

Chronology of Care

Agnes Watson - SCOT 65-10 / SCOT_DISK_6 record

Key chronology

Date / period	Care setting	Incident or concern	Alleged perpetrator / author	Record / page	Consequence or response
24 Oct 1973	Nerston Residential School	Admission to Nerston recorded in social background report; p50 also says admitted in Oct 1973.	Child Guidance / Nerston	47, 50	Begins documented residential placement.
1973-1976	Nerston Residential School	Ongoing residential schooling; psychological report later describes Agnes as longest-established pupil.	Nerston staff / R. Murphy	50-51	Confirms continuing residence and emotional/behavioural assessment.
4 Oct 1976	Nerston Residential School	School report identifies Agnes as a pupil at Nerston Residential School, East Kilbride.	School staff	45-46	Education record confirming residence.
15 Nov 1976	Nerston Residential School	Educational Psychologist recommends further residential care/provision.	R. Murphy, Educational Psychologist	51	Supports continued placement/transfer planning.
4 Aug 1977	Home / transfer planning	Home visit note records aim to confirm transfer arrangements to Thorntoun.	Social worker	33	Transfer planning.
9 Aug 1977	Thorntoun School	Admission date repeatedly recorded.	Barnardo / residential records	1,16,52,54,57	Direct admission evidence.
13 Sep 1977	Thorntoun School	Strathclyde Regional Council accepts financial responsibility for educational maintenance at Thorntoun for recently admitted Agnes.	Divisional Education Officer	21	Funding/responsibility evidence.
2 Sep-4 Oct 1977	Transfer/file administration	Correspondence seeks reports and forwards papers for Agnes's Thorntoun file.	D. S. James / Barnardo staff	70-71	Transfer and institutional record trail.
Oct-Dec 1977	Thorntoun School	School and termly reports show attendance, academic performance, group difficulties, low self-confidence and emerging friendships.	School/residential staff	65,76-77	Residence plus educational/psychological impact.
9 Jan 1978	Thorntoun School	Annual residential-care review confirms unit, DOB, 9.8.77 admission and Strathclyde Regional Council responsibility. Staff describe difficult settling and a period where Agnes attacked staff/children.	Residential staff / review panel	52-55	Review confirming continued residence; behavioural impact.
9 Jan 1978	Thorntoun School / family context	Review records stepfather violent toward Agnes and battering/violence in family with Agnes on receiving end. Medical note says lisp received no treatment at Nerston and ear may need attention/possible abscess.	Social worker Mrs Swan / Glenn Wood review	64	Direct home-abuse evidence; possible institutional medical-neglect concern.
Jan 1978	Thorntoun School	Consultant Child Psychiatrist describes early deprivation, inconsistent care and need for firm guidance; says personality development not all impaired.	D. S. James, Consultant Child Psychiatrist	66	Psychological impact/context and balanced evidence.
Mar 1978	Thorntoun School	Termly/school reports record improved involvement, school work and relationships, while noting fear/uncertainty and some refusal/non-work.	School staff	60,75	Positive/contrary evidence plus impact.
20 Sep-3 Oct 1978	Thorntoun / family home	Social worker report records mother requesting Agnes return from Thorntoun and subsequent difficulties at home.	Liz Swan, Social Worker	29	Home-leave/transition evidence.
1 Oct 1978	Thorntoun School	Barnardo form records date of discharge as 1-10-78.	Barnardo record	16	Direct discharge evidence, but conflicts with p1.

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14 Oct 1978	Thorntoun School	Cover note records "LEFT 14-10-78".	Handwritten file note	1	Conflicting discharge/left date requiring explanation.
Oct 1978	Thorntoun School	School report still bears Oct 1978 date and records educational/house/headmaster comments.	School staff	74	Education record near end of placement; should be reconciled with discharge dates.

Care-setting summary

Nerston Residential School: documentary evidence supports admission in October 1973 (specifically 24 October 1973 on p47) and continuing residence through late 1976. **Thorntoun School:** admission is consistently recorded as 9 August 1977. The end date is inconsistent: 1 October 1978 on p16 versus 14 October 1978 on p1. A school report dated October 1978 (p74) should be considered when reconciling the actual final residence/education date.

Abuse/neglect chronology note

The clearest direct physical-abuse material concerns the family home, not the residential institutions: p48 records allegations of neglect and violence affecting the children; p64 records that Agnes's stepfather was violent towards her and describes battering/violence in the family with Agnes on the receiving end. The clearest possible care-setting neglect issue is p64's statement that her lisp received no treatment at Nerston, with a contemporaneous ear-care concern. No direct sexual-abuse allegation or direct staff-on-child assault allegation was located in this record.