

1 REGISTRATION DETAILS

Review date (d/m/y): 09.03.95 Registration Date: 09.09.93

Subject Child(ren)

William Tarbett (D.O.B. 09.07.91)

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- (i) Note any changes of address, carers, members of household or new siblings. Update cross-reference name, date of birth and address details, if necessary.

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- (ii) Changes in Social Worker, GP, Health Visitor or other agency personnel included in case to be noted below

2 INFORMATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES REGARDING PROGRESS OF CHILD(REN)
(Attach available reports)

- (i) (School, Nursery or Playgroup)

██████████ attends Grange Priamry. He is in special unit full-time. There were concerns about his aggressive and sexualised behaviour towards other children and he was quite far behind in his academic work. ██████████ work and behaviour has improved. Rosemary Fee Ed Psychologist is to recommend a Record of Needs be opened for ██████████ to ensure he will continue to receive support for as long as necessary.

- (ii) (GP, Health Visitor, Hospital Consultant, Community Medical Officer)

(Attach growth and weight charts where applicable)

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William attends Lilybank Family Centre. He has recently developed a stutter which is to be referred to GP/Health Visitor. William has also been wetting himself at nursery but not in carer's home.

Family Centre staff have also reported that William has been displaying some concerning sexualised behaviour. He has been sitting on worker's knee, stroking her body and asking if this is what her boyfriend did to her. William has also been quite aggressive recently in his physical and verbal communication.

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ANY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST CASE CONFERENCE?
(Attach continuation sheets, if necessary)

All three children remain in care under Section 44(1)(a)
named place Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

Assessment/rehabilitation plans have stopped at present.
No progress has been made as Mr Tarbett is refusing to
accept any responsibility for children's Reception into
Care. He states the children had no problems and there
is no need for him to change.

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NOTES ON MEETING WITH DAVID TARBETT - 1.11.94

From the outset David took the opportunity to state his case and to explain why the children are in care by blaming anyone and everyone who is, or has been, involved with the children.

He had come to the meeting with the clear impression that he was going to "be educated".

David made comparisons with other children much "wilder" than his own and expressed the view that being in care was like a punishment for them. Carers, in his opinion, were snobs living in big bungalows in Monifieth who were only fostering to help pay off big mortgages.

His lawyer, apparently, had advised him that he had done nothing illegal with regard to the children, therefore there was no need for them to be in care.

We discussed the purposes of these sessions and I made it clear that I was assessing rather than educating. I was not telling him what to do (as he thought), but trying to establish his understanding of his children's needs.

I let it be known that despite all his views, opinions and justifications the fact of the matter was that the children are in care and will continue to be so until positive indicators and proof of real change in understanding, attitudes and behaviour are in evidence. It was made clear to David that no matter how much he says, or other people say, how good a parent he is and how much children like him this will not be accepted by me as evidence of his abilities. The onus was very much put on him to evidence not only what he does (or says he does) but to discuss why and how he does/feels/says things with regard to his children and his wife.

I indicated that over the following sessions we would discuss in greater depth:- children in general and his own children in particular; women in general and Linda in particular; what it is he wants to change and what he is prepared to change. This has to happen on his understanding and acceptance that not everything that has happened to the children is other people's fault. He will have to look at what he has been responsible for and therefore what he can change.

I asked him to think about these things between now and next week. Throughout the discussion David said he understood the points that I was making, but at this stage I'm not sure that he does.


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NOTES OF SESSION WITH DAVID TARBET AT ST MATTHEWS FAMILY CENTRE -8.11.94

It was agreed that for this session we would focus on children and David's attitudes and feelings about children in general and his own children in particular.

As with the previous session David took the opportunity to emphasise how good a father he is and how others, particularly Linda, are to blame for what has happened to the children. He showed a copy of the letter which his solicitor is sending to the Sherrif Court to appeal against the care order. This, he alleged, was proof that he was prepared to fight for the return of his children, whereas Linda had not shown the same commitment or desire, thereby implying that he was the more competent and deserving parent.

In discussing the needs of children David referred to material things such as clothing but did not seem to acknowledge any form of emotional need as being important even when prompted. David seemed to attach great importance to the giving of sweets to the children as means of guaging just how much he cared for them - the more sweets, the more caring he was.

Asked about methods of maintaining control of the children David assefted that they weren't "wild" and were not in need of controlling. He claimed to understand about setting limits and boundaries in the physical sense, although he felt that it was okay for [REDACTED] to play outside around the flats without adult supervision. David did not seem to be so clear about the setting of behavioural limits and boundaries, and in a sense didn't see the need to do this as his children are "good" even though they're "no angels". Any aggressive or other abnormal behaviour previously associated with [REDACTED] was seen as **learned behaviour** and, therefore, the responsibility of others. Their behaviour was not seen by David as a reaction or response to circumstances in their lives.

At various times David expressed scepticism about the value of this session and the supervised access. He felt that because he and Linda were back together (seen as a positive sign by his solicitor) and were able to present a united and caring front during access, that would be all that was necessary for him to do in order to get the children back. However, he acknowledged that despite what his solicitor said and despite what is presented as a positive and settled image of family life there is every chance that Linda may leave at any time as has happened in the past. David accepted that because of past history, this was a distinct liklihood and therefore could not offer up an optimistic outlook for a settled future for the children.

John S. Frith

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* LEARNED FROM OTHERS, NOT FROM DAVID *

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NOTES ON SESSION WITH DAVID TARBET 18.11.94

It was intended that the focus of this session would be David's relationship with Linda and what it was that he wants to change and what he is prepared to change himself. However, as things turned out the discussion covered old ground from previous discussions and any attempt by myself to raise new issues were met with dismissive comments.

