

Evidence Extraction Sheet - Theresa Sinclair

Review of the 135-page scanned social-work file. PDF page numbers refer to the electronic PDF. Internal/handwritten numbering is recorded in the notes where visible; many pages are unnumbered or copies. Because the file is image-only, faint, partly redacted and occasionally unclear, this is an evidence schedule rather than a definitive legal finding.

Overall findings

Placement/eligibility: extensive direct evidence of identity, compulsory supervision and residence in several relevant care settings before 1 December 2004. **Physical abuse:** no clear direct allegation of physical abuse by care staff was identified in the reviewed pages; the file contains peer/family violence and restraint/discipline-related context but not a clear institutional assault disclosure. **Sexual abuse:** no clear direct allegation was identified. **Emotional/psychological impact:** repeated anxiety, depression, crying, withdrawal, rejection, absconding and self-harm risk are recorded. **Neglect/institutional failure:** there are concerns about placement instability, continuity, staffing relationships and responses to missing episodes, but the file does not clearly establish neglect or a known abusive employee.

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1	1	Undated cover	Unknown	N/A	Identity / eligibility	Theresa Sinclair; D.O.B. 13/08/1963.	Confirms full name and date of birth.; Direct	Typed cover page
2	8	20 Jun 1977	M. McCallum, Social Worker	Home / Strathkelvin Social Work	Placement background	Social work report records Theresa Sinclair, born 13.8.63, living at 3 Bencloich Crescent, Lennoxton; describes family composition and referral background.	Identity, address, responsible social work authority and background to compulsory measures.; Corroborative	Typed; partly redacted
3	11	26 Apr 1977	M. McCallum, Social Worker	Home / Children's Hearing	Legal basis / review	Supplementary report following a Children's Hearing; records supervision and parental concerns.	Confirms Children's Hearing involvement and continuing supervision process.; Direct	Typed; partly redacted
4	13	4 Nov 1977	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Calder House	Placement / temporary leave / absconding	Records admission to Calder House for full assessment from 19 May 1977, subsequent school attendance problems, home leave, absconding and return.	Direct evidence of residence, placement dates, leave and missing episodes.; Direct	Typed
5	16	29 Jan 1978	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Ryhill Hostel / residential placement	Placement / leave	Records placement at Ryhill Hostel and difficulties returning after New Year leave; discusses possible transfer.	Confirms residence, leave and placement review.; Direct	Typed
6	18	13 Apr 1978	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Residential placements	Placement history	Supplementary report gives date of birth, grounds of referral, supervision requirement dated 24.2.77 and a residential placement history.	Legal basis and chronology of care.; Direct	Typed
7	20	13 Apr 1978	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Various residential placements	Emotional / behavioural impact	Assessment describes repeated residential moves, rejection, anti-authority behaviour, anxiety and difficulty sustaining placements.	Corroborative evidence of emotional impact and pattern across placements; not direct proof of abuse.; Impact	Typed
8	26	21 Sep 1978	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Home / community	Mental health	Records anxiety, depression at times, referral for psychiatric assessment and concerns about coping.	Evidence of psychological impact and mental-health referral.; Impact	Typed; partly redacted
9	28	6 Nov 1978	Assessment meeting participants listed	Cardross Park Assessment Centre	Placement / staff / review	Assessment meeting records admission to Cardross Park on 19 Oct 1978, notes this was a second admission, and lists staff and social-work participants.	Direct proof of placement, review and names/roles of staff.; Direct	Typed; partly redacted
10	29	6 Nov 1978	Assessment team	Cardross Park	Emotional treatment / behaviour	Records that Theresa could be cheeky or disruptive, was sometimes confronted by staff, and could become quiet and withdrawn; notes need for guidance and understanding.	Potential emotional-impact evidence; distinguishes adult response from descriptions of behaviour.; Corroborative	Typed
11	31	2 Mar 1979	G. S. Kay, Senior Social Worker	Cardross Park	Review / continued residence	Review report states Theresa had been at Cardross Park for four months and considers future placement and schooling.	Confirms continued residence and review.; Direct	Typed
12	33	1979 review report	Social Worker	Cardross Park	Frequency / pattern / impact	Describes increasingly difficult behaviour over two months, school absence, absconding, staff relationships and uncertainty about future.	Pattern and duration evidence; impact rather than proof of abuse.; Impact	Typed

