

Chronology of Care

Prepared to support a Scottish Redress application

Applicant	Colin Anderson
Date of birth	3 January 1969
Former names	None identified in the supplied records
Responsible authority	Fife County Council, later Fife Regional Council Social Work Department
Date first received into care	7 December 1969
Recorded reason	Abandonment by mother/parents
Legal basis	Section 15(1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968; parental rights assumed on 11 October 1971. Later records refer to Section 16 status.

Placement chronology

Date / period	Placement	Evidence and relevance	Source pages
7 Dec 1969	Martha Frew Children's Home, believed Crossford	First received into care. Placement register records "MFCH". Main case sheet records Fife Regional Council as responsible and financially responsible authority and gives the reason as abandonment by his mother.	CF file pp. 1-2
3 Jan 1970	Unidentified foster placement	Placement register records "FP", apparently meaning foster placement. Foster carers are not identified.	CF file p. 2
15 Jun 1971	Unidentified foster placement	Further "FP" entry. Foster carers are not identified.	CF file p. 2
11 Oct 1971	Continuing local-authority care	Parental rights assumed under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. Later reviews refer to Section 16 status.	CF file pp. 1, 11, 15, 34, 43, 49, 64
24 Apr 1972	Martha Frew Children's Home	Placement register records a return to MFCH.	CF file p. 2
23 Jun 1972	Mr and Mrs Docherty, Dunfermline	Placement register records placement with Mr and Mrs Docherty.	CF file p. 2
18 Jul 1973	Martha Frew Children's Home	Placement register records a further return to MFCH. Initial census return also records residential accommodation beginning 18 July 1973.	CF file pp. 2, 33
2 May / 2 Jun 1975	Mr and Mrs Waines, Stirlingshire	Placement register appears to record 2 May 1975. A separate child-movement report records transfer from Martha Frew Children's Home to Mr and Mrs Waines on 2 June 1975.	CF file pp. 2, 30
Jun 1975	Mr and Mrs Waines	Correspondence states that Colin first spent two weekends with the Waines and then went to live with them permanently. The council paid fares, maintenance and pocket money.	CF file pp. 26, 29-31
8-19 Aug 1975	Holiday with Mr and Mrs Waines	Temporary leave/holiday with the foster carers, rather than a change of placement.	CF file pp. 31-32
25 Nov 1975	Mr and Mrs Waines	Further register entry, likely an administrative continuation or renewed formal recording of the placement.	CF file p. 2

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1975-Jul 1980	Mr and Mrs Waines	Later residential-care application states that Colin had lived with his foster parents for nearly five years. Placement ended after unresolved tension between Colin and his foster mother; all involved agreed he should leave.	CF file pp. 49-52
2 Jul 1980	Application for Touch Children's Home	John Hughes submitted an application for an initial six-month placement at Touch Children's Home. Legal status recorded as Section 16.	CF file p. 49
7 Jul 1980	Allocation Group decision	Allocation Group agreed to allocate a place at Touch Children's Home, subject to assessment.	CF file p. 48
29 Jul 1980	Touch Children's Home, 55 Beatty View, Dunfermline	Formal move from Mrs Waines to Touch Children's Home following breakdown of the foster placement. A memorandum dated 13 August confirms admission on 29 July 1980.	CF file pp. 20-22
12 Sep 1980	Touch Children's Home	Review recommended allowing Colin to settle, assessing behaviour, clarifying boundaries regarding contact with former foster carers and supporting him with feelings and rejection.	Part 2 p. 11; CF file p. 65
23 Oct 1980	Touch Children's Home	Review recommended continuing the September work and no further developments with former foster carers for the following five months.	Part 2 p. 12; CF file p. 66
29-30 Apr 1981	Touch Children's Home	Reviews confirm continued residence and identify 29 July 1980 as the admission date. Recommendation was not to impose an alternative placement and to continue reviewing his future.	Part 2 pp. 9-10; CF file pp. 63-64
17 Sep 1981	Touch Children's Home	Review recognised substantial progress but noted anxiety linked to renewed interest in fostering. Staff were asked to address hiding/destroying possessions, bed-wetting and aggression toward females.	Part 2 p. 8; CF file p. 62
30 Apr 1982	Touch Children's Home	Review recommended that Colin remain at Touch while fostering and Community Carers were explored. It recorded good and substantial progress, particularly at school.	Part 2 pp. 4, 7; CF file pp. 58, 61
24 Nov 1982	Touch Children's Home	Review recommended continued residence and further exploration of Community Carers. A related report anticipated possible placement in early 1983.	Part 2 pp. 3, 6; CF file pp. 54, 57, 60
3 Jun 1983	Mr and Mrs Curphey, Community Carers, Pittenweem	CIC records show a move from Touch Children's Home to Mr and Mrs Curphey. A later review identifies Touch and various foster parents as previous placements.	CF file pp. 2, 11, 15, 18
8 Jun 1983	Mr and Mrs Curphey	Children's-home review confirmed the move to Community Carers in Pittenweem. Touch staff were thanked for their work over a long period.	Part 2 p. 5; CF file pp. 53, 59
6 Oct 1983	Mr and Mrs Curphey	Special allowance sought for serious enuresis, described as bed-wetting approximately three to four times weekly, backdated to placement start.	CF file p. 45
14 Feb 1984	Mr and Mrs Curphey	Statutory review records present placement with the Curpheys and recommends continuation of the Community Carers arrangement.	CF file pp. 11-13, 15-17
1984-1985	Mr and Mrs Curphey	Reviews and correspondence show placement continued. September 1985 report describes it as successful and says the Curpheys enabled Colin to leave residential care and receive community support.	CF file pp. 41-44
30 Aug 1986	Students' Residence, Elmwood College, Cupar	CIC records show a move from the Curpheys to Elmwood College residence. Financial records state that he stayed at college during the week and returned to the Curpheys at weekends.	CF file pp. 9-10, 38-40
1 Sep 1986-3 Jul 1987	Elmwood Agricultural and Technical College	Full-time education bursary awarded for a Certificate in General Agriculture. This corroborates attendance, although residence later changed.	CF file pp. 38-40

