson House	Placement / review	Review documentation states the placement in Andrew Thomson House was considered appropriate.	Review evidence confirming continued residence/placement.	Corroborative placement evidence	Typed
1 of 2	62	Review report	1989	Social Work Department	Andrew Thomson House	Placement / frequency	Records Jimmy coping reasonably well since his re-admission to Andrew Thomson House and recommends he remain until sixteen.	Confirms continuing residential placement and intended duration.	Corroborative placement evidence	Typed
1 of 2	65	Child in Care Review	23 Mar 1989	I. Terry / J. Brewer (Officer-in-Charge) et al.	Andrew Thomson House, Elgin	Legal basis / placement	Review venue Andrew Thomson House; legal status Section 44(1)(b), Social Work (Scotland) Act; reason: move from Oakbank to allow education at local school.	Strong eligibility evidence and identifies staff/decision context.	Direct placement/legal evidence	Typed
1 of 2	66	Child in Care Review	11 Apr 1989	Review Officer / Social Work Department	Andrew Thomson House	Placement / education / leave	Since transfer from Oakbank at end of January, Jimmy was settling at ATH; temporary school exclusion noted; weekends/holidays with Aunt Wendy; recommendation to remain at ATH.	Confirms continuity, education impact and leave pattern.	Corroborative placement + life impact	Typed
1 of 2	67	Review notice	23 Mar 1989	Iain Terry, Senior Social Worker	Andrew Thomson House	Review / staff	Names James Jackson, DOB 26.01.74; review at Andrew Thomson House; invitees include ATH staff, Elgin Academy, Social Work Manager, Iain Terry, Mrs Jackson, Miss Lyons and Jimmy.	Identity, placement and named professionals/witnesses.	Direct / corroborative	Typed
1 of 2	70	Child in Care Review	11 Jan 1989	I. Terry, social worker	Oakbank School, Aberdeen	Legal basis / admission	Venue Oakbank; legal status Section 44(1)(b); records about 10 weeks in placement and an Oakbank admission date shown as 29.10.88.	Confirms Oakbank care and legal status, but date conflicts with records showing 22.10.88.	Direct evidence with discrepancy	Typed
1 of 2	73	Review form	1989	Iain Terry	Andrew Thomson House, Elgin	Legal basis / placement	Placement Andrew Thomson House; legal status 44(1)(b) since 22.10.88; "Moved from Oakbank to Andrew Thomson House in January."	Corroborates legal basis and transfer.	Direct / corroborative	Typed
1 of 2	75	Social Work report	late 1988	Social Work Department, Moray Division	Multiple settings	Placement history / identity	"JAMES JACKSON or GRANT (d.o.b. 26.01...)". Narrative: short foster-care periods in 1981 and 1983; foster care again in 1985; Andrew Thomson House assessment in 1986; Oakbank from Feb 1987; return home in Mar 1988; care requested again 22 Oct 1988.	Key retrospective placement-history summary; also confirms former surname Grant.	Corroborative placement history	Typed; DOB year partly cut in OCR but confirmed elsewhere
1 of 2	77	Oakbank Hearing Report	Jan 1989	C.R. McKail, Headmaster; compiled D. MacVicar, Residential Child Care Officer	Oakbank School, Aberdeen	Admission / staff / review	"Admitted: 22.10.88"; admitted under compulsory supervision order 44(1)(b); second period at Oakbank; accommodated in smaller unit; recommends ATH placement.	Strong direct evidence of second Oakbank admission and staff involved.	Direct placement/legal evidence	Typed
2 of 2	18	Children's Hearing report	Jan 1988	Tom McIntosh, Social Worker	Oakbank residential school	Placement / discipline / medical consequence	States James had been in local-authority care at Oakbank on compulsory supervision since 11 Feb 1987. Records a March 1987 "scuffle with a member of the teaching staff"; home-leave privileges were sometimes removed/shortened. Also records a Sept 1987 absconding accident causing burns and hospitalisation.	Placement proof; potentially relevant disciplinary context. The scuffle is ambiguous and is not treated as proof that staff assaulted James.	Direct placement + contextual evidence	Typed
2 of 2	23	Oakbank Incident Report	16-17 Sep 1987	C.R. McKail, Headmaster; D. MacVicar, Residential Child Care Officer	Oakbank School	Absconding / medical / institutional response	James absconded from the Unit; staff searched, reported him missing to police, then learned he was admitted to Foresterhill Hospital with serious burns to left leg/foot; senior staff visited and social work/mother were informed.	Contemporaneous institutional incident and response record. No allegation here that staff caused the injury.	Direct incident/medical corroboration	Typed
2 of 2	24	Continuation of incident report	16 Sep 1987	D. MacVicar / C.R. McKail	Oakbank School / community	Medical consequence / inconsistent account	Boy's account says petrol ignited causing serious burns. Police were told it was an accident; staff were told it was not accidental.	Relevant medical consequence and discrepancy; cause remains unclear.	Direct account + contradictory evidence	Typed
2 of 2	85	Oakbank Hearing Report	21 Mar 1988	C.R. McKail, Headmaster	Oakbank School	Admission / vulnerability / legal basis	James admitted to Oakbank on 11 Feb under committal order 44(1)(b). In May 1987 he moved to the smaller living unit because he was seen as vulnerable in the main school and his behaviour caused concern. Hearing on 26 Jan 1988 continued Oakbank residence.	Strong proof of placement and legal basis; "vulnerable" supports safeguarding context but does not specify abuse.	Direct placement/legal evidence	Typed
2 of 2	86	Oakbank report	Mar 1988	Oakbank staff	Oakbank School	Absconding / pattern	Records home weekends and an absconding episode on 8 Mar 1988; police were notified and James returned of his own accord the same day.	Shows pattern of absconding during Oakbank placement.	Corroborative pattern evidence	Typed
2 of 2	89	Oakbank Review Report	16 Mar 1988	C.R. McKail / D. MacVicar	Oakbank School	Review / residence	Records continued care order and residence at Oakbank, with home weekends and another absconding episode.	Review evidence confirming ongoing residence.	Corroborative placement evidence	Typed
2 of 2	90	Child in Care Review notice	16 Mar 1988	Tom McIntosh, Social Worker	Oakbank Residential School	Identity / admission / staff	Full name James Jackson, DOB 26.01.74, date of admission 11.02.87; invitees include mother, partner, Tom McIntosh, D. MacVicar and Oakbank staff.	Direct identity and placement proof.	Direct placement evidence	Typed
2 of 2	93	Social Work report	3 Nov 1988	Iain Terry, Senior Social Worker	Pre-admission home / Oakbank	Physical abuse / admission / substance use	Records 22 Oct 1988 admission to Oakbank under Section 15 after mother requested care. States mother was "very strict and punitive"; after discussion with both parties it "would appear that Mrs. Jackson assaulted Jimmy who then forcibly restrained her." Also notes alcohol use and suspected drugs/solvents.	Direct contemporaneous record of physical assault by mother, but it occurred before Oakbank admission and is not institutional abuse. Also supports care admission context.	Direct physical-abuse record outside placement + placement evidence	Typed

