

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.

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

Copies to: Area Controller, Area 2.
Mr. Titterington, Social Worker, Area 2.
Mr. Ramsay, O.I.C., Roineach Mhor.
Mrs. Erskine, Teacher in Charge of School Unit, Roineach Mhor.

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Educational Report

Teaching Unit,
Roineach Mhor Assessment Centre,
588, Strathmartine Road,
DUNDEE.

1st September, 1980

Re: Andrew Jones d.o.b. 26.12.69

Class Teacher's Report

Test Results

Burt Word Recognition	=	11 yrs. 2 mths.
Daniels & Diack Test 12	=	11 yrs. 2 mths.
Burt Inglis Spelling	=	9 yrs. 11 mths.
Vernon Millar Arithmetic Junior	=	9 yrs. 1 mth.

Language Work

Reading & Comprehension Reading - good reads with expression, enjoys reading.
Comprehension - good.

Spelling A bit below average.

Written Work Neatly set out.

Arithmetic - Maths A bit behind for his age. Could be better with a little more effort. Tends to be easily put off if effort is needed.

Behaviour and Attitude Andrew likes to be heard - very chatty - full of comments bordering on cheek - likes attention. When he settles down works well at times. Could put in more effort. Concentration span limited unless he enjoys subject. Makes an effort to try to please.

Mrs. M. Hanson,
Class Teacher

Mrs. Fiddes - Cooking and Craft

Andrew works very hard in class, very quiet, does not seem to relax - up light. Seems to take longer than the others to pick something up.

Further Comments -

Andrew is progressing fairly steadily - he is a confident boy - aware and interested in all about him. He is in the same class as Christina - but there is little contact between them.

Sheena Erskine (Mrs.),
Teacher in Charge

Copies to:

Reporter to the Children's Panel, Dundee
Mr. Titterington, Social Worker (2)
Mrs. Frank, Child Guidance
Mr. Ramsay, Officer in Charge - Roineach Mhor ✓
File

NAME

A. Jones

DATE OUT

20-8-80

DATE IN

25-8-80

OFFICER

Mrs Johnston

- (1) REACTION TO PRESENT POSITION Accepts R/mor. and understands why he is here, seems content to remain here for the time being.
- (2) ATTITUDE TO STAFF accepts that staff have authority over him, and will accept a reprimand.
- (3) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER CHILDREN (BOYS AND GIRLS) Is accepted by the other children and joins in group games, etc. does not have a special friend
- (4) REACTION TO AUTHORITY Quite respectful of authority, does not answer back.
- (5) CONTACT WITH OWN FAMILY DURING THE LAST 6 MONTHS OR SINCE LAST REPORT Andrew has visited his mother in hospital along with his two sisters who are also in R/mor.
- (6) a) Outside Contact visits from neighbours and great Aunt.
b) Interest, Hobbies, Leisure activities football, team games.
- (7) SPECIAL NEEDS OR RECOMMENDATIONS (PHYSIOLOGICAL, VOCATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL)
- (8) GENERAL HEALTH good.
- (9) GENERAL OBSERVATIONS (Please ring the word or words which are most appropriate in each section and elaborate if necessary)
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| Conduct | : | (Good), Fair, Unsatisfactory | |
| Industry | : | Energetic, (Adequate), Slow, Sluggish | |
| Leadership | : | Leader, (Uncertain), Follower | |
| Temper | : | Good, (Even), Resentful, Moody, Sulky, Quick | |
| Manners | : | Excellent, Very good, (Good), Fair, Bad | |
| Bed Wetting | : | (Never), Occasional, Persistent | |

(10) ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Andrew has settled in well at R/Mhor regarding it as temporary and thinking it is only a matter of time before mum comes out of hospital and they all go home again.

He is sometimes a bit resentful towards his older sister Christine but gets on well with Sarah and the other children.

He is beginning to stand up for himself and certainly does not let the other boys boss him around.

He seems to have a lot of friends outside R/Mhor and he is looking forward to outside school and socialising out of the unit.

Date 25-8-80 Signed J. Johnston
Status c/officer

RESIDENTIAL CARE ASSESSMENT FORM

NAME F. JONES

DATE OUT

20-8-80

DATE IN

25-8-80

OFFICER MR SCOTT

(1) REACTION TO PRESENT POSITION accepts present position although apprehensive at times.

(2) ATTITUDE TO STAFF Gets on well with staff, sometimes forgets where he is but is not any trouble.

(3) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER CHILDREN (BOYS AND GIRLS)
He children in the unit. Gets in well with

(4) REACTION TO AUTHORITY Sulks when being chastised, but comes out of it very quickly.

(5) CONTACT WITH OWN FAMILY DURING THE LAST 6 MONTHS OR SINCE LAST REPORT
Has visited mum at hospital with social worker. and 2 sisters. visit from mum's aunt.

(6) a) Outside Contact

b) Interest, Hobbies, Leisure activities Football, playing with cars.

(7) SPECIAL NEEDS OR RECOMMENDATIONS (PHYSIOLOGICAL, VOCATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL)

(8) GENERAL HEALTH

Good

(9) GENERAL OBSERVATIONS (Please ring the words or words which are most appropriate in each section and elaborate if necessary)

Conduct : Good Fair, Unsatisfactory

Industry : Energetic, Adequate, Slow, Sluggish

Leadership : Leader, Uncertain, Follower If allowed to be

Temper : Good, Even, Resentful, Moody, Sulky, Quick at times

Manners : Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, Bad

Bed Wetting : Never, Occasional, Persistent

Andrew has settled quite well in R/M, although I feel this is because of his two sisters are also here.

