

Evidence Extraction Sheet

Duncan Campbell Clacher - Calder House placement records

Scope: Review of (1) South Lanarkshire Council GDPR response dated 2 June 2026 and (2) the attached extract from the Calder House, Blantyre Admission and Discharge Book. This report records only what those documents support.

Documents reviewed	2	Relevant PDF pages	GDPR response p.1; Calder House extract p.1
Primary evidential issue	Proof of placement and eligibility	Relevant period	4 December 1972 to 12 June 1973
Source type	Official council response and admission/discharge register extract	Review date	3 August 2026

Key conclusion

Direct placement evidence located. The admission and discharge extract records three separate Calder House admissions in 1972 and 1973, all before 1 December 2004. The South Lanarkshire Council letter confirms that Mr Clacher's information was located in the Calder House Admission and Discharge Book.

Important limitation

The two documents contain no direct evidence of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, contemporaneous complaints, institutional knowledge, mental-health impact, medical consequences, substance use as a coping mechanism, or wider educational/relationship impact. Absence from these documents does not establish that such matters did not occur; it means they are not recorded in the material reviewed.

1. Identity and naming evidence

Source	PDF page	Recorded information	Evidential note
South Lanarkshire Council GDPR response	1	Duncan Campbell Clacher	Official council correspondence identifies the client by full name.
Calder House Admission and Discharge Book extract	1	Clacker, Duncan ; date of birth 21.05.58	The register uses the spelling "Clacker". This differs from "Clacher" in the council letter and should be explained as a spelling variation when relied upon.

2. Proof of placement and eligibility

Entry	Age	Care setting	Address recorded	Legal basis / offence field	Responsible authority	Admitted	Discharged	Total days	Remarks
1704	14	Calder House, Blantyre	70 Bellevue Crescent, Bellshill	Section 40 (7)	County	04.12.72	05.02.73	63	Dunavon
1805	14	Calder House, Blantyre	C/O Dunavon House, Strathaven	Section 44 (6)	County	20.03.73	11.04.73	22	C.H Home temporarily
1878	15	Calder House, Blantyre	70 Bellevue Crescent, Bellshill	Section 37 (2)	County	23.05.73	12.06.73	20	Sher. Court Grounds discharged

Evidential classification: direct documentary proof of residence/admission at Calder House. The register title supplies the care-setting name and location. The entries supply dates, age, address, responsible-authority field, statutory section references and remarks.

Additional placement references in the council response

Reference	What the document says	Status / limitation
Calder House	"Calder House: 1970-1973" appears in the list of establishments specified in the access request.	The attached register extract confirms three admissions in 1972-1973; it does not confirm residence throughout 1970-1973.
Strathren Children's Home	"Strathren Children's Home: 1973-1973" appears in the request list.	The response does not state that records were located for this establishment. The spelling is preserved exactly as in the letter.
Calder House - Calder Remand Home	"Calder House - Calder Remand Home: 1973-" appears in the request list.	The admission/discharge register supports Calder House admissions but does not separately identify a distinct "Calder Remand Home" placement.
Dunavon / Dunavon House	Entry 1704 remarks "Dunavon"; entry 1805 records "C/O Dunavon House, Strathaven".	This is a strong lead for a linked placement or address, but the documents do not expressly state the precise transfer date, controlling body or legal status of Dunavon House.

