

CAMPBELL

C/R 9/11/83

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## CASE REVIEWS — CHILDREN IN CARE

### RESIDENTIAL STAFF REPORT

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ANDREW JONES

ANN ST

NAME

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Since the last review Andrew continues settled and apparently more at ease and accepting of his situation. He is considered by all staff to be making satisfactory progress in all aspects of his development. Displaying a more consistent level headiness with increasing glimpses of maturity well in advance of his peer group.

Within the peer group he remains well accepted although he functions as an individual most of the time. There are increasing signs that he is drifting away from the peer group, at least on an intellectual level. He is seeking more conversation with staff and looking for stimulation and expression from other areas. While interaction within the peer group continues at a sufficient level to maintain his position. Relationships are still basically thin and superficial. He shows no interest nor has he much patience for younger children (except Sarah). He is easily annoyed and.

(2) roused by petty marking and can be drawn in to verbal conflict and taunts at an infantile level that contradicts his maturity in other areas. He is not beyond taking the law into his own hands or telling staff what they had better do.

Attitude to staff remains the same, he sees unit staff, especially females as being there to serve his purposes and cater for his basic needs. Andrew would never consider helping voluntarily, hates all chores, doesn't see the need for them, that's what staff are for. He would still rather deal direct with senior staff seeing us as an unnecessary inconvenience. In small group situations he is much more amenable and responsive to basic grade staff and in general a very pleasant boy. While in the larger group he performs at their expected standards and seeks their approval.

Family contact is being maintained at the agreed levels and this appears to adequately meet his needs. His attitude to mother when she visits Ann. St, is on occasions off hand receiving whatever she brings.

Staff Signature .....

Date .....

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Comment of Senior Officer

Signature .....

Date .....

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and quite often demanding it. Then taking himself off to watch T.V. Staff have been required to return him rather grudgingly to his visitors. Beyond these displays of selfishness we believe he genuinely cares and is concerned for mother's well being. He also objects to visiting mother if "Margaret" is in the house and this maybe an area for the social worker to consider.

School presents no reported problems and Andrew seems to cope very well. He is now beginning to read more serious material while in house, asking intelligent questions and being stimulated by it. Leisure activities are mainly his bike on which he spends a great deal of time. He has also now joined a boxing club and has had his first two official bouts, losing both but unperturbed by it. We are more than pleased at his philosophical approach towards his boxing and it appears to be an ideal

4 outlet<sup>and</sup> source of expression which we will continue to encourage and foster.

Hopefully the coming months will further consolidate his continuing stability and encourage a deeper more trusting relationship with staff at all levels. But until we can generate and create a family atmosphere within the unit that might be too ambitious an expectation of Andrew and for us.

Staff Signature

A. H. Campbell.

Date

2nd November 1983

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Comment of Senior Officer

Signature .....

Date .....

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## 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                                  | ADDRESS IN CARE                       | D.O.B.   |
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| Andrew Jones<br>Section 16 + 44(1)(b) | Ann Street Children's Home<br>Dundee. | 26.12.69 |

Pen Picture: Andrew is a boy of slight build and shortish brown hair. He continues to do well at Ann Street, where he is maintaining his progress. Andrew can hold his own in his unit and is respected by both children and staff and is very popular. Along with an interest in football, Andrew has now taken up boxing. He attends a local boxing club and has had a couple of bouts. He is becoming a sensible boy and has a more realistic understanding of the circumstances with his mother.

Summary of Work: Although visits were not as frequent during the summer months I see Andrew on average about once a fortnight. My main work latterly has been helping to counsel him on various problems at home with which he is involved. He is now of an age where I can discuss most aspects of his case with him and Andrew understands now a lot of the difficulties, especially with home.

Suitability of Placement: Andrew is happy and settled at Ann Street. He benefits from the support there and he will likely remain there for some years. He is adamant he does not want to be considered for a fostering position.

School Report: Andrew continues to do well at school. He is planning to sit 'O' Levels in Biology, Art and Woodwork.

Health: Andrew remains in good health.

Contact with Mother: Andrew has regular contact with his mother. He visits every Tuesday and Andrew visits his mother's house during lunch break at school. The difficulties have arisen over lodgers in the house and Andrew resents their presence and he only visits home now on a Sunday morning when the lodgers have agreed to leave. Pressure is being put on Ann Mill to get rid of her lodgers but the position at present is not satisfactory and will have to be reviewed.

Parental Contributions: No contributions are paid.

Future Action: Recommendations from the last Review have been carried out. Andrew is due to have a Review Hearing on 18th November at the Children's Panel. Given his progress and home circumstances I would recommend that he come off supervision since he will still be in care under Section 16. Over the next few months I would plan to continue present plans to give Andrew more responsibility and to discuss in detail all future plans affecting him. It will also be important to monitor the position at home in order to see if the lodgers move out and Andrew can therefore spend more time with his mother.

Signed .....  
(Social Worker)

Date ..... 2. 11. 83