David's attitude to Linda is that he "saved" her and pulled her out of oblivion when she was involved with the [REDACTED]. He sees any rows or splits that they have both had as being because of Linda's drinking and her unplanned and unannounced flights to Womens Aid refuges. He could give no reason for her stay in refuges other than drink making her do unreasonable things. Any suggestions of violence by David had been "lies" made up by Linda in order to get into the refuges.

When asked whether he and Linda had discussed or planned for the future David was not able to affirm this, and in fact seemed to take a pessimistic view of the two of them staying together for too long. With the view that Linda may leave him again he still felt that it was appropriate for him to be the main carer for the children, even though such a split may once again cause upheaval and unsettlement for the children (David did acknowledge that constant moves were bad for the children, but that was all Linda's fault).

David, therefore, is not able to offer any sort of stability to the children on his own. He has indicated clearly that he is not able, or willing to change in order to secure the children in his care. He continues to hold everyone else - foster carers, Linda, Social Workers etc - responsible for what has happened to the children, and therefore responsible for their behaviour. From his point of view David has not caused any harm to the children and has not failed to meet their needs, so there is nothing for him to change, even if he wanted to.

Throughout our contact David has maintained that he is a good father and that the children like him. However, he seems to "buy" the children's attention with a constant supply of sweeties and it is very noticeable that contact between [REDACTED] and David, either verbal, physical or eye contact, is almost non existent. From my own contact I would feel that it is questionable whether he is able to provide appropriate or consistent care to any or all of the children.

Adam S. Tarbet

21/11/94

1. MINUTE

(i)	Conference Type:	REVIEW	Date :	13 September 1994
Subject Child(ren):				
		William TARBETT	09.07.91	
Chair:	Mr W Chalmers	Children & Families (West) Dundee		
Office:	Balmerino Road	Group Manager : Mrs J Roberts		
Tel No:	503388	Office:	6 Kirkton Road	
		Tel No:	833933 Ext 231	
(iii) Participants Present				
<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Report Submitted</u> (Y/N)	
Ms M Selfridge	Social Worker	SWD Balmerino Road	Y	
Miss E Murison	Health Visitor	Wallacetown Health Centre	N	
Mr C Malloch	Head Teacher	Rosebank Primary School	N	
Mr D Tarbett	Father			
(iv) Absent/Unable to Attend				
<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Report Submitted</u> (Y/N)	
Dr M G Dale	Cons Paediatrician	Dundee Healthcare Trust	N	
Sgt J Graham	CAFSES	Tayside Police	N	
Mrs S Findlay	Service Manager	Dundee Healthcare Trust	N	
Dr Smeaton	GP	Wallacetown Health Centre	Y	
Ms D Cochrane	Centre Worker	Lilybank C & F C	Y	
Copies also to:				
Mrs J Roberts	Group Manager	SWD, 6 Kirkton Road		
Mr J Gilruth	Asst Principal Officer (Child Protection)	Tayside Regional Council Podium Block Tayside House		
Mrs L Paterson	Regional Manager	Out of Hours Service		

NB Attach all previous sections - Chair to check information for correctness at outset

- (v) Summary of Discussion etc:
 [To be read in conjunction with all previous sections]
 (Continuation sheets to be attached)

Mr Chalmers (Chair) invited introductions from those in attendance and checked factual information available.

PARENTAL ATTENDANCE:

It was agreed by those present that Mr Tarbett could be present throughout the whole Conference.

FAMILY COMPOSITION:

Subject: William Tarbett dob 09.07.91 " " " "
 Father: David Tarbett dob 08.04.47 " " " "

REASON FOR CONFERENCE:

This is a Review Case Conference on [REDACTED] and William Tarbett whose names were placed on the Child Protection Register on 9 September 1993 under the categories of Physical Abuse, Physical Neglect and Emotional Abuse.

LETTERS/REPORTS RECEIVED:

Dr Smeaton : GP Wallacetown H C:

We have had no contact with Michael since November 1993:

Michael - compliance to asthma therapy appears to be v. poor/non assistant otherwise! Cannot comment on registration.

Lillybank Child and Family Centre:

William Tarbett : William's development continues to improve and he communicates well with other children. William's speech is now very clear and he speaks in sentences. His concentration span is average for his age as is his physical development.

William has been more aggressive to the other children since he has moved through to the over three's room and his behaviour is a problem at times. William is a very sensitive child and has been upset on leaving his father at the centre most days over the past 3-4 weeks. William's understanding of requests has improved greatly and he will carry out a request to the end.

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I am happy with William's development and have no major worries about him although I do feel he is suffering emotionally from the upheaval he has experienced recently.

