

Leon James Gratton

Chronology of Care - Social-work and Medical Records

Date of birth: 17 March 1975 | **Primary childhood care period:** 21/22 January 1991 to 18 October 1991

Evidential conclusion. The social-work binder provides strong direct evidence that Leon was received into care under Section 15, placed first at Comiston Children's Unit and transferred to Moredun Adolescent Unit. Later medical histories independently corroborate residence in children's homes between ages 15 and 16, but do not name the establishments.

Childhood placement chronology

Date / period	Placement or event	Legal / responsible body	Evidence and outcome	Source pages
15-21 Jan 1991	Referral and pre-admission assessment while living at home	Lothian Regional Council Social Work	Family breakdown, violence, school absence, police contact and escalating drug concerns led to consideration of reception into care.	Binder PDF pp7-14
21 Jan 1991	Received into care	Lothian Regional Council; Section 15 recorded	Mother requested reception into care and said she could no longer cope. Several summaries use 21 January as the reception date.	Binder pp11-14, 60, 73-74
22 Jan 1991	Admission to Comiston Children's Unit	Lothian Regional Council Social Work; social-worker referral; Section 15	A bed was arranged and Leon was collected with clothing at about 5:30 pm. He was apprehensive but initially settled with his key worker. Admission and medical forms confirm his identity and date of birth.	Binder pp15, 40, 65-72, 87-95, 102, 105-106
24 Jan-Mar 1991	Continued residence at Comiston Children's Unit	Comiston residential and social-work staff	Key-worker reviews, family-contact work and unit planning confirm continued residence. Leon was described as having settled quite well, although sleep, school attendance and emotional distress remained concerns.	Binder pp19-20, 40-44, 94-96
13 Mar 1991	Formal placement review at Comiston	George Coates, social worker, and review participants	Return home was considered extremely difficult and potentially dangerous. Continued placement and future supported accommodation were discussed.	Binder pp40-44
28 Apr-23 May 1991	Transfer and independence planning while at Comiston	George Coates, Peter Mucha, Jimmy Cairns and related staff	Referral/review correspondence and a residential agreement confirm that Leon remained at Comiston while transfer, school/employment and support arrangements were developed.	Binder pp75-79, 96-100
11 May 1991	Temporary overnight stay at Maybury, 80 Raeburn Rigg, Carmondean, Livingston	Emergency Duty Team / Comiston; Section 15 remained in place	One-night arrangement while Leon remained recorded as in care.	Binder pp39 and 59
14 Jun 1991	Moredun transfer arrangements	Ian Birtles / George Coates	Memo concerning Leon as a Moredun resident and arrangements for a residents' trip supports the impending/completed move.	Binder p53
19 Jun 1991	Transfer/admission to Moredun Adolescent Unit	Lothian Regional Council Social Work	Care-history records consistently identify 19 June 1991 as the Moredun admission date following Comiston.	Binder pp47-48, 53, 60, 101-102, 105
Jun-Oct 1991	Residence at Moredun Adolescent Unit	Moredun residential staff and Lothian social work	Reviews record employment, improving confidence and family relationships, alongside persistent drug use. Leon said drugs/alcohol were sometimes used to relieve depression and confusion.	Binder pp45-55, 99-104
17 Oct 1991	Required to leave Moredun following drug incident	C. Pomfret, social worker; B. Webb, assistant co-ordinator	After warnings, Leon was found smoking hash and was asked to leave. Housing contact was offered but declined; he planned to stay with a friend and left belongings at the unit.	Binder p55
18 Oct 1991	Formal discharge from care / Moredun	Lothian Regional Council Social Work	Care-history and leaving-care records give 18 October as formal discharge, following approximately nine months in care.	Binder pp60, 101
After 18 Oct 1991-1992	Return home, aunt in Aberdeen, homelessness and aftercare	Lothian Regional Council leaving-care services	Leon returned home briefly, went to an aunt in Aberdeen, experienced homelessness and later received an offer of a council flat. A leaving-care grant/support was considered.	Binder pp34-35, 60

Later medical and psychiatric care

These entries are included because the request covers all supplied records. They are treatment and impact evidence, not additional qualifying childhood placements.

