

Summary of Assessment Meeting at Roineach Mhor on 27.8.80

Name of Child: Andrew Jones (d.o.b. 26.12.69 (10))
Admitted 4.8.80 - 32 (c) - Alleged lack of Parental Care

Participants: Mr. Titterington, Social Worker, Area 2
Mr. Ramsay, O.I.C., Roineach Mhor
Mr. Traynor, A.O.I.C., Roineach Mhor
Mr. Scott, Care Officer, Roineach Mhor
Mrs. Erskine, Teacher in Charge of School Unit, Roineach Mhor

Observer: Mr. Chalmers, Assistant Area Controller, Area 3

Chairman: Mrs. Sethi, Principal Officer, Assessment and Review

Background: Andrew, along with his sister Sarah, was received into Care on the 4th August following his mother's admission to Liff Hospital. More detailed history is outlined in Christina's Assessment Report.

Roineach Mhor Staff: describe Andrew as an attractive boy who has an air of confidence and seems to have survived the trauma of his home environment and is less affected by it than his two sisters. Within Roineach Mhor he fits in well with other children and it would seem that he has held onto his personality by having had more friends outside the home. The only problem that staff find is that he is cheeky and demanding, not aware of his boundaries and needs checking. He makes demands of other children as he does adult staff. He is reluctant to talk about his home situation and does not go out of his way to contact his two sisters. He also reflects a distinct lack of family feeling.

Andrew is very interested in Boy's Brigade and it is hoped that he can continue this contact. He takes pride in his appearance although he was rather urchin like on admission with dirty and ill-fitting clothes.

School: Mrs. Erskine remarked that one wouldn't know that he was related to Sarah unless told. He sits at the opposite side of class and is very different to her in his behaviour. He is bright, aware and interested. His work needs some attention but he is not too far behind and he enjoys reading. He is chatty and cheeky in class but not to a problematic extent and he is generally keen to please. He is easily put-off if effort is needed and Mrs. Erskine felt that he would need some encouragement as he is potentially quite bright. He did get extremely uptight in both craft and kitchen situations which were new experiences for him.

Conclusions:

1. It was not felt necessary to refer Andrew to Child Psychiatry or Child Guidance but it was acknowledged that Child Psychiatry might wish to see him in the context of his family.
2. Like his two sisters Andrew is in need of longterm care and it was agreed that his needs should be looked at along with theirs at a meeting at Roineach Mhor at 2.45 p.m. on 24th September. Hopefully by this time we will have the benefit of Report's from Child Psychiatry and Child Guidance and will be in a better position to assess mother's capabilities.

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Mrs. W. Sethi, Principal Officer,
Assessment and Review.

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