

# John Cavanagh

## Records Review, Chronology and Page-Reference Schedule

**Outcome: the supplied records provide direct documentary proof of three care placements between 13 September 1976 and at least 8 December 1977. No direct evidence of physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect, contemporaneous abuse disclosures, institutional knowledge, mental-health injury, physical injury or substance misuse appears in these six PDF pages.**

### Documents reviewed

| Document                                 | PDF pages | Format                                                         | Relevant pages |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Calder House Records - John Cavanagh.pdf | 1         | Typed register extract                                         | 1              |
| R - Cavanagh, John.PDF                   | 5         | Scanned typed/handwritten social-work records; partly redacted | 1-5            |

### Identity and eligibility essentials

| Item                  | Evidence                                                                                                                                         | Source                       |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Full name             | John Cavanagh                                                                                                                                    | Calder p.1; R p.1 and pp.4-5 |
| Date of birth         | 22 September 1963 in the Calder register and R pp.4-5. The handwriting on R p.1 appears to read 27 September 1963.                               | Calder p.1; R pp.1 and 4-5   |
| Former names          | None recorded                                                                                                                                    | All supplied records         |
| Pre-care/home address | 43 Heathcliff Avenue, Blantyre. R p.1 spells the street "Heathcliffe".                                                                           | Calder p.1; R p.1            |
| Responsible authority | Hamilton                                                                                                                                         | Calder p.1                   |
| Legal basis           | Calder register records "Section 40/7". Later social-work/Child Benefit correspondence states Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, section 44(1)(b). | Calder p.1; R pp.4-5         |

## Chronology of care

The dates below are transcribed as recorded. A transfer date proves residence up to that date and entry to the next placement; the supplied pages do not state a final discharge date from Blackburn Community Home.

| Date/period      | Care setting                             | Incident or concern                                                                                                              | Perpetrator  | Record/page       | Consequence/response                                                                          |
|------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 13.09.1976       | Calder House Assessment Centre, Blantyre | Taken/admitted into care, age 12. Calder register gives home address, Hamilton as responsible authority and a statutory section. | None alleged | Calder p.1; R p.5 | Placement began.                                                                              |
| 30.09.1976       | Calder House                             | Calder register records "Date discharged" 30.09.76 and "Carried forward".                                                        | None alleged | Calder p.1        | Potential administrative discrepancy: later record gives transfer to St Philip's on 14.10.76. |
| 14.10.1976       | St Philip's School, Airdrie              | Transferred from Calder House to St Philip's School.                                                                             | None alleged | R p.5             | Residential-school placement began.                                                           |
| 08.12.1977       | Blackburn Community Home                 | Transferred from St Philip's School to Blackburn Community Home.                                                                 | None alleged | R p.5             | Community-home placement began; later file held by Accrington Social Services.                |
| 26.04-15.05.1978 | Administrative correspondence            | Child Benefit enquiry and social-work reply confirm the above care sequence and legal basis.                                     | None alleged | R pp.4-5          | Corroborative retrospective confirmation.                                                     |

### Care-setting details and limits

**Calder House Assessment Centre:** the records identify the establishment as Calder House, Blantyre. No street address is supplied. The register records admission on 13 September 1976 and discharge on 30 September 1976; R p.5 records transfer onward on 14 October 1976.

**St Philip's School:** identified as St Philip's School, Airdrie. No street address is supplied. The recorded period is 14 October 1976 to transfer on 8 December 1977.

**Blackburn Community Home:** identified by name only. The records state transfer on 8 December 1977. No discharge date or street address is supplied. The note that the file was with Accrington Social Services is administrative and does not itself identify the placing authority.

## Findings by requested category

| Category                                                    | Finding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Pages              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Placement and eligibility                                | Direct proof of identity, DOB, home address, Calder admission/discharge, Hamilton responsibility, statutory references, and transfers to St Philip's and Blackburn.                                                                                                                  | Calder 1; R 1, 4-5 |
| 2-5. Physical abuse; sexual abuse; emotional abuse; neglect | No allegation, complaint, injury narrative, punishment, restraint, sexual conduct, humiliating treatment, deprivation or failure of care recorded.                                                                                                                                   | None               |
| 6. Disclosures and complaints                               | No disclosure or complaint of abuse recorded.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | None               |
| 7. Institutional knowledge/failure to act                   | No complaint history, staff discipline, investigation, inspection concern or failure to follow safeguarding procedures recorded.                                                                                                                                                     | None               |
| 8. Frequency, duration and pattern                          | Placement durations can partly be reconstructed, but no abusive incident or pattern is described.                                                                                                                                                                                    | Calder 1; R 5      |
| 9. Mental-health/psychological impact                       | No mental-health symptom, diagnosis, treatment or express link to care/abuse recorded.                                                                                                                                                                                               | None               |
| 10. Physical/medical consequences                           | No injury, treatment, hospital/GP attendance or medical opinion recorded.                                                                                                                                                                                                            | None               |
| 11. Substance use/coping                                    | No alcohol, drug, addiction treatment or coping-mechanism evidence recorded.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | None               |
| 12. Education, relationships and life impact                | The later records show imprisonment, proposed release on 22 January 1980, prior residence with his father and in Hull, and sentencing at Beverley Crown Court. No record links these events to abuse or care.                                                                        | R 2-3              |
| 13. Contradictory/apparently inconsistent evidence          | Calder records DOB 22.09.63 and "Heathcliff"; R p.1 appears to record 27.09.63 and "Heathcliffe". Calder discharge is 30.09.76, but R p.5 records transfer to St Philip's on 14.10.76. The 14-day interval is unexplained. No abuse denial or positive-placement account is present. | Calder 1; R 1, 5   |