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13	34	1979 review report	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Cardross Park	Discharge / aftercare	Conclusion states residential placement had been broadly positive and discusses leaving school, employment and ending compulsory supervision with voluntary contact.	Discharge and aftercare planning; also potentially contradictory positive evidence.; Direct / contradictory	Typed
14	38	5 Aug 1980	M. McDonald, Social Worker	Multiple placements	Placement chronology	Personal history lists prior supervision orders, admissions, absconding and residential placements, including Calder House, a residential school and Cardross Park.	Consolidated proof of placement history and legal status.; Direct	Typed; partly redacted
15	39	5 Aug 1980	M. McDonald, Social Worker	St Ninian's, Calder House, Balnacraig / Cardross Park	Pattern / placement impact	Survey summarises behaviour in several residential placements and notes pregnancy and offending concerns.	Shows multiple care settings and pattern across placements; some entries are potentially adverse/contradictory.; Corroborative	Typed; partly redacted
16	43	Undated	Residential staff survey	Multiple residential settings	Staff / institutional records	Matrix summarises behaviour, relationships and staff observations across named establishments.	Corroborative institutional record; identifies settings and staff observations.; Corroborative	Typed table; rotated
17	60	20-23 Sep 1977	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Home / school / social work	Disclosure / emotional distress	Notes describe Theresa discussing family conflict, feeling rejected and crying during interview; staff attempt to explore her feelings.	Contemporaneous emotional disclosure, not a direct allegation of institutional abuse.; Impact	Typed; partly redacted
18	62	Oct 1977	Social Work Department	School / home	Absconding / police	Records failure to return, searches, police contact and concern about whereabouts.	Evidence of missing/absconding episodes and response.; Direct	Typed; partly redacted
19	63	25 Oct-2 Nov 1977	Social Work Department	Home / police	Absconding / return	Home visit and police notes record Theresa refusing to return, leaving again, and police locating/returning her.	Dates and response to absconding; reason appears linked to family/placement conflict rather than a clear abuse disclosure.; Direct	Typed; partly redacted
20	65	3-7 Nov 1977	Social Work Department	Cardross Park / Children's Hearing	Legal basis / placement planning	Emergency Hearing and full background report; proposal for residential placement and discussion of home contact.	Children's Hearing decision-making and placement planning.; Direct	Typed; partly redacted
21	67	16-20 Nov 1977	Social Work Department	Cardross Park / Rybhill	Placement transfer / leave	Records visit to Cardross Park, hearing outcome, travel to Dundee and return to hostel after home leave.	Direct evidence of placement transfer and leave.; Direct	Typed; partly redacted
22	68	13-20 Dec 1977	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Residential placement / home	Home leave / emotional impact	Records weekend home leave, school conduct, and Theresa appearing depressed after home contact.	Leave dates and contemporaneous emotional impact.; Direct / impact	Typed
23	69	4 Jan 1978	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Rybhill Hostel	Return from leave / staff response	Message that Theresa should have returned to Rybhill; home visit records she was unwilling to discuss and information was relayed to hostel.	Confirms placement and delayed return.; Direct	Typed; partly redacted
24	70	5 Jan 1978	Social Work Department	Rybhill Hostel / police	Absconding	Notes record she had not returned and police were being considered/used to locate her.	Missing-person response and duration.; Direct	Typed; partly redacted
25	73	31 Mar 1978	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Calder House / later placements	Placement history / emotional impact	Case summary records admission to Calder House following offences, absconding, subsequent placements, distress, depression and anxiety about separation from family.	Comprehensive chronology and psychological impact; no clear direct abuse allegation.; Direct / impact	Typed; partly redacted
26	74	31 Mar 1978	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Multiple settings	Mental health / coping	Continuation notes anxiety, depression, need for help expressing feelings and social-work support.	Psychological impact and support needs.; Impact	Typed; faint/partly unclear
27	77	12 May 1978	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Children's Hearing	Disclosure / emotional distress	At review hearing Theresa was very emotional and upset and said she did not understand what was happening.	Contemporaneous expression of distress to a formal hearing.; Impact	Typed
28	82	19 Oct-6 Nov 1978	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Cardross Park	Admission / review	Decision to move Theresa to Cardross Park; review meeting with full staff and discussion of further assessment.	Admission decision and review confirming residence.; Direct	Typed
29	83	14-21 Nov 1978	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Cardross Park	Home leave / emotional distress	Records unsuccessful home-weekend arrangements and Theresa crying and becoming withdrawn about not getting home.	Family-contact issues and emotional impact.; Impact	Typed; partly redacted
30	84	27-30 Nov 1978	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Cardross Park / Children's Hearing	Review / continued residence	Assessment meeting and Hearing recommend remaining at Cardross Park, with review and weekend arrangements.	Continued residence and review decision.; Direct	Typed; partly redacted
31	85	4 Dec 1978	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Cardross Park	Emotional / placement impact	Notes describe Theresa as depressed, unhappy and worried, and discuss lack of continuity in residential placements.	Psychological impact and cumulative effect of repeated placements.; Impact	Typed; partly redacted

