

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

ADDRESS IN CARE

D.O.B.

William Tarbett

c/o

[REDACTED]

DATE OF LAST REVIEW OR CASE CONFERENCE

22.11.94

DATE OF LAST MEDICAL INSPECTION

22.09.94

DATE OF LAST SCHOOL REPORT

DATE OF LAST FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT (Form F8)

William is a sturdy, happy lad. He gets on well with adults and other children. He enjoys playing outside on his bike.

Work done

- Home visits plus informal contacts while collecting/dropping William for access.
- Access arrangements - twice weekly.
- Liaison with Lilybank FC
- Meetings with parents
- Liaison with Polepark
- Plans for assessment/rehab with parents.

Suitability of Placement

William has settled well into placement and continues to be an easy going lad, who has accepted the present situation, although still expresses a wish to go home. No serious behavioural problems reported.

In November William was involved in an incident of a sexual nature with another foster child. No blame was placed on any of the children for instigating this. Mr & Mrs [REDACTED] were concerned at the time but have since received support/advice from Resource Worker and other carers. There have been no more reported incidents and carers continue to monitor

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the situation. [REDACTED] and William to attend sessions at Polepark to look at possible reasons for this behaviour.

Mr Tarbett has visited the foster home on two occasions and appears to be of the opinion he can visit at any time. This issue needs to be resolved.

Health

William has continued to be of good health apart from a tummy bug over the Christmas holidays.

Family Centre Report

William continues to attend Lilybank FC full-time (Report from worker).

There were reports from Lilybank previous to Christmas break that William was becoming upset, leaving the room etc when his parents arrived with [REDACTED] for his nursery placement. Since returning from the break this problem has apparently settled.

Contact with parents

Access continues on a twice weekly basis. William does not generally join in the chaos to the same extent as the others but often spends time sitting with his dad or eating.

Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer both wish the children to return to their care as soon as possible.

Future Action

Home Visits.

Continue liaison with Family Centre/carers.

Continue access arrangements.

Assess/Rehab plans - joint session with parents.

Individual sessions at Polepark - [REDACTED] and William.

Signed
(Social Worker)

Date

3 MONTH IN CARE REVIEW SUMMARY

DATE: 19 JANUARY 1995 **VENUE:** ST MATTHEWS CHILD & FAMILY CENTRE

NAME: WILLIAM TARBETT **DOB:** 09.07.91

HOME ADDRESS: 7D Bonnethill Court
DUNDEE

PLACEMENT ADDRESS: c/o [REDACTED] **DATE OF PLACEMENT:** 22.09.94

PARTICIPANTS:

Mr Bill Chalmers	CARO & Chair	Balmerino Road SWD
Ms Catherine Gibson	Minute Taker	" " "
Ms Marion Selfridge	Social Worker	Whitfield SWD
Mr George Bowie	Senior Social Worker	" "
Ms Fiona Sinclair	Family Counsellor	Polepark Family Counselling
	Centre	
Ms Sandy Webster	Resource Worker	Kirkton Road SWD
Mrs Maureen Petrie	Social Work Assistant	Balmerino Road SWD
Ms Diana Cochrane	Centre Worker	Lilybank Child & Family Centre
[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]		" " " "
[REDACTED]		
Mrs Betty Murison	Health Visitor	Wallacetown Health Centre
Mr Callum Strathie	Manager	St Matthews Child & Family
	Centre	
Mr David Tarbett	Father	7D Bonnethill Court
Ms Linda Archer	Mother	" " "

REPORTS AVAILABLE TO THE MEETING:

A016 Social Worker's Report

DATE OF RIC AND REASON:

22.09.94: Continuing concerns for the safety of the children. Behaviour problems of children at school, family centre and at home and Mr Tarbett's refusal to co-operate with the Social Work Department. Children's involvement in ongoing acrimony between parents.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK/DATE OF HEARING: (any other legal processes contemplated or pending)

44(1)(a) Named Place with a condition that children have supervised access. An appeal was held at which the grounds were upheld.