3. Requested categories: findings by category

Category	Finding	Evidence / explanation
1. Proof of placement and eligibility	Yes	Direct evidence of three admissions to Calder House, Blantyre. Identity, date of birth, admission/discharge dates, address, responsible authority ("County"), statutory section references and remarks are recorded.
2. Physical abuse	No mention	No assault, corporal punishment, restraint, injury, punishment or use-of-force information appears.
3. Sexual abuse	No mention	No sexual allegation, complaint, medical indicator or institutional response appears.
4. Emotional or psychological abuse	No mention	No description of staff treatment, threats, humiliation, fear, absconding due to treatment or emotional deterioration appears.
5. Neglect	No mention	No evidence concerning food, clothing, accommodation, supervision, medical care, education or safeguarding neglect appears.
6. Contemporaneous disclosures and complaints	No mention	No disclosure, complaint, refusal to return, police report or investigation appears.
7. Institutional knowledge and failure to act	No mention	No prior allegations, staff discipline, inspection findings, missing records or management response appears.
8. Frequency, duration and pattern	Placement only	Three discrete Calder House admission periods are documented. No abuse pattern is documented.
9. Mental-health and psychological impact	No mention	No mental-health symptom, diagnosis, referral or treatment appears.
10. Physical and medical consequences	No mention	No injury, treatment, scar, disability or medical opinion appears.
11. Substance use and coping mechanisms	No mention	No alcohol, drug use, overdose, rehabilitation or coping statement appears.
12. Education, relationships and life impact	No mention	No school, employment, homelessness, offending or relationship-impact evidence appears beyond statutory/offence fields in the register.
13. Apparently contradictory evidence	Yes - naming/date scope	The admission register spells the surname "Clacker", while the council letter uses "Clacher". The request refers to Calder House 1970-1973, but the extract supplied documents only three periods in 1972-1973.

4. Page-reference schedule

Document	Page / internal ref.	Date	Author / role	Care setting / category	Short factual extract	Relevance / type / format
20260602 GDPR Response	PDF p.1 / 1 of 2	02.06.2026	Wendy Cranston, Team Leader (Performance, Governance and Planning)	Calder House; Strathen Children's Home; Calder House - Calder Remand Home / proof of placement	Council confirms it located Mr Clacher's information in the Calder House Admission and Discharge Book and attached it.	Official corroboration of source provenance. Typed.
Calder House Records - Duncan Clacher	PDF p.1 / entry 1704	04.12.72-05.02.73	Not stated	Calder House, Blantyre / proof of placement	"Clacker Duncan (21.05.58)"; age 14; 70 Bellevue Crescent, Bellshill; Section 40 (7); County; total 63; remark "Dunavon".	Direct placement evidence. Typed register extract.
Calder House Records - Duncan Clacher	PDF p.1 / entry 1805	20.03.73-11.04.73	Not stated	Calder House, Blantyre / placement and linked-address lead	Age 14; C/O Dunavon House, Strathaven; Section 44 (6); County; total 22; remark "C.H Home temporarily".	Direct Calder House evidence; corroborative Dunavon link. Typed register extract.
Calder House Records - Duncan Clacher	PDF p.1 / entry 1878	23.05.73-12.06.73	Not stated	Calder House, Blantyre / placement and discharge	Age 15; 70 Bellevue Crescent, Bellshill; Section 37 (2); County; total 20; remark "Sher. Court Grounds discharged".	Direct placement/discharge evidence. Typed register extract.
20260602 GDPR Response	PDF p.2 / 2 of 2	02.06.2026	Wendy Cranston, Team Leader	No care setting / administrative only	Complaint and court-right information only.	Not evidential of placement or abuse. Typed.

5. Evidence gaps and follow-up record leads

Missing / unclear information	What the present documents show	Suggested record lead
Exact controlling authority	Responsible authority is recorded only as "County".	Seek the original full admission book, committal papers and historic county social-work/education records.
Dunavon House placement	Dunavon appears in remarks and as the address "C/O Dunavon House, Strathaven".	Request Dunavon House admission/discharge, case-file and education/medical records for early 1973.
Strathen Children's Home	Named in the SAR request only; not confirmed as located in the response.	Clarify spelling and seek a specific search response stating whether records exist or were not found.
Legal orders and decision makers	The register contains Section 40(7), 44(6) and 37(2), but no court/hearing document or explanatory wording.	Seek Sheriff Court, Children's Hearing/Panel, social-work committal and review records. Do not infer the statutory meaning solely from this extract.
Abuse and impact evidence	No such information appears in either document.	Review social-work case files, complaint/incident logs, medical records, education records, police records and any later disclosure evidence.