

Unique Reference No

LOOKING AFTER CHILDREN IN SCOTLAND: Good Parenting, Good Outcomes

REVIEW OF THE CARE PLAN PART 6

COPY

Minute of the Review Meeting

Name of the child/young person

KEVIN McGOWAN

Date of Review

Day Month Year

1 Have reports been received from the following? (See Question 8 in Social Workers report for those requested to submit a report).

	Yes	No	Not requested		Yes	No	Not requested
Child/Young person	X			Educational professional	X		
Mother			X	Other interested parties (please specify)			
Father			X				
Carer(s)/residential care worker	X						
Health professional			X				

2 AGENDA FOR THE REVIEW

The agenda should be drawn up at the start of the Review. All those invited to the Review should have had an opportunity to read the reports, prior to the Review. The chairperson should ensure that action on previous Review decisions and all issues of progress, change, difficulty or concern in the reports are put on the agenda for discussion.

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3 RECORD OF DISCUSSION OF THE REVIEW:

Changes/progress in placement

Following introductions, Mr McAleer informed that today's meeting was the first review of Kevin's placement. Although previous meetings have taken place these were assessment meetings. Kevin was placed at Kibble School on a Residential Order - a decision made by the Children's Panel. The recommendation of Social Work Services at this time had been for Kevin to be placed for a period of residential assessment, following which he would return home and attend Kibble on a day basis. Unfortunately a place was not available at this time and the Panel imposed the Residential Order.

Stability of placement

Ms Sneddon, Keyworker, informed that within Kibble Kevin is not a management problem. He has adapted well to the structure and routine within the school. Educationally, Kevin has shown a lack of motivation and his inability has resulted in problems, although these have always been resolved. Kevin has also had a few "personality clashes" with teachers, although again these have been resolved. Kevin's main problem when he first moved to Kibble was the relationship between himself and his parents. All concerned however have worked hard to resolve these issues and things are progressing well.

Kevin was involved in a few incidents of absconding along with another boy and accumulated five charges in relation to car crimes. Following these incidents Kevin's behaviour was somewhat irrational and a considerable amount of work was done with Kevin in relation to anger management. Kevin has been open and honest in discussion, a major change for him, and he is now able to talk about things that bother him.

Health/disability

There are no concerns regarding Kevin's health.

Learning/education/employment

Ms Sneddon informed that she had spoken to education staff yesterday (1st June 2000) and since the written report (circulated at today's review) was produced a number of teachers have commented on Kevin's improvement. Kevin is due to change classes this week in preparation for next year's classes. On the whole Kevin is doing extremely well and despite the negatives associated with Residential care has adapted well.

Contact/family and social relationships

Kevin's home leave pattern is currently all weekend and two midweek overnights. There have been no problems during the past four weeks with home leave. Kevin travels to and from Kibble independently. Mrs McGowan stated that she has not experienced any problems with Kevin during his time at home of late. Mrs McGowan felt that Kevin is more talkative within the home and seems to be more accepting of any limits placed upon him. Kevin spends a lot of his time in the Community participating in any water based sport activities, which he greatly enjoys. Mrs McGowan's concerns about the company Kevin is keeping have diminished and he appears more able to "walk away" from trouble.

Emotional and behavioural development

It was agreed by all that Kevin has progressed well - he is now more able to communicate with others and express his feelings. Kevin completed his report for today's review. Mr McAleer asked him about a question in relation to whether things had got better or worse since last review and Kevin had ticked both. Kevin explained that he meant things were worse at the start but had now got better.

Relationship of child/young person and family with social worker

Mr Scott, Social Worker, reported that he has had regular contact with Kevin and his family. He was of the opinion that the most positive aspect to come from Kevin being resident in Kibble was the fact the he has committed himself to change. Initially Kevin would not participate in discussions or discuss his feelings. He has now, however, learned to build up a trust with adults and is now talking and expressing his feelings more freely. Mr Scott commented that he did not feel Kevin fully understood how much anxiety he caused his parents during his absconsion. He also stated he felt Kevin missed his brother and sister whilst away from home, and missed being part of the family.