D Cochrane (Centre Worker)

DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST CONFERENCE:

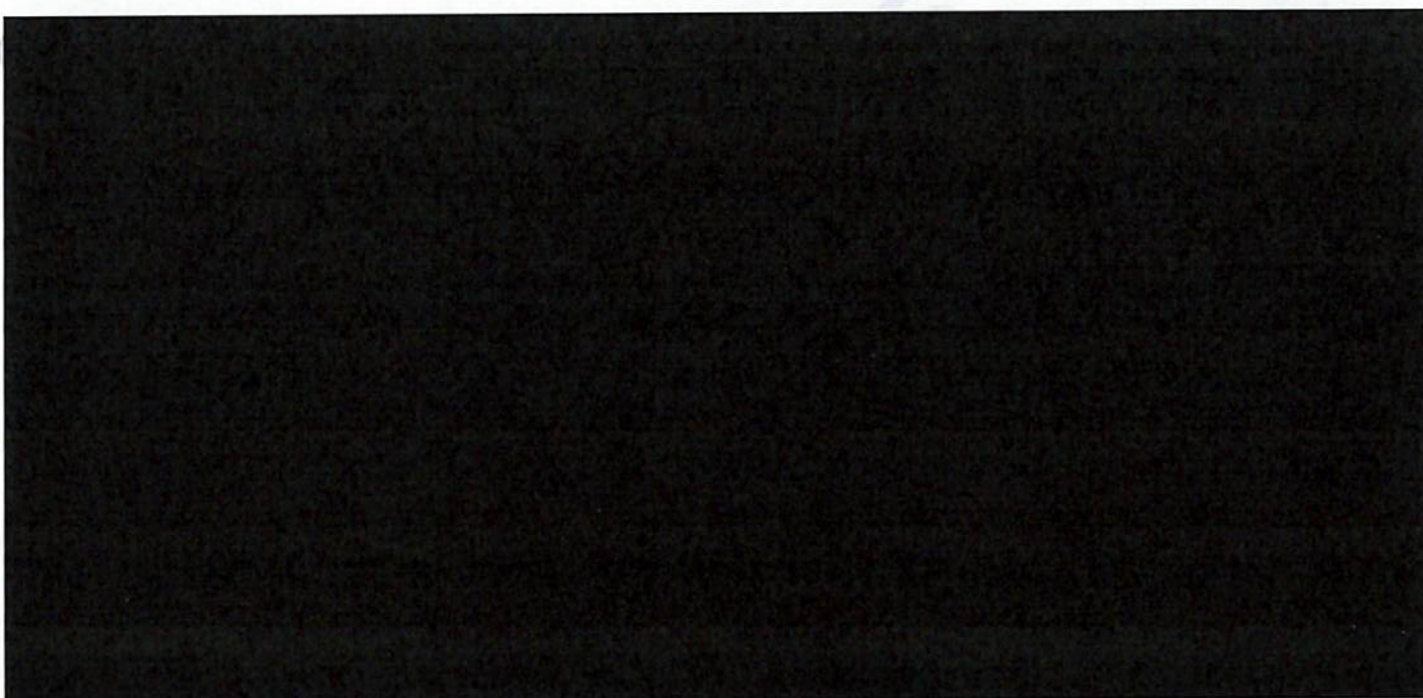
Ms Selfridge (SW) reported that since the last Conference she has very little contact with the family as Mr Tarbett continues to refuse access to the house and to the children. Mr Tarbett has refused to allow Social Worker home visits since 10 May 1994. At a Children's Hearing it was agreed that the children would be monitored through Lilybank Child and Family Centre and Rosebank Primary School. Ms Selfridge stated she has had difficulty monitoring the children at home as she is not allowed access.

There have been many problems between Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer with the children playing quite a large part in this and Ms Selfridge felt the children were being used and this upsets them quite a lot. The most recent incident was on 1 September 1994 when Mr Tarbett brought the children to the Social Work Office at Douglas refusing to care for them and requesting they be taken to their mother.

The children were transferred to the care of Ms Archer but on 2.09.94 Ms Archer had to requested the children be returned to the care of Mr Tarbett as she could not cope with their behaviour and workers involved where she is presently residing were alleging that [REDACTED] behaviour was a danger to other children as he was throwing bikes from the balcony. Ms Selfridge brought the children back to Dundee after they had spent one day with their mother and this really upset them. Ms Archer was told that she would have to leave the place she was staying because of [REDACTED] behaviour.

Ms Selfridge stated that on the few occasions she has seen the children with Mr Tarbett their behaviour has been totally out of control. There have been no further incidents of the children being seen out on their own or any incident of physical abuse since the last Case Conference. Ms Selfridge stated however that there are still ongoing emotional abuse and the children's behaviour is really quite worrying.

CHILDREN:



Ms Selfridge (SW) stated that she felt that [REDACTED] behaviour was totally out of control and she found this very worrying. She does not think that Mr Tarbett can control his behaviour. Mr Tarbett disagreed with this stating that [REDACTED] was a bit wild at times.

[REDACTED]:

[REDACTED] previously attended Lilybank Child & Family Centre who submitted a report stating that her behaviour was a problem while there.

Mr Malloch (HT) reported that [REDACTED] started Rosebank Primary after the summer holidays and is in Primary 1. Mr Malloch has had to speak to Mr Tarbett about [REDACTED] behaviour which is causing serious concern in terms of her carrying out instructions from teaching staff. [REDACTED] does not co-operate well with other children in class and there have been occasions where she has been hitting and kicking. [REDACTED] has also been displaying problems in the playground similar to [REDACTED] as she does not seem to know what appropriate behaviour is in the playground. Again Mr Malloch has asked the Educational Psychologist to have a look at [REDACTED] in terms of her behaviour to see what can be done. Mrs Cant has reported that there has been a slight improvement in [REDACTED] ability to follow instructions.

Ms Selfridge (SW) reported that she has had very little contact with [REDACTED] but feels that her behaviour is also totally out of control when she is with Mr Tarbett.

Miss Murison (HV) reported that there are no health problems apart from [REDACTED] and William's asthma. [REDACTED] had attended her GP [REDACTED] but the GP was concerned about personal hygiene. A swab was taken but this did not show anything untoward.

