

Evidence Extraction Sheet

Agnes Watson (document title states "now Murdoch") - uploaded SCOT 65-10 / SCOT_DISK_6 record

Scope and evidential caution

This sheet identifies material responsive to the requested categories. It distinguishes evidence about the care settings from abuse/neglect described in the family home. The record reviewed does not, on its face, contain a direct allegation of sexual abuse in care, a direct allegation that residential staff physically assaulted Agnes, or evidence of substance misuse. Some pages are partly redacted or handwritten; unclear readings are flagged rather than guessed.

Identity	Agnes Watson; DOB 30 March 1965. File title links the name to "now Murdoch".
Care settings evidenced	Nerston Residential School (East Kilbride, Glasgow G74 4PD) and Thorntoun/Thornton School (Barnardo's).
Nerston timing	Admission recorded as 24 Oct 1973 (p47); p50 says admitted in Oct 1973; still recorded as longest-established pupil in Nov 1976 (p51).
Thorntoun timing	Admission repeatedly recorded as 9 Aug 1977 (pp1,16,52,54,57). Discharge/left dates conflict: p16 records 1 Oct 1978; p1 records 14 Oct 1978.
Responsible/funding body	Strathclyde Region/Strathclyde Regional Council; Glasgow Division accepted educational maintenance responsibility at Thorntoun (p21).
Direct care-setting abuse found	No direct allegation of sexual abuse in care found. No direct record of staff physically assaulting Agnes found in the reviewed record.
Potential institutional neglect	p64 states her lisp "received no treatment at Nerston"; same review notes an ear may need attention/possible abscess. The record does not state why treatment was absent or whether this amounted to neglect.
Home abuse/neglect context	p48 records allegations children were neglected and subject to violence at home; p64 records stepfather violent towards Agnes and battering/violence with Agnes on receiving end.

Page-reference schedule

Category	PDF page	Document / date	Short factual extract	Relevance / evidence type	Format
Proof/identity	1	Handwritten cover note	Agnes Watson; D.O.B. 30-3-65; admitted to Thorntoun 9-8-77; left 14-10-78.	Direct placement evidence; also creates discharge-date discrepancy with p16.	Handwritten
Proof/identity	3	Application for residential care - details of child	Name: Agnes Watson; date of birth 30-3-65.	Direct identity evidence.	Typed form with handwriting
Placement/legal	16	Barnardo use only - outcome	Accepted; date of admission 9-8-77; unit requested appears to read Thorntoun; date of discharge 1-10-78.	Direct placement/admission-discharge evidence; discharge conflicts with p1.	Typed form with handwriting
Placement/responsibility	18	Child Information Sheet	Agnes Watson, DOB 30.3.65; Barnardo Unit: Thorntoun; Barnardo Social Office: Liz Swan; Local Authority Responsible: Strathclyde Region.	Direct proof of placement, responsible authority and worker.	Typed form
Funding/placement	21	Strathclyde Regional Council letter, 13 Sep 1977	Refers to Agnes Watson as recently admitted to Thorntoun School and states financial responsibility for educational maintenance there is accepted by Glasgow Division of Strathclyde Region.	Direct corroboration of placement and funding responsibility.	Typed letter
Home leave/temporary return	29	Social worker report, 3 Oct 1978	Records Agnes returning home from Thorntoun after a telephone call from her mother and describes difficulties on return; social worker had earlier advised she remain at Thorntoun until a pre-arranged date.	Evidence of temporary/home leave or transition and response.	Typed report
Transfer planning	33	Home visit note, 4 Aug 1977	Aim includes confirming arrangements for Agnes and transfer to Thorntoun.	Corroborative transfer evidence.	Typed note
Nerston placement	45	Nerston Residential School report, 4 Oct 1976	Heading identifies Nerston Residential School, East Kilbride, Glasgow G74 4PD; Agnes described as a pupil there.	Direct proof of residence/education at Nerston.	Typed report
Nerston admission/history	47	Social Background Report	States Agnes was admitted to Nerston on 24 October 1973 after Child Guidance involvement and a period of non-attendance.	Direct admission/history evidence.	Typed report
Family abuse context	48	Social Background Report, continuation	Reports the family had come to the attention of the R.S.S.P.C.C. through allegations that the children were neglected and subject to violence (partly redacted).	Abuse/neglect context outside the care setting; not direct evidence of institutional abuse.	Typed; partly redacted

