

CHRONOLOGY OF CARE

For a Scottish Redress Application

Applicant	Richard Garrie
Date of birth	18 March 1968
Responsible authority	Lothian Regional Council, Department of Social Work
Named social worker	Gordon I. Crafton
Confirmed residential-care period	25 March 1983 to 4 February 1984
Later legal-status records	May-June 1984

Chronology

Date / period	Care setting / residence	Event and legal status	Supporting record
Before 25 March 1983	Family home - recorded as 7 Hillside Street	Richard Garrie was recorded as living at the family home before admission to residential care. The reception-into-care form states that there had been no previous admissions to care.	Application for Reception into Care - PDF page 10
25 March 1983	Assessment Centre	Richard was received into care and admitted for a three-week residential assessment following a Children's Hearing decision. The legal basis was recorded under section 44(1)(B) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.	PDF pages 9-11
25 March-15 April 1983	Assessment Centre	The Summary of Residence records Richard as residing at the Assessment Centre throughout this period.	Summary of Residence of Child - PDF page 4
13 April 1983	Assessment Centre	A parent/guardian declaration and official-use record confirmed that Richard had been received into care for residential assessment by order of the Children's Hearing. The record also documents social-work authorisation and the stated reason for admission.	Parent's Declaration / RIC 1 reverse - PDF page 11
15 April 1983	Transfer to St Katherine's Unit, Howdenhall Road	Richard was transferred from the Assessment Centre to St Katherine's Unit. A Children's Hearing made a supervision order specifying St Katherine's Unit as his place of residence. The placement was identified as a departmental home under statutory supervision.	Change of Circumstance form - PDF page 8
15 April 1983-4 February 1984	St Katherine's Unit	The residence summary records continuing residence at St Katherine's Unit until discharge on 4 February 1984. The admission/discharge card also records the second admission date and later discharge home.	PDF pages 1 and 4
17 January 1984	St Katherine's Unit / proposed	A Children's Hearing panel	Change of Circumstance form -

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	return home	varied Richard's supervision from residential supervision at St Katherine's Unit to supervision at home.	PDF page 7
4 February 1984	Discharged to family home	The admission/discharge card and Summary of Residence both record discharge from residential care to home.	PDF pages 1 and 4
7 February 1984	Home - recorded as 7 Hillside Crescent	A social-work form recorded the change from residential placement at St Katherine's Unit to supervision at the home address. It states that Richard had returned to Drummond School. The legal status changed from section 44(1)(B) residential supervision to section 44(1)(A) supervision at home.	Change of Circumstance form - PDF page 7
23 May 1984	Living at home	Richard's supervision order was terminated.	Change of Circumstance form - PDF page 5
30 June 1984	No continuing placement recorded	The social-work case was recorded as closed following termination of the supervision order.	Change of Circumstance form - PDF page 5

Confirmed care placements

1. Assessment Centre

Admission: 25 March 1983

Transfer: 15 April 1983

Approximate duration: Three weeks

Purpose: Residential assessment

Legal basis: Children's Hearing decision under section 44(1)(B) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

Responsible organisation: Lothian Regional Council, Department of Social Work

Supporting pages: 4, 9, 10 and 11

2. St Katherine's Unit

Admission / transfer: 15 April 1983

Discharge to home: 4 February 1984

Approximate duration: Nine months and three weeks

Legal basis: Supervision order specifying residence at St Katherine's Unit

Responsible organisation: Lothian Regional Council, Department of Social Work

Address reference: Howdenhall Road

Supporting pages: 1, 4, 7 and 8

Evidential significance

The records provide direct documentary evidence of Richard Garrie's identity, date of birth, reception into care, residential placements, transfer between establishments, legal basis for placement, responsible local authority and discharge from residential care.

The strongest individual placement record is the Summary of Residence of Child on PDF page 4. It records receipt into care on 25 March 1983, residence at the Assessment Centre until 15 April 1983, transfer to St Katherine's Unit on that date, and continued residence there until discharge on 4 February 1984.

Relevant gaps and qualifications

- The supplied file is primarily an administrative placement and legal-status record. It does not contain detailed daily residential-care notes, incident or punishment records, medical or injury records, complaints or disclosures of abuse, staff-conduct records, or detailed aftercare planning.
- No direct evidence of physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect was identified in this file. This does not establish that abuse did not occur; it means only that the supplied administrative records do not record it.
- There is a minor address discrepancy: the reception-into-care documentation appears to record 7 Hillside Street, while the later return-home form records 7 Hillside Crescent. This discrepancy should be acknowledged rather than silently corrected.
- The records distinguish between the Children's Hearing decision of 17 January 1984, the residential discharge date of 4 February 1984, and the administrative change form dated 7 February 1984. These appear to represent different stages of the same transition and are not necessarily contradictory.

Suggested wording for the application

The documentary records confirm that I was received into care by Lothian Regional Council on 25 March 1983 following a Children's Hearing decision. I was admitted to an Assessment Centre for a three-week residential assessment under section 44(1)(B) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

On 15 April 1983, I was transferred from the Assessment Centre to St Katherine's Unit, Howdenhall Road. A supervision order specified St Katherine's Unit as my place of residence. The official Summary of Residence records that I remained there until I was discharged home on 4 February 1984.

A Children's Hearing had decided on 17 January 1984 to vary my supervision from residential supervision at St Katherine's Unit to supervision at home. My supervision order was subsequently terminated on 23 May 1984, and the social-work case was recorded as closed in June 1984.