[REDACTED] were referred by Mr Tarbett to Child Psychiatry and Mr Tarbett had one meeting with Dr Morton but failed the second interview. Mr Tarbett stated this was due to a misunderstanding and that he now has another appointment to see Dr Morton on 19 September 1994.

William Tarbett (b 09.07.91):

Ms Selfridge (SW) reported that William has always been the one who has been described as a bright, easy-going child who did not seem to suffer the affects like his siblings. William's behaviour has changed somewhat recently. Diane Cochrane, Centre Worker has reported that he is now more easily upset and sometimes cries for no apparent reason. His behaviour can also be very aggressive at times especially towards his siblings. This week [REDACTED] has been frightened that his dad might leave him.

Lilybank Child & Family Centre submitted a report. Overall they are happy with his development and have no major worries about him although they feel he is suffering emotionally from the upheaval he has experienced recently.

Miss Murison (HV) reported that she has no direct contact with William other than through the Family Centre. As William and [REDACTED] are asthmatic they have regular checks to monitor this, usually every four months. Miss Murison stated that on the whole Mr Tarbett has followed these appointment up. Mr Tarbett stated he has medicine at home but the Family Centre also have medicine. Mr Tarbett stated that William and [REDACTED] have not needed any medicine recently. Mr Chalmers (Chair) felt this needed to be clarified. Miss Murison informed Mr Tarbett that he has an appointment tomorrow (Wednesday) 14 September 1994 at 4.45 and 5 pm at the Asthmatic Clinic at the surgery.

Ms Selfridge (SW) reported that Mr Tarbett agreed to [REDACTED] attending assessment/counselling sessions at St Matthews but they have only attended on one occasion.

CHILDREN'S HEARING REFERRALS:

Ms Selfridge (SW) reported that there have been two Children's Hearings held since the last Case Conference. A Children's Hearing was held on 30 June 1994 as a result of the concerns about [REDACTED] being in the Wellgate Centre unsupervised. This was continued for a safeguarders report. Another Hearing was held on 25 July 1994 which was again continued for eight weeks to give Mr Tarbett the opportunity to co-operate and to allow the children to participate in assessment sessions at St Matthews.

The next Hearing is to be held on 22 September 1994.

CURRENT AND FUTURE RISKS:

Ms Selfridge (SW) mentioned an incident when Ms Archer was staying in Kirkcaldy and got very drunk one evening. Mr Tarbett had visited and left the children in her care aware that she was under the influence of alcohol.

All three children have continued to be involved in ongoing acrimony between parents.

All three children's behaviour is causing serious concerns.

SUMMARY:

There has been discussion on [REDACTED] and William Tarbett who in formalised setting such as school and nursery have shown behaviour difficulties. However in the case of [REDACTED] a behaviour plan has gone some way to help his difficulties. The children are healthy children apart from asthma on the part of William and [REDACTED] and this is reviewed regularly. There are no growth and development problems with any of the children.

Throughout the period since the last Review there have been continuing difficulties in the relationship between the children's father and mother. This has resulted in the children on occasion being left with their mother for very short periods. There are obvious indications that this has been stressful for the children and very upsetting. In a way there is emotional uncertainty around for these children. Their mother does not live any longer in Dundee and on one occasion has moved once since the last Review. There appear to be serious concerns about for these children. The children are on the Child Protection Register and under Supervision Orders (441a) through the Children's Panel.

REGISTRATION:

It was unanimously decided that [REDACTED] and William's Tarbett's names should remain on the Child Protection Register under the following categories: -

Level of Certainty

[REDACTED]	Physical Abuse	(4) Proven
	Physical Neglect	(4) Proven
	Emotional Abuse	(1) At Risk

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Physical Abuse
Physical Neglect
Emotional Abuse

(1) At Risk
(4) Proven
(1) At Risk

William:

Physical Abuse
Physical Neglect
Emotional Abuse

(1) At Risk
(2) Suspicious
(1) At Risk

At the close of the meeting Mr Tarbett continued to assert his "right" to do what he wished with his children and that no-one from Social Work Department would tell him what to do. He also asserted that he would be ignoring anything put to him in writing.

Mr Chalmers thanked those present for attending and the meeting closed.

(vi)

Recommendations and Agreed Tasks:Person/Agency Responsible:

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| 1 | A Child Protection plan to be set up. | S Murray/M Selfridge |
| 2 | Anything in the way of plans or arrangements are to be put in writing to Mr Tarbett. | S Murray/M Selfridge |
| 3 | Senior Social Worker to convene a Core Group involving all professionals. | S Murray |
| 4 | William to continue to attend Lilybank Child & Family Centre. | |
| 5 | [REDACTED] to continue to attend Rosebank Primary School. | |

(vii) Should Child(ren) be referred to the Reporter? (Y/N): No

If YES, who will provide Report?

If NO, state reasons why: Children already under Supervision Orders

Is Child subject to Statutory Care Order? (Y/N): Yes 44(1)(a)

(viii) Was concern such that Child has been Registered? (Y/N):

Date of Registration (d/m/y): 9 September 1993

2. AREA OF IDENTIFIED ABUSE (See Guidelines)

Area of Abuse [1]	[REDACTED]	Physical Neglect	(4) Proven	Level of Certainty:
		Physical Abuse	(4) Proven	
		Emotional Abuse	(1) At Risk	
Area of Abuse [2] (Optional)	[REDACTED]	Physical Neglect	(4) Proven	Level of Certainty:
		Physical Abuse	(1) At Risk	
		Emotional Abuse	(1) At Risk	

AREA OF IDENTIFIED ABUSE (contd.)

