

CLIENTS NAME: Andrew & Sarah Jones

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TRANSFER SUMMARY

This case was opened on 4th August 1980. The family had come to attention through the older daughter [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It came out then that the children's mother, Mrs. Ann Mill a single parent was suffering from a mental illness. In the end on 4th Aug. Mrs. Mill was compulsorily admitted to Liff Hospital and Andrew and Sarah joined Christina at Roineach Mhor. While Andrew seemed relatively unaffected by events at home, Sarah was totally different. Although she was eight years [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Andrew returned to West March Primary but Sarah had to be admitted to Roineach Mhor as she could not cope with outside school. Andrew went home in April '81 but Sarah remained at Roineach Mhor. She was very ambivalent towards home and once we reduced her weekends there was a hint of progress being made. She also started to attend Plat Therapy at Ninewells Hospital. When Roineach Mhor closed at the end of June 1981 she moved with most of the staff and remaining children to Ann Street. She started to attend Rosebank Primary but she took a long time to settle in. Meanwhile, she continued to go home at weekends which did not go as well as was hoped.

In January 1982 Mrs. Mill was re-admitted into Liff Hospital and Andrew was taken into care. Towards the end Andrew was looking after his mother. He was not well physically himself at times and he had hardly been at school. Andrew joined his sister, Sarah, at Ann Street. He continues to attend Kirkton High School. Andrew settled in well and caused no problems. He was always well dressed, tidy and his attendance and performance at school showed a marked improvement. While keeping separate from the other residents and at the same time very popular with both residents and staff. Andrew started to visit home once his mother was discharged from hospital. Sarah started to show an improvement when her mother went into hospital. Visits home were stopped but her mother visited her at Ann Street. She/

/She began to avert gradually her own personality and she became less of a ;little girl and started to act more suitably for her age. Her performance at school although not brilliant showed an improvement. Throughout 1982 it was obvious that Ann Mill, although, hoping herself could not look after the children on a long term basis and for this reason parental rights were assumed by this Dept. in March 1983. Ann Mill accepted this when it was fully discussed with her and she did not contest the decision.

In Nov. 1983 Andrew and Sarah both appeared at a Children's Hearing. Our intention was to ask for the panel orders to be terminated. Ann Mill brought a lawyer along who asked for the children to be returned home. A subsequent medical said that Ann Mill was fit to look after the children. We had our reservations about this but if medical opinion felt she was capable, we were not qualified to argue otherwise. We had no real objections to Andrew going home and a children's hearing on 15th Dec. decided that Andrew should go home under a 44 1 (a) home supervision order. The panel agreed to continue Sarah's case on 3rd Feb. to allow a more gradual introduction home.

In Feb. Sarah's panel order was varied to a 44 1 (a) a home supervision order. There were provisos that she continue her contact with Ann Street, still attend Rosebank School with her mother taking her and collecting her dailly ; continue with Play Therapy and also continue to attend the Brownie's. Ann Mill currently has a bus pass which this Dept. pays for and we are negotiating for Sarah to have one as long as she attends Rosebank.

The section 16 orders are presently in force as a safeguard to Ann Mill's mental condition deteriorating in the immediate future. The older daughter Christina now has a home of her own and it is to be seen iff Ann Mill can cope without her. So far there have been problems with arrangements but with perseverance some of these have been overcome. Should Sarah continue to do well at school consideration should be given in the summer to her spending her final year at Primary School in Westmarch prior to her going to Kirkton High.

It also be given to terminating the Sec 16 orders .

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It is impossible to say how Ann Mill and the children will manage over the next few months but there is still a lot of work required by this Dept. in monitoring the position.

This case can therefore be transferred.

E. Titterington.