REASONS FOR AND DATES OF RIC/PREVIOUS PLACEMENTS:

21.01.94 - 07.02.94 - Foster parents [REDACTED]

PROGRESS SINCE LAST REVIEW HELD ON 22 NOVEMBER 1994

1 Previous plan and outcomes of tasks set (and other developments since the last review)

- 1 William to continue to attend Lilybank Child and Family Centre - ongoing.
- 2 William's asthma will continue to be monitored by foster parents and family centre - There has been no recurrence of William's asthma.

2 Placement (include Foster Parents - enhanced allowances, equipment, views, sports/leisure activities/interests)

Mrs [REDACTED] stated that there has been no substantial change in William since the last review. She had wondered whether he might miss attending the Family Centre during the Christmas break but there was no evidence of this. He relates well to other children in the family fairly well.

Mr [REDACTED] stated that because William is the youngest in the house he tends to be looked after and pampered by the other children.

Mrs [REDACTED] stated that William has a normal sibling relationship with his brother with only occasional fights over toys etc.

Mr [REDACTED] stated that the only thing of note over the past couple of weeks is that William appears to have developed a stutter. This has also been noted by the Family Centre. Mr [REDACTED] stated that it is usually William's first word which is affected and he can repeat a word 6 times. He stated that he and his wife have been encouraging William to slow down when he is talking and the nursery have also been doing work with him and in the last couple of days it has subsided but they will continue in the manner they have been doing.

Mr Chalmers recommended that if this were to continue for a significant period of time then referral should be made to speech therapy.

Mrs Murison stated that this would be checked at William's 3½ year screening which is due on Tuesday 24/1/95.

3 Nursery/Education/Employment (Give information regarding Record of Needs where appropriate)

Ms Cochrane stated that prior to Christmas when [REDACTED] (his half brother) started at the Centre there had been some concern because William was upset and when his parents came into the room he wanted them to leave. He was also aggressive towards other children. However, this has now resolved itself and William is quite accepting of them coming in and going away again. There has been no signs of him being aggressive towards other children whereas prior to Christmas this was still apparent. His attention span for a 3½ year old is not very long but it is certainly improving. William does not like to be "confined" even at lunchtimes but this is also improving. There have been concerns about his stutter and it has also been noticed that William has a difficult, similarly to his sister [REDACTED] pronouncing the "s" sound ie the other day he was talking about a "cab" on his head which Ms Cochrane translated to be a "scab".

4 Health (Give date of annual medical due/screening, immunisations, development -on-going handicap etc)

Over Christmas William had a short mild sickness and diarrhoea but aside from this he is a generally healthy child who is growing appropriately.

5 Access (Parents/siblings/extended family, arrangements, CC2f, supervision, venue)

Ms Selfridge stated that supervised access has been taking place twice weekly. Access is usually supervised by Mrs Petrie (SWA) but Ms Selfridge has occasionally supervised. Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer have attended every access. During the Christmas period access was to be supervised by a worker from the Douglas Child and Family Centre. However, Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer are claiming that access was not supervised. Mr Chalmers recommended that Mr Bowie follow this up with the manager at the Child and Family Centre.

Ms Selfridge stated that the access sessions which she has supervised still continue to be chaotic. She stated that Ms Archer makes an effort to play and engage with the children, however, Mr Tarbett tends to sit back and does not take part.

Ms Selfridge stated that William tends to go to his father and sit with him.

Mrs Petrie agreed that William is very different from his brother and sister. He will come into access and amuse himself. He does spend time with his parents but he will then wander about keeping himself occupied. He will interact with his brother and sister at times and he often spends time sitting with his dad or his other favourite activity, eating.

Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer agreed with the reports given by Ms Selfridge and Mrs Petrie. Ms Archer informed that during a recent access [REDACTED] had wet her pants something which she has never done before. Mr Chalmers stated that in some circumstances this may be a form of attention seeking. Mrs [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] similarly to her brother [REDACTED] is very uncertain about the future and has asked when she will be going home which Mrs [REDACTED] cannot answer. Mr Tarbett stated that the children are always asking when they are coming home.