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Psychological/family impact	49	Social Background Report, conclusion	Describes Agnes as focus of many negative feelings at home, almost constant conflict, home unable to meet her needs; recommends a further residential placement while allowing home contact.	Emotional/psychological impact and placement rationale.	Typed report
Nerston + psychological impact	50	Psychological Report - Nerston Residential School	States admitted to Nerston in October 1973; prior assessments suggested she was a damaged child emotionally with no close ties of affection, many separations in infancy and two periods of hospitalisation.	Direct placement plus contemporaneous psychological impact.	Typed report
Nerston review / continued residence	51	Psychological Report continuation, 15 Nov 1976	Calls Agnes the longest-established pupil; describes insecurity, impulsiveness/aggressiveness and recommends a further period of residential care and further residential provision.	Review/continued residence and psychological impact.	Typed report
Thorntoun review	52	Annual Review of Children in Residential Care, 9 Jan 1978	Unit: Thorntoun; child Agnes Watson; DOB 30.3.65; date admitted 9.8.77.	Direct review evidence confirming residence.	Typed form
Thorntoun review / authority	54	Residential Staff Report, 9 Jan 1978	Unit: Thorntoun School; DOB 30.3.65; date admitted 9.8.77; Responsible Local Authority: Strathclyde Regional Council. Report notes slow/difficult settling, moodiness, a violent period in which Agnes attacked staff and children, and poor personal hygiene.	Direct residence/authority evidence; behavioural/impact evidence (not evidence of abuse of Agnes).	Typed report
Psychological/social impact	55	Residential Staff Report continuation	Says Agnes took a long time to find a place among the girls, remained afraid of the group, had tentative staff relationships, and seemed unsure/overawed about her place in the family.	Impact evidence; also contains positive adjustment information.	Typed report
Education/impact	56	Educational Report - Agnes Watson	Records educational test results, attendance/academic functioning, behavioural difficulties including disturbing aggressive behaviour, and social/group functioning.	Corroborative educational and behavioural impact evidence.	Typed report
Thorntoun review/social work	57	Annual Review - Social Worker Report, 9 Jan 1978	Unit: Thorntoun School; date admitted into care 9.8.77; Responsible Local Authority Strathclyde Region; responsible regional local authority noted as Kilmarnock? (text partially unclear).	Direct review/placement evidence; social-work involvement.	Typed form; one authority line unclear
Medical/dental	59	Health section of annual review	Appointment at Plastic Surgery Clinic for webbed hand; operation planned at Canniesburn Hospital; dental check on filling.	Medical consequence/care evidence, but no link to assault or neglect is stated.	Typed report
Positive/contrary evidence	60	Thorntoun School termly review - March 1978	Describes Agnes as well involved in Guides/church, school work doing very well, relationships improving and independence developing; also notes she can still appear frightened/unsure and is beginning to relate to fear of premature leaving.	Positive/contrary evidence plus ongoing emotional impact.	Typed report
Home physical/emotional abuse + possible institutional medical neglect	64	Review - Thorntoun School - 9 Jan 1978	Social worker records family dislike/rejection; "Stepfather violent towards her"; later notes violence/battering central in family with Agnes on receiving end. Medical section states "Lisp - received no treatment at Nerston" and an ear may need attention/possible abscess.	Direct evidence of physical/emotional abuse at home; possible institutional neglect at Nerston concerning untreated speech need, and possible unmet ear-care need.	Typed review; some handwritten/redacted content
Mental-health/behavioural impact	65	Thorntoun School termly review - Dec 1977	Describes aggression/violence in groups, fear of being silly, difficulty accepting praise, low self-confidence/self-opinion, and emerging friendships; also positive reports from a recent home visit.	Psychological/behavioural impact and mixed/positive evidence.	Typed report
Psychiatric impact	66	Thorntoun Report - Jan 1978, D. S. James, Consultant Child Psychiatrist	Describes early deprivation, inconsistent care, family instability, and need for firm guidance; notes background reports but says personality development is not all impaired.	Psychiatric impact/context and balanced/contrary evidence.	Typed psychiatric report
Placement/application	68	Application for Thorntoun School	Application identifies Agnes Watson, DOB 30.3.65, and contains staff comments supporting/referring for Thorntoun.	Transfer/application evidence.	Handwritten comments on typed form
Placement/application	69	Application for Thorntoun School continuation	Further staff comments on Agnes and her suitability/needs for the school.	Corroborative transfer/application evidence.	Handwritten comments on typed form
Transfer correspondence	70	Letter, 2 Sep 1977, D. S. James	Discusses obtaining social/psychological/psychiatric reports and notes for Agnes Watson in connection with Thorntoun.	Corroborative transfer/records evidence.	Typed letter

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Transfer/file correspondence	71	Letter, 4 Oct 1977, D. S. James	Refers to Agnes Watson's notes for the Thorntoun file and arrangements for forwarding papers to Thorntoun.	Corroborative institutional records/transfer evidence.	Typed letter
Education/positive evidence	74	Dr Barnardo's - Thorntoun School report, Oct 1978	School report contains subject grades/comments and house/headmaster reports, including positive observations and some difficulties.	Education evidence confirming residence/schooling; mixed/positive evidence.	Handwritten on printed report
Education/impact	75	Dr Barnardo's - Thorntoun School report, Mar 1978	Records school performance, periods of no work/refusal, improvement, and headmaster comment that Agnes has been happier this session but attitude continues to be difficult at times.	Education/behavioural impact; positive and contrary evidence.	Handwritten on printed report
Education/positive evidence	76	Dr Barnardo's - Thorntoun School report, Oct 1977	Records good/very good subject performance and house/headmaster comments.	School record corroborating residence and positive evidence.	Handwritten on printed report
Education/positive evidence	77	Duplicate/second image of Oct 1977 school report	Same school report content as p76.	Duplicate corroborative school record.	Handwritten on printed report

Requested categories not identified in this record

No direct care-setting evidence located for sexual abuse; staff-on-child physical assault; use-of-force/restraint records; punishment books; police/criminal investigation of care-setting abuse; prior complaints against a care employee; substance misuse/addiction; or later-life employment/homelessness/relationship consequences. Absence from this 77-page record is not evidence that such matters did not occur.