

C.O.S.S.

Report to the Children's Hearing

DATE OF PANEL: 19.12.00

Name of Young Person: Kevin McGowan

Date of Birth: 09.04.86

Address of Parent/Carer: 8 Fergus Drive
Fancy Farm
Greenock

Legal Status: Section 70(1)

Report compiled by: Alasdair S. Black
Position: Keyworker/Community Social Worker

Reason for Hearing:

- ☐ Emergency
- ☒ Review of Supervision Requirement
- ☐ Grounds for Referral
- ☐ Other

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Kevin is the oldest of three children of Patrick (Paddy) and Alice McGowan.

Mr McGowan is in full-time employment and Mrs McGowan is undertaking an H.N.C. Course in Social Care.

The family live in the Fancy Farm area of Greenock in a well maintained house, and there do not appear to be any financial problems.

HOME / FAMILY SITUATION

Following an incident on 18/11/00 in which Kevin stole his dad's company jeep and crashed it into two cars and through a fence, leading to a railway line, he has spent a lot of time at his uncle Tam's in Gourock.

Prior to this, the family situations was quite unstable with Kevin going missing for days at a time and with his parents having no knowledge of his whereabouts.

This is particularly concerning as Kevin is only 14 and there have been alcohol/drugs issues in the past. He has also been known to roam the streets of Gourock/Greenock late at night, again putting himself at risk.

HEALTH

As stated there are concerns that Kevin has misused drugs and alcohol in the past. He is also a smoker which obviously gives cause for concern.

Kevin's emotional health also raises concerns as he appears to be very lethargic and have little or no interest in anything or anyone.

PROGRESS WITHIN C.O.S.S. (SINCE LAST PANEL)

INDIVIDUAL: Kevin seriously assaulted a member of the teaching staff and was excluded from school on 14.11.00. Since then I have visited him at home and we have begun to do anger management work.

FAMILY: Kevin appears to be outwith parental control and seems to be intent on doing whatever he wants, whenever he wants. His parents are extremely worried and frustrated by his behaviour and can offer no explanation for it.

EDUCATION: His attendance at school was very limited and he did little work when he was here. He was excluded from school on 14.11.00, after assaulting a teacher.

GROUP: Kevin has not attended the group since his last panel. However, since being excluded from Kibble, he has indicated a willingness to participate in the group on Tuesday evenings.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEERS AND STAFF

Although Kevin got on with most of his peer group, he did not appear to have any particular friends.

Kevin had reasonable relationships with most of the staff and was able to engage in mature conversations about his behaviour and its possible effect on him.

RELEVANT WORK BEING CARRIED OUT WITH YOUNG PERSON / COLLABORATIVE AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Since his exclusion from Kibble, I have visited Kevin at home and we have looked at his anger management problems and the effect it has on him, his future and on those around him. Kevin appears to have a grasp on his problems in this area but at the moment can see no way to change.

EDUCATION / EMPLOYMENT UPDATE (INCLUDE I.E.P. / SCHOOL REPORT)

Kevin is currently excluded from Kibble Education and Care Centre and has been since 14/11/2000.

SUMMARY

In general terms, Kevin's behaviour has been very poor since his last hearing. His attendance at school, before his exclusion, was minimal. He has been charged with assaulting a teacher and has been involved in serious car offences in his home area. He is also outwith parental control and has been missing for days at a time.

On a positive note, he has indicated a willingness to look at anger management issues with myself.

CONCLUSION

Given that Kevin responded well to being in residential care and the boundaries placed on him, I would recommend that, in light of the above catalogue of events and the risk he appears to be at, that a residential placement be applied for.

Keyworker (signature)



Project Manager (signature)

Date