<u>William</u>	Physical Neglect	(2)	Suspicious
	Physical Abuse	(1)	At Risk
	Emotional Abuse	(1)	At Risk

3. IF OUTCOME DEREGISTRATION, REASONS

Please detail below:

4. OTHER DETAILS

(i) Dissent: N/A

(ii) Other: N/A

5. CORE WORKERS

Case Co-ordinator:	Mr S Murray (SSW)	Keyworker:	Ms M Selfridge (SW)
Office:	Balmerino Road	Office:	Balmerino Road
Tel No:	503388	Tel No:	503388

Other Core Workers or Agencies involved in Case:

<u>Agency Name or Worker</u> <u>Name and Designation</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel No</u>
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6. NEXT CONFERENCE

(i) Date of Next Conference (d/m/y): 9 March 1995 (10.15 am at Whitfield Office)

(ii) Details of any other agencies or individuals to be invited:

(ii) Minute prepared by [Signature] 14/09/94 (Clerk/Typist)

(Chair)

15/9/94 (Date)

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NOTE TO ADDRESSEES

If you disagree with any aspect of this report you should contact the District Manager immediately in writing. If you agree with the content please return the acknowledgement below.

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To: CP Admin Desk, Social Work Department, Children and Young People's Services,
Balmerino Road, DUNDEE, DD4 8RW

I have received a copy of the Minute of the Case Conference/Review
held on: 13 September 1994 regarding: [Redacted] and William Tarbett
and agree with the content and recommendations.

Signature:

Date:

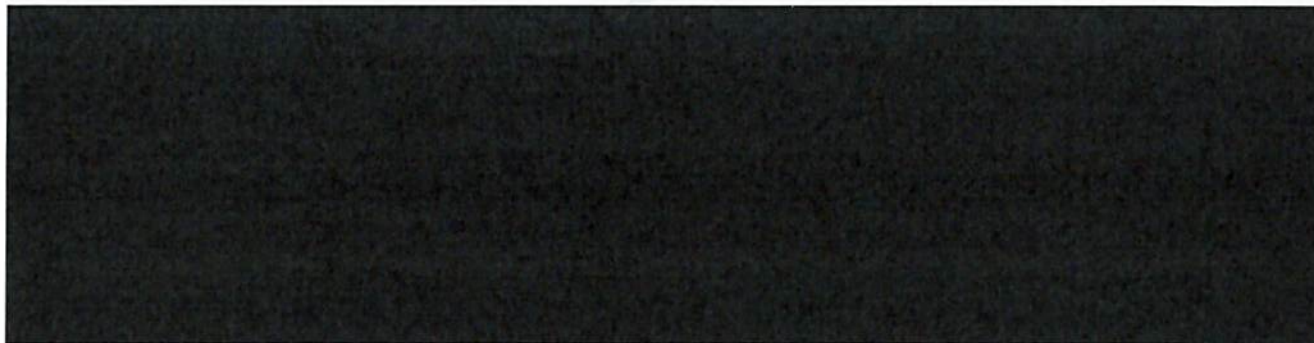
1. REGISTRATION DETAILS

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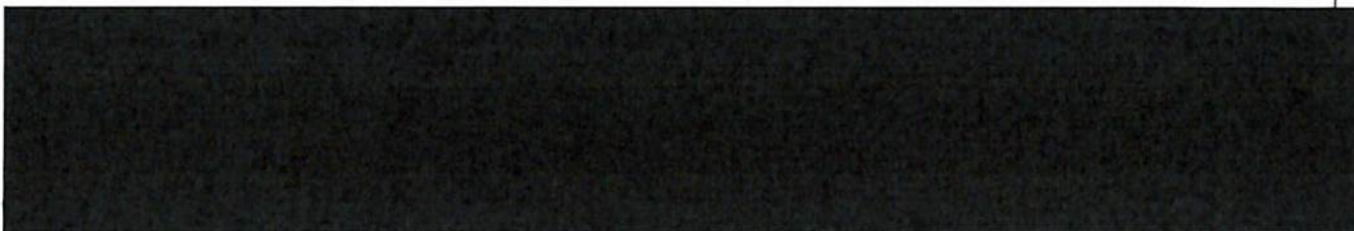
(i) (School, Nursery or Playgroup)

Rosebank Primary School:



Lilybank Family Centre: William's behaviour has changed somewhat recently. Diane Cochrane, Children's Worker reported that he is now more easily upset and sometimes cries for no apparent reason. His behaviour can also be very aggressive at times especially towards siblings.

ii) (GP, Health Visitor, Hospital Consultant, Community Medical Officer)



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3.

FREQUENCY OF VISITS SINCE LAST CASE CONFERENCE

[State whether child(ren) seen and by whom]

Mr Tarbett has refused to allow Social Worker home visits since 10.05.94. Children's Hearing agreed that children could be monitored through Lilybank Family Centre and Rosebank Primary School if Mr Tarbett agreed to children attending assessment/counselling sessions at St Matthews.

██████████ attended St Matthews on 9.08.94 and 15.08.94.

Holidays and workers absence have caused difficulties. Arranging further sessions but Mr Tarbett is again refusing to allow children to attend.

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ANY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST CASE CONFERENCE?
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All three children's behaviour continues to cause serious concerns. On few occasions Social Worker has observed children in Mr Tarbett's care their behaviour could only be described as out of control. They continuously fight with each other, have little or no road sense, and appear to do as they please. Mr Tarbett appears unable to control their behaviour.

All three children have continued to be involved in ongoing acrimony between parents.

