

CASE REVIEWS – CHILDREN IN CARE

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

Please include comments under the following headings:—

Pen picture of the child (including interests as well as physical and emotional attributes);

Summary of Work done since last Review (including frequency of visits):

Suitability of Placement (does it meet the child's needs? What are his views);

School Report (facts about attainment and potential. Also any behavioural or relationship difficulties);

Health (date of last medical and details of any treatment in addition to description of health);

Contact with natural parents/current home situation/parents' views re future;

Parental Contributions: Has parental assessment form been submitted to HQ.?

Social Workers's views re future action (indicating why any change in direction has taken place since last review/initial assessment. Also indicate why particular goals are used and link with understanding of child's behaviour).

NAME

Andrew Jones

ADDRESS IN CARE

36 Ashmore Street, Dundee.
At home with mother.

D.O.B.

26.12.69

DATE OF LAST REVIEW OR CASE CONFERENCE

24.6.86

DATE OF LAST MEDICAL EXAMINATION

? 1983 - cannot find forms

DATE OF LAST SCHOOL REPORT

3.12.85

DATE OF LAST FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT (Form F8)

Pen Picture

A handsome, dark haired boy who is willing to converse and has a very pleasant manner.

Apart from occasional games of snooker, Andrew goes hillwalking regularly with his pals and spends much time with them.

Summary of Work Since Last Review

I took over from Mrs Smith on 2.10.86. I have only seen Andrew once and Mrs Smith only saw him once between February and October, 1986.

On 10.7.86 a Review Hearing was held and the supervision order was terminated.

Suitability of Placement

Andrew describes himself as happy enough at home but as his mother was present at the/

the interview, it may, I suspect have been difficult for him to acknowledge any problems, beyond the mutually agreed one of disagreements over money.

School/Work Report (I have only spoken to Andrew)

Andrew is on his second Y.T.S. placement since he left school in December, 1985. He seems to enjoy his current placement with the variety of work, mainly practical tasks, such as painting and decorating, which are involved. His first Y.T.S. placement in January, 1986, with a construction firm, only lasted a few weeks because of lack of punctuality. Andrew disliked the classroom approach and much prefers the practical approach of his present placement.

Andrew apparently gets on well with people at work. He earns £28 per week, of which he gives £10 to his mother and needs £5 for a bus pass, leaving him £13.

Health

Apparently there are no health problems.

Contact with Natural Parents

Andrew has been living with his mother since January, 1984. He has no contact with his own father but occasionally sees Mr Jones, (Sarah Jones' father) whose name he took in earlier years. There seems very little contact with the extended family and none of it is initiated by Andrew.

Current Home Situation

Miss Mill continues to remain stabilised on her injections which control her schizophrenia. She and Andrew seem to manage the house adequately between them. It is barely furnished and there is a fair amount of stress because of lack of money. Miss Mill seems to do most of the housework and cooking but Andrew cleans up the living room and occasionally cooks meals.

Parental View of Future

Miss Mill does not envisage any changes in living arrangements.

Social Worker's Views re Future

Until there is a chance to speak to Andrew alone it is difficult to know whether the Section 16 order should remain in force. Certainly Andrew appears to be settled and independent, having initiated no contact with the Social Work Department this past year despite opportunities given. His relationship with his mother would appear to continue to be fairly strong and stable.

AH/EHC
28.11.86

Signed

Alan M. Heywood
(Social Worker)

Date