In further discussion re access Ms Selfridge stated that Mr Tarbett appeared to be of the opinion that he could visit William and [REDACTED] at any time. Mr Tarbett has said that Mr [REDACTED] told him he could visit [REDACTED] and William at any time but it transpires that Mr [REDACTED] had told Mr Tarbett he could visit the boys on Boxing Day. In subsequent discussion Mr Chalmers stated that supervised access was set up to monitor the children's behaviour and make sure that any contact was good and positive. He stated that the unexpected nature of Mr Tarbett turning up was not going to help the children understand where they were. He also stated that given that supervised access is a condition of the children's supervision orders he would discourage Mr Tarbett from visiting in this nature because it would not be in his favour at any future Children's Hearing if he wished this condition lifted. Mr Chalmers also advised Mr Tarbett that he had the opportunity to request a Review Hearing and have this condition lifted. Mr Bowie informed that Mr Tarbett has indicated that he has instructed his solicitor to look into this.

REHAB WORK

Ms Selfridge stated that she and Mr Strathie have had four individual sessions, he with Mr Tarbett and she Ms Archer and then a joint session with them. She stated that Mr Tarbett and Mr Archer were unable to give any commitment at that time as to whether they were going to be a couple. This was followed by a similar meeting at which Mr Bowie was present. Again they were unable to give any commitment and Mr Tarbett was still finding it difficult to accept that he had problems with the care of the children and that he had to make any changes. However, at a meeting on Friday Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer agreed to work jointly with Ms Selfridge and Mr Strathie.

Mr Strathie stated that Mr Tarbett is still very sceptical about the purpose of the meetings and what they are going to achieve his exact words being "what's it going to prove". However, a further meeting has been agreed for Tuesday 24 January. He stated that this meeting will be to decide the purposes of the meetings and get a common agreement between everyone so that everyone was aware of these purposes. He stated that basically the meetings will look at the couple's relationship with each other, their relationships with the children, what is going to change and what can they change to bring about their wish for the children to return to their care.

Polepark Family Counselling Centre's Involvement

Ms Sinclair stated that she was present at today's meeting at the request of Ms Selfridge who has recently referred [REDACTED] to the Centre because of the concerns that were around about sexualised behaviour and asking if they would do some individual sessions with the children. Ms Sinclair stated that she and her colleague Ms Sandra Smillie have a meeting tomorrow with Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]. She stated that the work would also include [REDACTED].

LONG TERM AIM

To assess rehabilitation with the possibility of returning [REDACTED] and William to the care of their parents.

Parents' Views (and changes planned)

Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer have agreed to work with the Department with the aim being to have the children returned to their care.

Social Work View

That the evaluation of Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer's commitment towards each other and towards the change needed for the children's return home be completed.

GOAL/ACTION PLAN

<u>TASKS</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE PERSON</u>	<u>TIMESCALE</u>
1 Foster carers will continue to monitor William's asthma.	Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]	On-going
2 William's stutter will be monitored in foster home and Family Centre	Mr & Mrs [REDACTED] Lilybank CFC	On-going
3 William to attend Monifieth Health Centre for 3 1/2 year screening. Examining doctor to be made aware of his stutter.	Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]	24/1/95
4 Access will continue at the same level and will continue to be supervised.	Douglas C&FC/ M Petrie/ M Selfridge	On-going
In relation to above Mr Bowie will take up with Manager of Douglas Child and Family Centre what happened at Christmas.	G Bowie	27/1/95
5 Mr Tarbett has indicated that he has talked to his solicitor in terms of a review of the Children's Hearing re requirement for supervised access	D Tarbett	Review by Children's Hearin
6 In respect of rehabilitation plan there will be a meeting between Ms Selfridge, Mr Strathie, Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer to detail programme for joint sessions and come to an agreement on what this is to consist of. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 6 sessions.	M Selfridge/ C Strathie/ D Tarbett/ L Archer	24/1/95
7 In parallel to task 6 Polepark Family Counselling Centre have been asked to do individual sessions with [REDACTED] re the sexualised behaviour which was apparent in November.	F Sinclair/ S Smillie	On-going

DISSENT NOTED: None

DISSENTER: N/A

TASK NO: N/A

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DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT REVIEW:

This will be held on Wednesday 19 April 1995 at 10.00 am at St Matthews Child and Family Centre.

Signature



Date

20/1/95

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