One access meeting between [REDACTED] William and Ms Archer and [REDACTED] has taken place. Most recent arranged visit was cancelled when Mr Tarbett threatened to leave children in care of Ms Archer.

Mr Tarbett did bring children along to Social Work Office and leave them (1.09.94) refusing to care for them and requesting they be taken to their mother.

Children were transferred to care of Ms Archer but on 2.09.94 Ms Archer had to request children be returned to care of Mr Tarbett as she could not cope with their behaviour and workers involved where she is presently residing were alleging [REDACTED] behaviour was a danger to other children.

Children's Hearing dated 30.06.94 continued for safeguarders report.

25.07.94 continued for 8 weeks to allow Mr Tarbett to allow children to participate in assessment session arrangement at St Matthews.

5. STATE CLEARLY IF YOU RECOMMEND THAT CHILD(REN)'S NAME(S) SHOULD REMAIN ON REGISTER AND WHY. IF DE-REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED ALSO STATE WHY.

Should Child(ren)'s name(s) remain on Register? (Y/N): Yes

State Reasons why:

All three children's behaviour causing serious concerns. Concerns about emotional damage to children being exposed to continuing acrimony between parents.

Mr Tarbett's refusal to allow Social Worker home visits/access to children therefore unable to assess present care/home life of children.

Mr Tarbett's refusal to comply with sessions at St Matthews.

Mr Tarbett;s refusal to allow children access to their mother.

Date: 12 September 1994 Signed: 

APPENDIX B2: CASE CONFERENCE

1 MINUTE

Conference Type:	SPECIAL REVIEW	Date:	19 May 1994
Subject Child(ren):	[REDACTED]		
Address:	William TARBETT	DOB:	09.07.91
Chair:	Mrs J Tocher	Children & Families (West) Dundee	
Office:	Whitfield Office	Group Manager : Mrs J Roberts	
Tel No:	503838	Office:	6 Kirkton Road
		Tel No:	833933 Ext 231
Participants Present:			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Report Submitted</u> (Yes/No)
Mrs M Selfridge	Social Worker	SWD Balmerino Road	Y
Mr S Murray	Senior Social Worker	" " "	N
Mr Robertson	Police Constable	Tayside Police	N
Mr Haston	Police Constable	" "	N
Mrs H Anderson	Behavioural Support Teacher	Rosebank P S	N
Mrs J Dorward	Manager	Lilybank C & F C	N
Ms J Donald	Childrens Worker	" "	
Mrs S Smillie	Family Counsellor	Polepark F C C	N
Mrs P Gibb	Deputy Head	" "	N
Absent/Unable to Attend			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Report Submitted</u> (Yes/No)
Dr M G Dale	Cons Paediatrician	Comm Child Health	
Sgt J Graham	Police Sergeant	Strathmartine Hospital	No
Mrs S Findlay	Service Manager	CAFSES Tayside Police	No
Dr Gemmell	GP	Dundee Healthcare Unit	No
Mrs Murison	Health Visitor	Wallacetown H C	No
Mrs S Murray	Social Worker	OOHS	Yes
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Mr J Gilruth	Asst Principal Officer (Child Protection)	Tayside Regional Council Podium Block Tayside House	
Ms L Paterson	Regional Manager	Out of Hours Service	

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Summary of Discussion etc:

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Mrs Tocher invited introductions from those in attendance and checked factual information available.

FAMILY COMPOSITION:

[REDACTED]				"	"	"
Subject:	William Tarbett	dob	09.07.91	"	"	"
Father:	David Tarbett	dob	08.04.47	"	"	"

PARENTAL ATTENDANCE:

It was agreed by those present that Mr Tarbett could be brought in at the beginning of the meeting but on seeing the Police Constables present he would not join the meeting. (Mrs Tocher spoke to Mr Tarbett separately and advised that Police Officers were prepared to leave once they had shared their information but Mr Tarbett still refused to attend).

REASON FOR CONFERENCE:

[REDACTED] and William Tarbett were placed on the Child Protection Register on 9 September 1993. This is a Special Review resulting from a referral from OOHS on 7 May 1994 when [REDACTED] were found in the Wellgate Centre unattended. Also to consider recent developments since the last Case Conference on 1 March 1994 when the children's names were retained on the Register; consider whether or not a referral should be made to the Reporter and discuss the Child Protection plans.

REFERRAL:

Ms Selfridge (SW) reported that on 7 May 1994 an off-duty Social Worker saw [REDACTED] unsupervised, in the Wellgate Centre and contacted OOHS who informed the Police. [REDACTED] were later returned home. Ms Selfridge reported that she has had a number of discussions with Mr Tarbett who does not believe the children are in any danger playing in the Wellgate Centre.

PC Robertson reported that a telephone call was received from an off-duty Social Worker that [REDACTED] were playing in the Wellgate Centre unsupervised and OOHS were contacted. PC Robertson and PC Haston found the children and went to Headquarters along with OOHS Social Worker, Mrs Murray. The children were returned to Mr Tarbett at the family home who had never reported them missing or lost despite the fact they had been missing for over two hours. Mr Tarbett explained that [REDACTED] the children's half-sister had taken them to the Wellgate Centre.

PC Robertson reported that he spoke to [REDACTED] an hour later. [REDACTED] stated she had not seen the children and appeared genuinely shocked that Mr Tarbett had said they were in her care. PC Robertson stated there were no proceedings with regard to any offences. Mr Tarbett basically could not see what all the fuss was about even when it was pointed out to him the dangers of the children crossing two busy roads.