## Page-reference schedule

PDF page numbers below refer to the supplied files. No reliable internal or handwritten page number is visible. Exact wording is quoted only where legible; handwritten text is described conservatively.

| Document / PDF page        | Date; author                                                                                     | Setting / category                  | Short factual extract and relevance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Evidence / format                                      |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Calder House Records / p.1 | Entry dates 13.09.76 and 30.09.76; author not stated                                             | Calder House; placement/eligibility | "Cavanagh John (22.09.63)", age 12, "43 Heathcliff Avenue, Blantyre", Hamilton responsible authority, admitted 13.09.76, discharged 30.09.76, "Carried forward". Direct residence evidence.                                                                                 | Direct; typed                                          |
| R - Cavanagh, John / p.1   | Undated case profile; Hamilton District Social Work Dept; author not stated                      | Identity / corroboration            | Names John Cavanagh, records "43 Heathcliffe Ave., Blantyre", and a handwritten DOB which appears to read 27.09.63. The street spelling and DOB differ from the clearer Calder register and R pp.4-5.                                                                       | Corroborative; typed form with handwriting             |
| R - Cavanagh, John / p.2   | 27.12.1979; Depute Director of Social Work (Personnel & Administration)                          | Later life impact                   | Notification of discharge from prison for J. Cavanagh forwarded to Hamilton Social Work District. Evidence of later imprisonment only; no causal link to care or abuse.                                                                                                     | Impact/context; typed; signature redacted              |
| R - Cavanagh, John / p.3   | 18.12.1979; Probation & After-Care Officer, HMP Preston                                          | Later life impact                   | Records release planned for 22.01.1980, residence with father at 18 Talbot Way, Blantyre, prior residence in Hull, and sentencing at Beverley Crown Court. No expressed link to care/abuse.                                                                                 | Impact/context; typed and handwritten; partly redacted |
| R - Cavanagh, John / p.4   | Child Benefit enquiry, annotations dated May/June 1978; J. M. Bankier and social-work respondent | Care/legal basis                    | Identifies John Cavanagh, DOB 22.09.63; states he was understood to be in care under Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, s.44(1)(b), and asks for dates in care and leave periods to 08.12.77.                                                                                 | Corroborative; typed/handwritten; partly redacted      |
| R - Cavanagh, John / p.5   | Enquiry dated 26.04.1978; reply dated 15.05.1978; social-work signatory redacted                 | Three placements; legal basis       | Reply: "Taken into care Calder House Assessment Centre 13.9.76. Transferred to St. Philip's School, Airdrie 14.10.76. Transferred to Blackburn Community Home 8.12.77." States file held by Accrington Social Services. This is the strongest consolidated care chronology. | Direct; typed reply with handwriting; partly redacted  |

## Evidential cautions and recommended follow-up

1. The 30 September 1976 Calder discharge date does not match the 14 October 1976 transfer date recorded in the later social-work reply. The original full admission/discharge book and case file should be requested to establish whether "carried forward" denotes continuation in Calder House or an administrative continuation.
2. The case-profile handwriting on R p.1 appears to give DOB 27 September 1963 and spells the street "Heathcliffe". The clearer Calder register and R pp.4-5 give DOB 22 September 1963, while Calder spells the street "Heathcliff". These variants should be acknowledged when requesting records.
3. The supplied records contain no admission/discharge evidence for the end of the Blackburn Community Home placement. Records from Accrington/Lancashire social services and any Blackburn Community Home register should be sought.
4. No street addresses are supplied for Calder House, St Philip's School or Blackburn Community Home. Independent establishment records may be needed if full institutional addresses are required.
5. The documents are evidentially useful for placement but cannot, by themselves, substantiate the nature, severity, frequency or duration of alleged abuse. Applicant testimony and any complaints, medical, education, police, inspection or staff records remain important.

**Review scope:** six supplied PDF pages only. Highlighting marks identity, placement, legal-basis, transfer and later-life/offending entries. Black redactions present in the originals were preserved.