

EXTENDED DAY PROJECT

WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Kevin McGowan

WEEK BEGINNING: 5/6/00

KEY WORKER: Bill Miller

I am pleased to welcome Kevin to the Extended Day Project. He has done well within Clyde Unit, but for him the hard work does not ease off now he is a day boy. His behaviour both within the school and at home has to remain at the high standard he has achieved recently. I am confident that he will be able to do this.

Although he has only been in the unit for a couple of days he seems to be settling in well and getting on OK with the boys and staff.

Richie Fulbar (P.E. teacher) is running a camp shortly to Aviemore and he would like Kevin to go on it. He will contact Mr. & Mrs. McGowan directly with the details in the next few days.

I will phone at the start of the week to arrange a home visit. If there are any problems in the mean time please do not hesitate to phone me.

Bill Miller

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WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Kevin McGowan

WEEK BEGINNING: 12/6/00

KEY WORKER: Bill Miller

Kevin's first full week as a day boy has not been as positive as it could have been. Within school, he has decided the summer holidays have started already. He has been uncooperative and refusing to do much work. As a result he had pay back (detention) on Friday, he did not do this as he stated he had a part time job on a Friday afternoon - this has yet to be confirmed. He will have to make up for the missed time during his lunch breaks next week.

There have also been some difficulties at home. On Tuesday evening Kevin returned home under the influence of Cannabis. His dad withdrew his permission for Kevin to go on a camp with the school next week. On Wednesday morning Kevin refused to get up in time to get his taxi. His mother then put him on a train for Paisley. However, he managed a sneak back of it and disappeared for the day with his friends. He did not return home until after 10pm. As a result of this a clothing grant he had been entitled to before leaving Clyde has been held up, until he has a few days of more positive behaviour - hopefully this will be early next week.

I did a home visit on Thursday evening, to re-enforce to Kevin the importance of him continuing to work with his parents and the school.

Bill Miller

EXTENDED DAY PROJECT

WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Kevin McGowan

WEEK BEGINNING: 21/8/00

KEY WORKER: Bill Miller

I am pleased to welcome Kevin back after what has been a fairly eventful summer in many ways. Unfortunately he has settled straight back into the pattern of behaviour he was displaying at the end of last term.

On Monday Kevin was allocated a new class group. He did not like this group and told the teachers this in a positive way. He explained that the boys were all a bit more immature than himself and that their behaviour was not allowing him to concentrate on his work. Teachers listened to this and moved him into a more appropriate class. However, on Wednesday he was missing from class for a while and refusing to work in other classes.

On Friday afternoon Kevin will remain in school to pay back the time he has missed this week. He will finish at 2pm

That evening he went out with friends and did not return home until 11pm (he says) on Thursday. He returned to school on Friday, he told me he was just walking the streets, but said to another member of staff that he had been out his face. This might have been bravado as it was said in the company of other boys but he did mention acid. Harry Scott informed of this and he will visit Kevin on Friday (25/8/00) afternoon.

I spoke to Kevin about the group work on Tuesday evenings, he agreed to come to the group.

Bill Miller

EXTENDED DAY PROJECT

WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Kevin McGowan

WEEK BEGINNING: 18/9/00

KEY WORKER: Bill Miller

First let me start with an apology, sorry that you have not had a weekly report for the last few weeks.

The last couple of weeks have been rather problematic, with Kevin staying out too late and returning under the influence of drink (or drugs) or not returning home at all.

The situation within school has not been much better. His attendance has started to slip with him regularly missing his taxi, although he has made his own way in several times. Within class he has done very little work or just walked out of the class. To try and stop this we offered Kevin the use of time out. If he was feeling he was not coping he could return to the unit for a while. However, recently he has been abusing this.

On 20/9/00 Kevin was involved in a serious incident. He had been walking across the campus on his way to class, he was smoking. A member of staff saw him and asked that he put out the cigarette. Kevin refused and made a few inappropriate comments. He kept walking away from the member of staff, who was forced to put his hand on Kevin's arm to stop him. Kevin tried to shrug him off and they both fell, at this point Kevin started violently lashing out and had to be restrained. During the restraint Kevin banged his head on the ground, causing a bump on his forehead. The police have been involved and this may lead to Kevin being charged with assault.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the review at 1.30.pm on Tuesday.