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32	86	9-11 May 1979	Social Work Department	Cardross Park	Institutional response / emotional impact	Visit records turbulence at Cardross Park, difficult relations with staff, rejection of some staff, emotional upset, eating/weight concerns and uncertainty about future.	Potential emotional and institutional-response evidence; does not clearly establish abusive conduct.; Corroborative / impact	Typed; partly redacted
33	88	14-15 May 1979	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Cardross Park / clinic	Medical care / pregnancy concern	Notes record missed school, suspected pregnancy, clinic attendance, negative test and medical follow-up.	Medical consequence and access to care; no sexual-abuse allegation recorded.; Direct medical	Typed; partly redacted
34	89	15 May 1979	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Clinic / Cardross Park	Mental and physical health	Records embarrassment and anxiety about pregnancy, menstrual history and medical examination; discussion of emotional condition.	Physical/medical and psychological impact.; Impact	Typed
35	94	4 Sep 1979 continuation	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Community / home	Self-harm / coping	Continuation note refers to Theresa threatening or rendering harm to herself and arrangements for follow-up.	Direct evidence of self-harm risk and emotional crisis.; Impact	Typed; partly redacted
36	95	Nov 1979	J. Arnott, Social Worker	Children's Hearing / home	Institutional response / contradiction	Hearing report records allegation of danger from an incident but notes police had no record; discusses emotional state, employment and ending supervision.	Potential contradictory/incomplete record and institutional response.; Contradictory / impact	Typed; partly redacted
37	96	Jul-Aug 1980	M. McDonald, Social Worker	Community / court	Aftercare / life impact	Summary after leaving residential care describes work, relationship, pregnancy, continuing social-work contact and court report preparation.	Aftercare and later life impact.; Impact	Typed
38	102	24 Feb 1977	Children's Hearing	Strathclyde Regional Council	Legal basis	Supervision requirement under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, including compliance with residential-establishment rules and regular school attendance.	Direct legal basis for compulsory measures.; Direct	Typed legal order
39	104	26 May 1977	Children's Hearing	Milton Children's Home, Bishopbriggs	Placement order	Variation of supervision requirement to reside in Milton Children's Home / place of safety.	Direct placement authority and legal basis.; Direct	Typed legal order
40	109	26 May 1977 decision memo	Reporter to Children's Panel	Milton Children's Home	Placement decision	Memorandum records supervision varied to residential establishment and names Milton Children's Home.	Corroborates legal placement decision.; Direct	Typed memo; partly redacted
41	110	3 Aug 1977	Children's Hearing	St Ninian's List D School	Placement order	Variation requires residence at St Ninian's List D School, place of safety.	Direct proof of placement and legal basis.; Direct	Typed legal order
42	111	3 Nov 1977	Children's Hearing	Balnacraig / residential school	Placement order	Variation requires residence at a named residential school.	Direct proof of placement and legal basis.; Direct	Typed legal order; copy quality poor
43	112	21 Nov 1977	Children's Hearing	Ryhill House, Dundee	Placement order	Variation requires residence at Ryhill House under social-work supervision.	Direct proof of placement and legal basis.; Direct	Typed/handwritten legal order
44	114	22 Nov 1977	Children's Hearing	Ryhill Hostel, Balmore, Dundee	Placement order	Variation requires residence at Ryhill Hostel.	Direct proof of placement and legal basis.; Direct	Typed legal order
45	117	2 Feb 1978	Children's Hearing	Residence with named carers / home	Placement variation	Supervision variation records residence with named carers at 62 Bencloich Crescent.	Direct evidence of placement change.; Direct	Typed legal order
46	128	30 Nov 1978	Children's Hearing	Cardross Park Children's Home	Placement order	Supervision requirement requires residence at Cardross Park Children's Home.	Direct proof of placement and legal basis.; Direct	Typed legal order
47	129	21 Jun 1979	Children's Hearing	Community / Cardross Park	Discharge from residential condition	Variation revokes the residential condition while continuing supervision.	Direct discharge/transition evidence.; Direct	Typed legal order
48	131	8 Mar 1979	Children's Hearing	Cardross Park / supervision	Review	Instrument continues the supervision requirement until 29 Nov 1979.	Review confirming continued legal supervision.; Direct	Typed legal order