PC Robertson mentioned that the security people at the Wellgate have seen [REDACTED] at the Centre on other occasions.

Apparently [REDACTED] has had two minor bumps with cars in the past month or so and Mrs Tocher (Chair) stated that casualty records at DRI should be checked. Also concerns expressed as to why Social Worker not advised as child on register.

INCIDENTS OF CONCERN SINCE LAST CASE CONFERENCE:

Ms Selfridge (SW) reported that there were concerns in March around [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] sexualised behaviour and whether or not they had suffered abuse but workers have been unable to pursue to a satisfactory conclusion.

23 March 1994 - [REDACTED] had been hitting a little girl and continued to do so. On this date he was abusive towards a parent and told her to "fucking well do this if you want to" and to "suck my cock" when she threatened to report him. Mrs Anderson (Rosebank Primary) reported that there was another similar incident of this nature 3/4 weeks ago. In class [REDACTED] has been lifting up girls' skirts, talking about bottoms and displaying sexualised behaviour.

Mrs Anderson (Rosebank PS) mentioned that she has spoken to Mr Gavine, Educational Psychologist about [REDACTED] behaviour and a programme has been set up for him.

Mrs Smillie (Polepark) reported that she worked with [REDACTED] a year ago when his parents got back together. When he started school it was felt [REDACTED] needed to be with his mum a lot more.

There were issues about mum's feelings towards [REDACTED] and Mrs Smillie felt that [REDACTED] existed from day to day and had no real strong bond with any caring adult. Mrs Smillie stated that she never got to spend enough time with the children to get to the root of their behaviour.

Polepark held a meeting on 20 April 1994 regarding [REDACTED] and William. [REDACTED] had said in the Child & Family Centre that [REDACTED]. There were also concerns of Mr Tarbett's refusal to comply with access for the children to see their mother. Mr Tarbett no longer allows the children to attend Polepark therefore workers have been unable to do a proper assessment.

Mrs Gibb (Polepark) stated that [REDACTED] do not respond to direct questioning.

Mrs Tocher (Chair) stated that inappropriate sexualised behaviour from both [REDACTED] gives the Department concern that something may have or be happening to these children of a sexualised nature.

27 March 1994 - Mr Tarbett took all three children to Womens Aid Refuge looking for Ms Archer. He sent the children to the door to ask for their mother and the worker alleged that Mr Tarbett encouraged [REDACTED] to tell her [REDACTED]

Family Centre worker reported that she had seen [REDACTED] on a main road in the town centre on her bike. [REDACTED] was with her but no adults present.

6 April 1994 - Concerns from Sandra Smillie, Polepark subsequent to her sessions with [REDACTED]. The children's behaviour appeared very intensive and inappropriate with references to loving each other and [REDACTED] having babies in her tummy (step-sister pregnant at present).

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11 April 1994 - Mr Tarbett had telephoned Women's Aid worker at 2 am on 9 April 1994. She reported he was very drunk and had put a child on the telephone who was very distressed/crying but the worker could not say who the child was.

12 April 1994 - [REDACTED] had gone from Bonnethill Court to Lilybank Family Centre on his toy scooter. When Mrs Dorward (Lilybank) attempted to take [REDACTED] home he refused. When she contacted Mr Tarbett he thought [REDACTED] should make his own way home. After a telephone call from the Social Worker, Mr Tarbett agreed to collect [REDACTED] but when the Social Worker and Mrs Dorward attended, [REDACTED] was still playing in the park near the Family Centre.

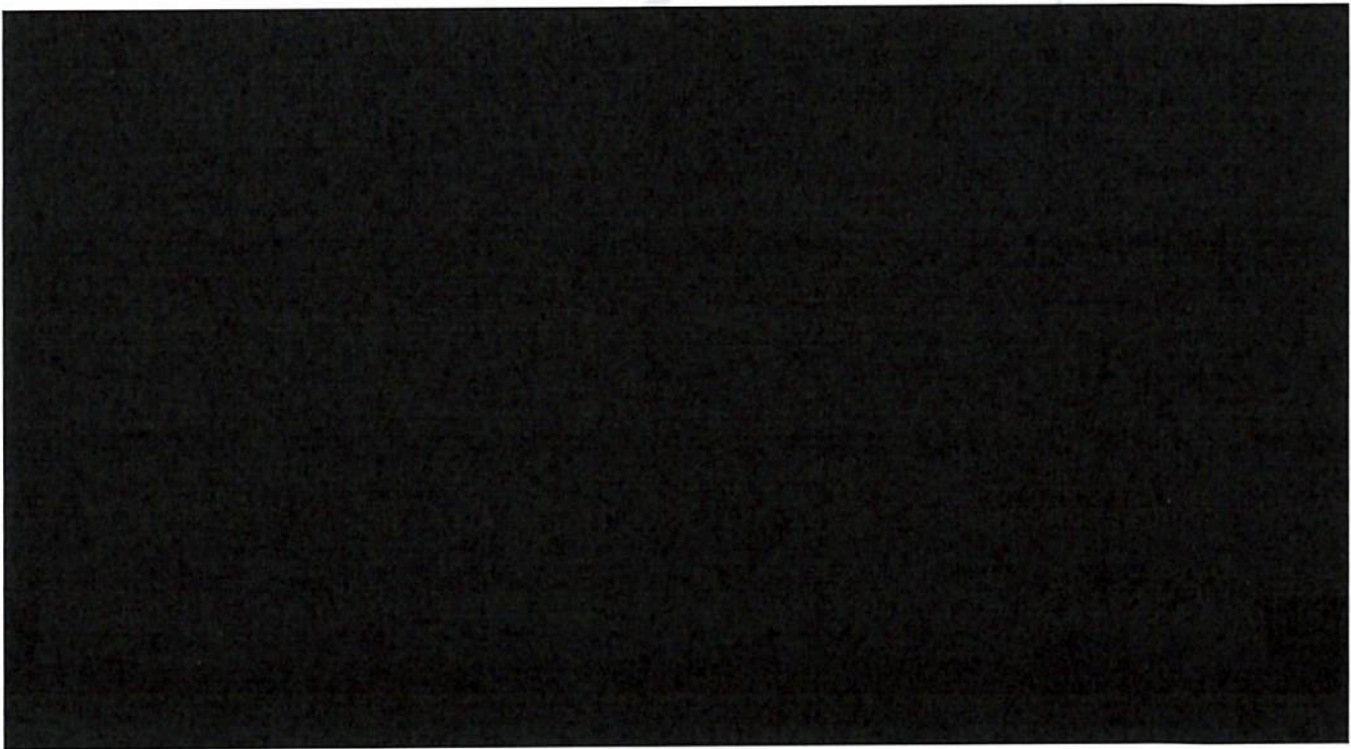
13 April 1994 - Mr Tarbett making allegations that [REDACTED] This is discussed in front of the children.