Whether period of looking after should end and, if so, the actions needed to achieve this

Mr McAleer stated that given the original plan for Kevin had been to attend Kibble on a day basis, he enquired of Kevin if this was still what he wanted for the future. Kevin stated that it was. Anita Carvalho went on to discuss the extended day placement and explained what it would offer Kevin. She stated however that Kevin required to be committed to attending for the placement to work. Mr Scott stated that from his discussions with Kevin, he felt Kevin was committed and motivated to moving on and feels this is the way forward for himself. Mr McAleer asked Kevin if he had any concerns about these changes - he stated he did not.

Mr McAleer informed that the recommendation of Social Work Services to the Children's Panel on Wednesday 7th June 2000 would be that Kevin's Residential Order be terminated and that he should return home and attend Kibble Day Unit on an extended day place. It was explained to Kevin that although this recommendation would be made, the final decision would be made by the Panel. It is therefore important that Kevin speak up for himself at this Panel and convince those present that the plan outlined would be in his best interests. It was agreed that all concerned would encourage Kevin to speak up for himself at this time.

If applicable, leaving care and after care arrangements

If the Children's Panel agree with the recommendation and terminate Kevin's current Residential Order he will begin the extended day place immediately. Discussion centred on how Kevin would travel to and from this. It was agreed Ms Sneddon would contact Education Department to enquire as to possibility of a taxi, as other children from Kevin's home area currently attend the unit via this method.

There being nothing further to discuss Mr McAleer thanked those in attendance for their input and recapped on the decisions reached at today's review. Mr McAleer thanked Kevin for his input into today's meeting.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS/DECISIONS MADE AT THE REVIEW:

Recommendations/Decisions and Action to be taken	By Whom	By When:
1. Review confirms the view that Kevin is ready to return home and attend Kibble on an extended day basis and this will be the recommendation to the Children's Hearing due to take place next week.	S.W.	07:06:00
2. Kevin was made aware of the recommendation but is also aware that the ultimate decision is with the Children's Hearing. If for any reason the Children's Hearing do not agree with the recommendation, Kevin will return to Kibble still subject to a Residential Order.		
3. Kevin made aware of the need for himself to talk up at the Children's Hearing and make Panel members aware of his feelings and also to convince them that this plan is in Kevin's best interests. He will be encouraged to do this by all concerned before the Panel next week.	Kevin S.W. Keyworker Parents	
4. If the Children's Hearing accept the recommendation Kevin will commence the Day Centre immediately i.e. the following morning. Kibble will check on the travel arrangements for this as required.	Keyworker	

Did anyone present at the Review not agree with any decision(s) or recommendation(s)?

Yes No

If yes, please outline who and what and any action to be taken to resolve the disagreement(s):

6 ATTENDANCE AT THE REVIEW

Please list all those who attended the Review and whether they should receive all/part of the record.

Name and Role / Relationship	Parts of the record to be provided e.g., all reports, some reports (specify), minute, decision/recommendations only
Mr D McAleer, Senior Social Worker Mr H Scott, Social Worker Ms S Sneddon, Keyworker Ms A Carvalho, Project Manager, Extended Day Centre Mrs A McGowan, Parent Kevin McGowan, Subject	

List anyone invited who was unable/did not attend and whether they should receive all/part of the record.

Name and Role / Relationship	Parts of the record to be provided e.g., all reports, some reports (specify), minute, decision/recommendations only
Mr T Birney, Depute Unit Manager, Clydeview Unit	

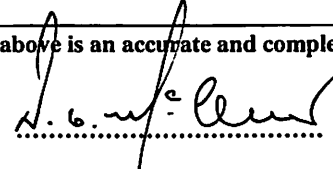
List anyone else who should receive all/part of the record.

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7 Date and time of Review

Day Month Year
at _____ am/pm

Venue of next Review _____

Part 6 above is an accurate and complete record of the Review meeting.		
Signed 	Name David McAleer	Date 29/6/00
Chairperson of the Review Meeting		

