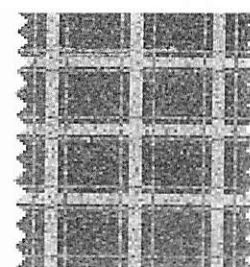


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Residential Report to the Children's Hearing

DATE OF PANEL: 7th June 2000

Name of Young Person: Kevin McGowan

Date of Birth: 9th April 1986

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

Legal Status: 70(3)a, Children Scotland Act 1995

Report compiled by: Stella Sneddon
Position: Residential Social Worker

Reason for Hearing:

☐ Emergency

☒ Review of Supervision Requirement

☐ Grounds for Referral

☐ Other

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FAMILY BACKGROUND

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

He was admitted to Kibble Education and Care Centre on 10/2/00 for the purpose of a 22 day residential assessment (Sect 69). This was due to lack of commitment at main stream schools, offending behaviour and non-compliance with boundaries set at home. At a Children's Hearing on 27th March Kevin's order was varied to Sect 70(3)a.

HOME LEAVE PROGRAMME/FAMILY ACCESS

Kevin has enjoyed a full weekend leave programme (Friday pm - Monday am) and one night midweek. During the Easter holidays a leave plan was devised by writer and Harry Scott, field social worker, giving Kevin extra leave at home.

Whilst leave at times has been problematic, both Kevin and his parents have worked closely with Kibble staff in resolving the issues and putting leave back on track.

PLACEMENT PROGRESS (SINCE LAST CHILDREN'S HEARING)

Since Kevin's last Children's Hearing on 27th March he has posed little or no management problems within the unit. He has settled well into the unit and regularly takes part on the recreation trips that are on offer again posing no management problems whilst out.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEERS & STAFF

Kevin is a quiet young male, who when admitted to Clydeview, tended to sit on the periphery of the group but now interacts well with the peer group. He has not made one friend in particular within the group although he tends to converse with the older members of the peer group rather than those of his own age.

Kevin's nature allows him to engage with staff in topics of his own choosing, writer has found him very open and honest during keytime.

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

1. Keytime with writer addressing issues that have arisen and addressing anger management.

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT UPDATE

Please read attached report.

HEALTH

Kevin is a fit young male who had little health problems other than common colds.

He appears to have a healthy appetite enjoying regular meals including breakfast. Kevin takes pride in his appearance, showering/bathing daily, paying close attention to dental hygiene.

NIGHT CARE OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Kevin settles well at night, he presents no management problems and is always pleasant and complying.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The writer feels that since Kevin's last Children's Hearing his time spent in residential care has at times had a negative effect on Kevin's behaviour, involving himself in absconding with other peers, associated himself in the theft of a motor vehicle and picking up charges.

It is the view of the writer that Kevin would benefit more from attending Kibble on a daily basis for school and return home at night to the family unit giving him continued support from Kibble staff and the stability of a family environment.

INCIDENTS SINCE LAST CHILDREN'S HEARING

20/4/2000 - Kevin failed to return to Kibble at the planned time. Circulated as a missing person to Mill Street Police, Paisley. Returned to school at 10.20pm stating he had been in Gourrock with friends.

Kevin was spoken to by staff and stated that he deliberately returned late as he did not want to go to Aberdeen with his parents for Easter weekend.

21/4/2000 - Meeting held with Kevin, his parents and writer. It was agreed by all that rather than disrupt the Easter weekend further Kevin would go home and forfeit leave the following weekend for his failure to return. Kevin grounded at home by his parents.

10pm: Mrs McGowan informed staff that Kevin had left the house without permission. Advised by staff to give Kevin sometime to calm down. Reported as a missing person by mum at 11.50pm.

22/4/2000: 2am: Night care officer informed by Mrs McGowan that Kevin had returned to the house. Both parents happy to have Kevin at home O/N.

Midday: Staff contacted Mrs McGowan who stated after having given Kevin an ultimatum, remain at home or return to Kibble, Kevin had chosen to stay at home.

25/4/00: Kevin failed to return to the unit after school. Absconded in the company of another peer. Parents informed. Circulated to Mill Street Police.

26/4/00: 2am: Kevin apprehended by Police in Grangemouth in a stolen car. Charged with:

- 1) Theft of a motor vehicle.
- 2) Driving without a licence.
- 3) Driving without insurance.

Returned by Social Work Standby at 3.45am. Parents informed on his return.

27/4/00: Absconded from school in the company of another peer, parents and police informed.

9pm: sighted by other peers mother in the Lanslea area of Falkirk.

28/4/00: remains an absconder

29/4/00: remains an absconder

30/4/00: remains an absconder

1/5/00: Apprehended by police in the Bainsford area of Falkirk. Charged with (1) breaking and entering a motor vehicle (2) theft of a car radio. Picked up by staff and returned to Kibble. Parents informed.