Category-specific observations

1. Proof of placement and eligibility

Strong direct evidence appears on pages 1, 13, 16, 18, 28, 31, 38-39, 102, 104, 109-114, 117, 128-131. The records identify Theresa Sinclair, date of birth 13 August 1963, social-work authority, Children's Hearing decisions, supervision requirements, admissions, transfers, leave, absconding, return, reviews and discharge from residential conditions.

2. Direct physical abuse

No clear direct record was found of Theresa alleging that residential staff hit, beat, restrained or otherwise physically abused her. Records of fights, offending and family/peer incidents should not be treated as institutional abuse without further evidence.

3. Direct sexual abuse

No clear allegation of sexual abuse, sexual misconduct by staff, grooming, rape or indecent assault was identified. Pregnancy concerns and medical attendance on pages 88-90 are medical/life-impact evidence only and should not be presented as proof of sexual abuse.

4. Emotional or psychological abuse

The file repeatedly records distress, crying, anxiety, depression, withdrawal, rejection and fear/reluctance around placements or home return. However, most records describe emotional state and placement instability rather than specific abusive words or acts by staff.

5. Neglect

Potentially relevant concerns include repeated placement changes, lack of continuity, difficult staff relationships, missed/failed appointments and the handling of missing episodes. The records do not clearly establish systemic neglect or deprivation of food, clothing, medical care or education.

6. Disclosures and complaints

The clearest contemporaneous disclosures concern family conflict, rejection, not wanting to return, emotional distress and self-harm risk. No formal disclosure of institutional physical or sexual abuse was identified.

7. Institutional knowledge / failure to act

No clear evidence of prior complaints against a particular employee, disciplinary action, police investigation of staff, inspection findings or deliberate concealment was identified in this file.

8. Frequency, duration and pattern

There is a strong pattern of repeated placement moves, absconding/non-return, family-contact difficulties and emotional deterioration from 1977-1979. The separate chronology sets out dates and care settings.

9-12. Impact

Mental-health, physical/medical and life-impact evidence includes anxiety, depression, withdrawal, self-harm risk, pregnancy/medical assessment, disrupted education, offending, employment instability and continuing social-work/court involvement.

13. Apparently contradictory evidence

Some reports describe placements as positive, Theresa as settled/co-operative, or recommend ending supervision. These entries should be addressed rather than omitted. Several allegations/incidents are recorded as uncertain, disputed or lacking police confirmation.