

CASE REVIEWS

Summary of Review Meeting and Recommendations for the Future

Date of Review: 30 March, 1990 at 2.00 pm

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Address</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>
Tommy Tarbett	Carolina House Children's Home, 281 Strathmore Avenue DUNDEE	16.7.73

Participants

Peter Devlin, Social Worker for Tommy, Dundee West
Derry Meredith, Key Worker, Carolina House
Tommy Tarbett, Subject of Review
Margaret Wastie, Reviewing Officer

Apologies

Ann Partington, Senior Social Worker

Introduction

Tommy Tarbett is in care under Section 16 Social Work (Scotland) Act. Parental rights were assumed on 7 February, 1983. He has been placed at Carolina House since February, 1982. The last review took place on 21 August, 1989 and the recommendation at that time was that Tommy is well placed in Carolina House and making progress towards independence and his eventual ambition to be a PE teacher.

Reports were available prior to this review from the social worker and Carolina House key worker.

Placement at Carolina House

Since the last review, Tommy has moved into the self-contained unit in Carolina House, which he shares with two other young people. This gives Tommy more responsibility and independence.

In the review, Tommy noted that the major differences from the other unit were that he has to do all his own cooking now; he is away from the other residents and admitted this can be lonely at times.

The report from the key worker indicated that Tommy has coped well with his extra responsibilities. He manages to do a weekly menu and shopping and keeps the unit in a presentable state. He has recently taken over responsibility for a monthly budget and in the first month showed that he had managed his money well, spending £9.50 on food, buying a bus pass, and keeping pocket money and savings. He in fact had money left at the end of the month, which demonstrated very good management.

The key worker report also noted that Tommy has a good relationship with staff and with his peer group in Carolina House. He is able to use the residents meetings appropriately and also shuns any disruptive element in the unit. Tommy uses support from his key worker appropriately.

School

Tommy is now in his fifth year at Morgan Academy. He already has four 'O' grades in History, Maths, Arithmetic and Computers. This year he is studying Higher History and 'O' grade English and Modern Studies. As Tommy was experiencing some difficulty with his English, a tutor has been organised to help. In his Modern Studies, Tommy has been doing a project on the Discovery Quay development.

Teachers at the recent parent/teacher evening were confident that Tommy would do well in his exams and reports are favourable.

For some time Tommy has said he would like to be a PE teacher, but recently he has been wavering in this decision. He does want to return to school for a sixth year but is unsure about a college course, as he does not know if he will get the necessary qualifications.

In the review, it was suggested that he would wait to see his exam results before making a decision. The reviewing officer queried the viability of this, given that Tommy would need to apply for a college course in September/October. It was suggested that he should visit Jordanhill College to get an idea of a course and the necessary requirements. Tommy will also see the Careers Officer in school to look at other alternatives. In the review, he expressed a vague interest in banking, but is unclear as to his future career.

Tommy has maintained his keen interest in sport. He is involved with an under-18 football team and plays on Sundays and trains on Tuesdays. He also plays football and rugby for his school.

Family Contact

Tommy maintains contact with his father, grandmother and older brother Graham, who has been in prison in Dumfries and has recently moved to Shotts Prison. The visits to his father and grandmother are roughly fortnightly, but depend on what other activities Tommy has planned.

Tommy's sister, Lisa, had been in Carolina House with him since 1982, but recently moved to a Mainstay family. It was acknowledged in the review that Tommy must miss his sister, but the key worker suggested that as they had been living in different units, there had not been frequent contact in Carolina House. Tommy is maintaining contact with Lisa and has visited her Mainstay carers and been for tea and also sees her at his father's and at school.

Future Goal

The aim for Tommy is to assist him to independence and help in a choice of career which will be suitable for him.

Future Plans

Social work involvement is supposed to be at two to three weekly intervals, but Peter Devlin acknowledged that recently, this had been difficult to maintain.

Tommy has been very settled and gained great stability from his placement at Carolina House. Within the review, he did not find it easy to participate in the discussion and certainly found consideration about his future difficult. The focus of work now needs to concentrate on assisting Tommy towards independence. He has demonstrated that he has practical skills necessary for this, in that he is maintaining himself in the self-contained unit and managing his money. It does seem that he will need help emotionally in making the move from Carolina House.

Future Plans (cont)

It is suggested he needs to clarify whether he wishes to go to College by visiting and checking on the course. He also needs help in consideration of alternative careers, as though Tommy intends to return for another year at school, he will need to make applications sooner.

Conclusions and Recommendations

1. Tommy is well settled in Carolina House and it is pleasing to note how well he has coped with independence in the self-contained unit.
2. If Tommy is not going to College, he will need assistance in considering alternative accommodation. In the review, Tommy thought he might prefer to stay in Dundee.
3. Family contact is being maintained at Tommy's level and wishes.
4. Support needs to continue at the present level to help Tommy focus on his future.

The next review is arranged for 20 September, 1990 at 4.00 pm.

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