Bill Miller

PS Kevin bring some old clothes with you on Tuesday as we will be going out with the group in the evening and you will probably get dirty.

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WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Kevin McGowan

WEEK BEGINNING: 02/10/00

KEY WORKER: Bill Miller

Kevin has not attended school at all this week. There have various telephone calls back and forward between his mother, Harry Scott and myself. Kevin's behaviour is starting to give real cause for concern, particularly as his mother has said he appears to be trying to get money together for some reason.

Harry has suggested that maybe Kevin should see a Doctor to rule out any medical cause for Kevin's behaviour. I am not normally in favour of going down the medical route although in this situation I believe it is worth investigating. Although, for this to happen Kevin will need to agree and in his present frame of mind I do not think this is likely.

Bill Miller

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WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Kevin McGowan

WEEK BEGINNING: 9/10/00

KEY WORKER: Bill Miller

Kevin only came to school on one day this week. However, this was an improvement on last week.

Kevin surprised everyone by arriving on time on Thursday, we were very pleased to see him. Unfortunately he only managed to stay in class for 10 mins. before leaving for a smoke. He then returned to class for the rest of the period, at break he then left the school (without permission) to go to the shop. He returned to his next class but left again.

I spoke to him over lunch time about his attendance and the Panel. Stella (ex-Key worker) also spoke to him, this seemed to have the desired effect as there were no reported problems in the afternoon.

Kevin did not arrive in school on Friday.

We are going fishing on Saturday, Kevin has been invited but so far he is saying he is not interested.

See you all at the Panel on Tuesday.

Bill Miller

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WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Kevin McGowan

WEEK BEGINNING: 23/10/00

KEY WORKER: Alasdair Black

KEVIN DID NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON TUESDAY OR THURSDAY. WHEN I QUESTIONED HIM AS TO WHY HE HADN'T COME TO SCHOOL, HE REPLIED THAT HE COULDN'T BE BOTHERED GETTING OUT OF BED.

IN DISCUSSION WITH KEVIN ON WEDNESDAY, I POINTED OUT THAT FAILURE TO ATTEND SCHOOL MAY END UP IN HIM BEING PLACED IN A RESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT. HE SAYS HE DOES NOT WANT THIS TO HAPPEN, ALTHOUGH HIS ACTIONS MAY INDICATE OTHERWISE.

WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT HIS OFFENDING BEHAVIOUR AND THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES IF IT CONTINUES. I WAS IMPRESSED WITH KEVIN'S HONESTY REGARDING HIS MOTIVES FOR NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL AND OFFENDING.

ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY WHEN HE DID ATTEND SCHOOL HE WAS NOT A MANAGEMENT PROBLEM, BUT NEEDS TO ADHERE TO THE SCHOOL'S SMOKING POLICY!

I HAVE MADE KEVIN AWARE THAT ATTENDING SCHOOL FOR ONLY 50% OF THE WEEK IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Alasdair S. Black

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WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Kevin McGowan

WEEK BEGINNING: OCT 30 2000

KEY WORKER: Alasdair Black

KEVIN RETURNED TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY AND DID NOT CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS, APART FROM BEING OUT OF CLASS FOR A CIGARETTE.

ON TUESDAY HE AGAIN RETURNED TO SCHOOL AND HAD A REASONABLE MORNING AND EVEN INTIMATED HE WOULD BE JOINING THE GROUP AFTER SCHOOL.

KEVIN WAS INVOLVED IN A VERY SERIOUS INCIDENT ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON WHEN HE CARRIED OUT A VIOLENT ASSAULT ON HIS GRAPHICS TEACHER.

HE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL SINCE THEN AND AN EMERGENCY MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED TO DISCUSS THE VIABILITY OF THE PLACEMENT. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WED. NOV. 8th AT 1.30 p.m.

Alasdair S. Black

KEYWORKER

EXTENDED DAY PROJECT

WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Kevin McGowan

WEEK BEGINNING: 6/11/2000

KEY WORKER: Alasdair Black

KEVIN NOT AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK DUE TO SUSPENSION. HE WAS MISSING FROM HOME FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE WEEK BUT TURNED UP SAFE AND WELL ON THURSDAY.

A MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY AT WHICH IT WAS DECIDED THAT KEVIN COULD RETURN TO SCHOOL ONCE HE HAD A MEETING WITH W. COSM AND KIERAN GILDEA, THE TEACHER HE ASSAULTED, TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENT AND HIS FUTURE CONDUCT WITHIN THE SCHOOL.

THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY 14 NOV AT 9.30.

I AM HOPEFUL THAT KEVIN WILL SHOW MORE COMMITMENT TO HIS PLACEMENT HERE AND WITH SUPPORT FROM MYSELF WILL BE ABLE TO MODIFY HIS BEHAVIOUR.

Alasdair S. Black

KEYWORKER

EXTENDED DAY PROJECT

WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Kevin McGowan

WEEK BEGINNING: 13-11-00

KEY WORKER: Alasdair Black

AFTER A MEETING WITH W.COSH AND KEVIN, THE DECISION WAS TAKEN TO EXCLUDE KEVIN FROM KIBBLE DUE TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE ASSAULT AND KEVIN'S LACK OF INTEREST IN TRYING TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION.

HE WENT MISSING FOR A FEW DAYS THIS WEEK BUT IS NOW SAFE AT HOME AFTER MUM TRACKED HIM DOWN TO A HOUSE IN GREENOCK/GOURDOK.

I WILL VISIT THE FAMILY ON MONDAY AND IN LINE WITH THE C.O.S.S. REMIT, WILL OFFER TO UNDERTAKE ANGER MANAGEMENT WITH KEVIN AND OFFER SUPPORT TO THE FAMILY.

Alasdair S. Black

KEYWORKER

EXTENDED DAY PROJECT

WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Kevin McGowan

WEEK BEGINNING: 20/11/00

KEY WORKER: Alasdair Black

I VISITED THE MCGOWANS TO DISCUSS PROVIDING ANGER MANAGEMENT, FAMILY SUPPORT AND CRISIS INTERVENTION. I SPENT ABOUT AN HOUR WITH ALICE + PADDY, BUT KEVIN REFUSED TO GET OUT OF BED OR ENGAGE WITH ME.

AT THE WEEKEND KEVIN WAS INVOLVED IN AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS INCIDENT WHEREBY HE STOLE HIS DAD'S COMPANY JEEP, CRASHED INTO TWO CARS AND THROUGH A FENCE LEADING TO A 60FT DROP ONTO A RAILWAY LINE.

I ATTENDED AN INFORM MEETING AT PORT GLASGOW S.W.D. WHERE IT WAS DECIDED TO RECOMMEND A RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT TO MEET KEVIN'S NEEDS. I WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER SUPPORT UNTIL A PLACE IS IDENTIFIED.

I VISITED KEVIN ON FRIDAY TO OFFER THE ABOVE MENTIONED SUPPORT. EVEN ALTHOUGH I STRESSED HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS FOR KEVIN TO ADDRESS HIS ANGER/TEMPER PROBLEMS, HE REFUSED ANY HELP ON OFFER. I WILL LEAVE HIM TO THINK IT OVER AND PHONE ON MONDAY

Alasdair S. Black

KEYWORKER

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WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Kevin McGowan

WEEK BEGINNING: 27/11/00

KEY WORKER: Alasdair Black

Kevin phoned twice this week to say he would be willing to do anger management work with me.

I went to the house on Thursday but Kevin was not in.

To his credit he phoned in the afternoon and apologised for missing the appointment.

We agreed to meet at the house next Tuesday at 2⁰⁰ p.m and Kevin also indicated that he would attend the group work session on Tuesday evening.

Alasdair S. Black
Keyworker

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WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Kevin McGowan

WEEK BEGINNING: 4/12/00

KEY WORKER: Alasdair Black

Kevin had a meeting with myself to look at how to manage his anger/temper.

He was able to look at incidents in the past where his temper has resulted in him assaulting people and to identify what triggers his anger.

I made it clear to Kevin what the consequences would be for him in the future if he fails to control his anger.

Kevin participated reasonably well in the discussion and agreed to meet with me next week.

Alasdair S. Black

KEY WORKER