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23 Nov 1986	Mrs Stewart, Cupar	CIC documentation records move from Elmwood residence to Mrs Stewart. Memorandum confirms residence from 23 November 1986 at £55 per week.	CF file pp. 7-8, 46
19 Dec 1986	Mr and Mrs Curphey, Pittenweem	Colin left Mrs Stewart and returned to the Curpheys until 3 January 1987.	CF file pp. 5-6, 47
3 Jan 1987	Discharged from local-authority care	Placement register records discharge because of age. Correspondence states he would leave care on his eighteenth birthday. CIC discharge documentation signed by John Hughes.	CF file pp. 2-4, 46-47

Condensed placement list

1. Martha Frew Children's Home, Crossford - from 7 December 1969, with later returns.
2. Unidentified foster placement - from 3 January 1970.
3. Unidentified foster placement - from 15 June 1971.
4. Martha Frew Children's Home - return from 24 April 1972.
5. Mr and Mrs Docherty, Dunfermline - from 23 June 1972.
6. Martha Frew Children's Home - return from 18 July 1973.
7. Mr and Mrs Wainess, Stirlingshire - approximately May/June 1975 to 29 July 1980.
8. Touch Children's Home, 55 Beatty View, Dunfermline - 29 July 1980 to 3 June 1983.
9. Mr and Mrs Curphey, Community Carers, Pittenweem - from 3 June 1983; continued as main community and weekend placement.
10. Elmwood College Students' Residence, Cupar - approximately 30 August 1986 to 23 November 1986.
11. Mrs Stewart, Cupar - 23 November to 19 December 1986.
12. Mr and Mrs Curphey, Pittenweem - 19 December 1986 to 3 January 1987.
13. Discharged from care - 3 January 1987.

Points requiring explanation in the application

Wainess placement date: The placement register appears to give 2 May 1975, while the movement report gives 2 June 1975. Both dates should be presented as a discrepancy in the surviving records.

Touch admission date: The strongest contemporaneous records identify 29 July 1980. Some review headings appear to show 29 September 1980, likely a clerical error. The application should rely primarily on 29 July 1980 while acknowledging the inconsistent entry.

Early foster placements: The entries beginning 3 January 1970 and 15 June 1971 are identified only as "FP". No names or addresses are supplied.

Incomplete discharge dates: The register often records the start of the next placement rather than a separate discharge date. End dates have therefore been inferred from the following recorded move.

Name variation: Curphey is sometimes written as Curphy. The records appear to concern the same Community Carers placement.

Evidential value

The supplied records provide strong contemporaneous evidence that Colin Anderson was in local-authority care from 7 December 1969 until 3 January 1987, including residence in children's homes, foster placements and Community Carers arrangements. The placement register, CIC movement forms, review minutes, financial records and correspondence mutually corroborate the principal placement dates.

Source note: This chronology is extracted from the uploaded documents titled "64424 CA reg of children coming into care_R", "64424 Colin Anderson CF file" and "64424 Colin Anderson CF file_Part2". The source PDFs are image-only scans, and some handwritten entries are unclear.