I feel Andrew is a typical boy for his age, he tries quite hard to keep out of any argo between the boys but has to show some horns to keep his end up. again he is aware of the situation at home, but very rarely makes reference to this. and is quite happy to wait for development in the present situation

Date 25/8/80..... Signed R. Scott.....
Status care officer.....

NAME *A. JONES*DATE OUT
*20-8-80*DATE IN
*25-8-80*OFFICER *MISS FINLAY*

(1) REACTION TO PRESENT POSITION

Happy, relaxed

(2) ATTITUDE TO STAFF

Friendly to a point

(3) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER CHILDREN (BOYS AND GIRLS)

Accepted by all.

(4) REACTION TO AUTHORITY

Resentful.

(5) CONTACT WITH OWN FAMILY DURING THE LAST 6 MONTHS OR SINCE LAST REPORT

Aunt of his mother visited to-day 24.8.80

(6) a) Outside Contact

b) Interest, Hobbies, Leisure activities

A all round active boy.

(7) SPECIAL NEEDS OR RECOMMENDATIONS (PHYSIOLOGICAL, VOCATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL)

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(19) ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Settled into unit very well, enjoying the comfort of R/Mhor, good food, staff available at all times, just feeling the security around him, at no time has he shown any emotional feeling to-wards Mum.

Was delighted to visit Mum, the highlight of the visit was when Mum had said to him you are a real swell. When Andrew related this to me his chest stuck out. Andrews dress was school uniform. He demands from staff and expects his demands dealt with on the spot. He is devious and niggles other kids to suit himself, over the week end he had done this openly to-wards J. Bell, as he thinks is a soft mark, thus I would imagine he could be a bully in the making.

As Mother is still in hospital I would recommend that Andy along with Sarah remain here until we know how Mother's illness is progressing.

Date 25.8.80

Signed

W. J. M. P.

Status

P. B. T. E.

NAME A JONES

DATE OUT

20-8-80

DATE IN

25-8-80OFFICER MR CAMPBELL(1) REACTION TO PRESENT POSITION SETTLED AND HAPPY. FEELS SECURE(2) ATTITUDE TO STAFF FOUND HIM SLOWER TO ACCEPT THAN HIS SISTERS.
AND LESS FORTH COMING. FRIENDLY, HELPFUL.(3) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER CHILDREN (BOYS AND GIRLS) SELECTS HIS COMPANY.
HAPPIER IN SMALL GROUP ACCEPTED(4) REACTION TO AUTHORITY HUFFY. DOUR. PULLS A FUNNY FACE(5) CONTACT WITH OWN FAMILY DURING THE LAST 6 MONTHS OR SINCE LAST REPORT
HAS VISITED MOTHER IN HOSPITAL.
A NEIGHBOUR AND DAUGHTER VISIT THE JONES FAMILY(6) a) Outside Contact ANXIOUS TO RESUME BOYS BRIGADE

b) Interest, Hobbies, Leisure activities

READS AND PLAYS WITH TOYS AND LEGO.

(7) SPECIAL NEEDS OR RECOMMENDATIONS (PHYSIOLOGICAL, VOCATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL)

(8) GENERAL HEALTH Good

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Andrew was admitted to Rfm along with his sister Sarah. He was very dirty and unkempt wearing his older sister's jeans, which were many times too big for him. He was a sad frightened wee boy.

However after a bath and some clean clothes he was revealed as a good looking lad but still very much on the defensive. Since then he has settled well at Rfm and in fact tells me today he is very happy here. Having lots of things to do, the food is very good and he likes the staff. I am sure this was a genuine statement since it was not prompted by me. He is very anxious to take up his B.B. activities and is delighted at being allowed to do so.

Of the three children, I find Andrew the most uncommunicative and guarded about home and mum and maybe slower than the other two in accepting and trusting staff. or is he just more withdrawn. I don't know. However he presents little in the way of behavioural problems to staff. He doesn't always do things at the first time of asking and shows any resentment he may have by funny looks rather than verbal retort. I have found him willing to help and anxious to please. If the task is not to his liking, he doesn't show any great enthusiasm.

Date Signed

Status

Within the peer group, he performs best with those of his own age, or in small group situations. His relationships are relatively good although he tends to sustain arguments rather than back off. These occasions are usually between himself and [redacted] who tends to look down his nose

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at Andrew. He spends a lot of time on his own reading or playing with cars. He avoids the football if he can, being happier playing with toys or amusing himself in less physical pursuits.

I find Andrew to be a perceptive boy who considers what he is saying or asking to gain knowledge, rather than frivolous attention seeking questions. Since a return home would appear to be a long way off, I would see Andrew fitting in to a temporary foster situation or a children's home, which need not be in this area. I would like to see Andrew and Sarah kept together if possible.

21st August 1980

A. L. Campbell

Care Officer

FIRST TWO DAY ASSESSMENT REPORT

Name of Child:- ANDREW JONES

Date Out:- 4-8-80

Officer:- MR CAMPBELL

Date In :- 6-8-80

First Impressions

Looked subdued and suspicious on admission. Very dirty both himself and clothes, which were far too big for him and obviously were not his. Only answered questions that were put to him in a rather reticent manner. Said he didn't like living in Kerkton and he knew why he was here, as mother was ill. Kept to himself very much.

Integrating a little more today, unsure of who to select for company

FIRST TWO DAY ASSESSMENT REPORT

Name of Child:- ANDREW JONES

Date Out:- 4-8-80

Officer:- Mrs JOHNSTON

Date In :- 6-8-80

First Impressions

A tired looking boy who looks as if he hasn't had a proper sleep for months.

He doesn't say very much and only speaks when spoken to - not mixing very well with the other children.

Thinks it won't be long till he is home with mum again.