Date / period	Service / setting	Medical-record evidence	Relevance	Source pages
Ages 15-16	Children's homes, not named	Multiple psychiatric personal histories state that Leon spent ages 15-16 in children's homes.	Independent medical-record corroboration of residential care, but without names, addresses or exact dates.	LJG 1 p7; LJG 2 p6; LJG 4 p20; LJG 5 p3; LJG 6 p79; LJG 8 p58
12 Sep 1993-26 Jan 1994	Royal Edinburgh Hospital	First psychiatric admission for an acute psychotic episode following increasing disturbance and paranoia.	Post-care psychiatric treatment; not a qualifying childhood care placement.	LJG 1 pp7-8
Nov 1999-Jan 2001	Psychiatric inpatient care	Later case summary records a prolonged admission with personality-disorder and morbid-jealousy formulations.	Shows continuing psychiatric care and changing diagnoses.	LJG 1 p9
27 Nov-22 Dec 2003	Queen Margaret Hospital / psychiatric services	Admission for schizophrenia, suicidal thoughts and an overdose involving melatonin.	Post-care treatment and impact evidence.	LJG 1 p10
2005-2010	A&E and psychiatric admissions	Repeated presentations for suicidal ideation and deliberate overdoses, including sleeping tablets, antidepressants, paracetamol and benzodiazepines.	Post-care mental-health treatment; several records also reproduce childhood-care and abuse histories.	LJG 1 pp10-11; LJG 6 pp79-81; LJG 8 pp58-59, 79-80; LJG 9 pp1-2; iGPR pp1-3, 49-50
Sep 2011-10 Jan 2012	Queen Margaret Hospital, then Dunino rehabilitation ward	Admitted with deteriorating mental state, stimulant misuse, psychosis and severe self-neglect; transferred to Dunino on 10 January 2012.	Adult inpatient and rehabilitation care.	LJG 1 pp7, 12-13; LJG 2 pp1 and 6
2016-2025	Community psychiatric nursing, day hospital, GP and specialist services	Long-term schizophrenia treatment, medication support, anxiety/agoraphobia work and help attending appointments. Records also contain periods of stability, abstinence and denial of suicidal intent.	Adult community support and long-term impact, not childhood placement evidence.	iGPR pp4, 7, 10, 12, 15, 17-18; LJG 15-24 selected pages

Conflicting and qualifying evidence

Issue	Records and recommended treatment
Reception/admission date	The strongest reconciliation is: received into care on 21 Jan 1991 and physically admitted to Comiston on 22 Jan 1991. Both dates appear and should be stated.
Incorrect 1992 admission reference	Binder p34 says Leon came into care on 22 Jan 1992. This conflicts with extensive 1991 documentation and appears erroneous.
Moredun departure/discharge	The incident and departure/return home are recorded on 17 Oct 1991; formal discharge is recorded on 18 Oct 1991.
Date of birth	The consistent date is 17 Mar 1975. Binder p93 appears to record 17 Mar 1991 and should be treated as an administrative error.
Unnamed medical placements	Medical histories say only 'children's homes' at ages 15-16. The social-work binder identifies these as Comiston Children's Unit and Moredun Adolescent Unit.

Care-placement sequence for use in the application: Received into care on 21 January 1991; admitted to Comiston Children's Unit on 22 January 1991; transferred to Moredun Adolescent Unit on 19 June 1991; left following an incident on 17 October 1991; formally discharged on 18 October 1991; then experienced unstable accommodation and aftercare needs.

Scope limitation: No other named foster placement, children's home, residential school or assessment centre was identified in the supplied records. Medical references to unnamed children's homes are consistent with the two placements established by the social-work file, but the medical records alone do not prove which homes were meant.