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2 of 2	94	Social Work review report	Jan 1989	Senior Social Worker	Oakbank / Aunt Wendy Lyons	Leave / refusal of family contact / review	Jimmy remained at Oakbank, ran away once, refused contact with mother and home leave, then spent weekends/Christmas with Aunt Wendy. Review on 11 Jan 1989 recommended Andrew Thomson House.	Shows placement duration, leave pattern, refusal to return home and transition planning.	Corroborative placement/impact	Typed
2 of 2	96	Continuation report	26 Jan 1989	Iain Terry, Senior Social Worker	Oakbank / Andrew Thomson House	Substance use / transfer	During leave there were "no indications of solvent or alcohol abuse." Recommends transfer from Oakbank to Andrew Thomson House.	Contrasts earlier substance concerns; supports transfer rationale.	Corroborative / contradictory context	Typed
2 of 2	101	Social Work Index	record updated 1988	Social Work Department	Multiple / home	Identity / legal timeline	Index identifies "MR JAMES MOFFAT JACKSON ... (OR GRANT) - 26/01/74" and records childcare/supervision events including 20 Jun 1985 domiciliary supervision and 26 Jan 1988 compulsory supervision continued away from home.	Strong identity/former-name and legal-status corroboration.	Direct administrative evidence	Computer printout
2 of 2	102	Social Work Index continuation	events 1986-88	Social Work Department	Andrew Thomson House / home	Placement chronology / contradiction	Records 4 Jun 1986 compulsory supervision varied at Andrew Thomson House; 5 Aug 1986 continued at ATH; 2 Oct 1986 varied to 4 Pitgaveny Court; 11 Jul 1988 hearing decision terminating compulsory supervision.	Strong administrative chronology for the 1986 ATH placement and 1988 return home/termination.	Direct administrative evidence	Computer printout

Key gaps / further evidence to seek

- Original foster-placement records for 1981, 1983 and 1985 (names/addresses of foster carers and exact admission/discharge dates are not identifiable from the legible pages reviewed).
- Any Oakbank punishment books, sanctions logs, bullying/incident records, staff rosters and internal complaints files for late 1988, especially the episode where Jimmy said he ran away because of bullying.
- Hospital/medical records for the September 1987 burns and any contemporaneous psychological/psychiatric notes.
- Any Andrew Thomson House daily logs, key-worker notes, admissions/discharge records and incident books for the 1986 and 1989 placements.
- Children’s Hearing minutes/orders for the key transitions, to reconcile date discrepancies.