14 April 1994 - [REDACTED] told Family Centre worker that [REDACTED] A Child Protection investigation was held but there was no proof to back up [REDACTED] allegations therefore no further action.

19 April 1994 - Worker from Lilybank Family Centre saw [REDACTED] in the middle of Victoria Road waving her arms about trying to stop the traffic.

Mr Tarbett at this time was refusing to have the Social Worker visit and refusing to attend or allow the children to attend assessment sessions at Polepark Family Counselling Centre.

CHILDREN:



William Tarbett (b 09.07.91):

Ms Cochrane (Lilybank) reported that William is not displaying the same problems as the other children and the Centre do not have the same concerns as they have for [REDACTED].

Mrs Tocher (Chair) asked about the relationship between the three children and it was stated that [REDACTED] are very protective of William.

Ms Selfridge (SW) reported that William does seem to be the baby of the family and is looked after well by everyone. He seems to have a different personality from the other children. Ms Selfridge gave apologies from Ms Archer who has stated she is quite concerned about the situation.

CURRENT AND FUTURE RISKS:

- 1 Lack of meeting these childrens needs.
- 2 Number of occasions when these children are unattended.
- 3 Possibility of sexual abuse.
- 4 Children showing signs of emotional disturbance and not having their emotional needs met.
- 5 Mr Tarbett's refusal to allow the children to have contact with their mother (since January 1994).
- 6 Mr Tarbett's refusal to co-operate with Polepark Family Counselling Centre.
- 7 Mrs Smillie commented that a lot of things had slipped since mum had left.
- 8 Mr Tarbett's refusal to allow social worker involvement
- currently refusing to have home visits undertaken.
- 9 Inability to carry out assessment work and child protection plan due to Mr Tarbett's attitude.

REGISTRATION:

It was decided that the categories of registration be as follows:-

Level of Certainty

[REDACTED] Physical Abuse	(4) Proven
Physical Neglect	(4) Proven
Emotional Abuse	(1) At Risk

Physical Abuse	(1)	At Risk
Physical Neglect	(4)	Proven
Emotional Abuse	(1)	At Risk

William:

Physical Abuse	(1)	At Risk
Physical Neglect	(2)	Suspicious
Emotional Abuse	(1)	At Risk

Mrs Tocher thanked those present for attending and the meeting closed.

Mrs Tocher attempted to discuss the outcome of the Case Conference with Mr Tarbett at the end of the meeting, but he was angry and refused to take the opportunity.

Recommendations and Agreed Tasks:Person/Agency Responsible:

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| 1 | Seriously consider these children coming into care because of the concerns. | M Selfridge/
S Murray |
| 2 | Look at Child Protection Plan as the children no longer attend Polepark. | M Selfridge/
S Murray |
| 3 | Referral to be made to the Reporter as work is not being achieved. | M Selfridge/
S Murray |
| 4 | Meeting to be called urgently at Polepark spelling out the concerns about the children. | S Murray/
Ms Gibb |
| 5 | Younger children continue to attend Lilybank C & F C | Mrs Dorward |
| 6 | ██████████ continue to attend Rosebank Primary. | Mrs Anderson |
| 7 | Re-emphasise to all agencies their responsibility to report if children seen in vulnerable situation. | All agencies |
| 8 | Mrs Tocher discuss situation with J Roberts, Group Manager. | J Tocher |

Should Child(ren) be referred to the Reporter? (Y/N): Yes

☒ YES, who will provide Report? Social Work Department

If NO, state reasons why:

Is Child subject to Statutory Care Order? (Y/N): Yes

Was concern such that child had been registered? (Y/N): Yes

Date of Registration (d/m/y): 9 September 1993

2. AREA OF IDENTIFIED ABUSE (See Guidelines)

Area of Abuse [1]	Physical Neglect	(4) Proven	Level of Certainty:
	Physical Abuse	(4) "	
	Emotional Abuse	(1) At Risk	
Area of Abuse [2] (Optional)	Physical Neglect	(4) Proven	Level of Certainty:
	Physical Abuse	(1) At Risk	
	Emotional Abuse	(1) At Risk	

AREA OF IDENTIFIED ABUSE (contd)

<u>William:</u>	Physical Neglect	(2)	Suspicious
	Physical Abuse	(1)	At Risk
	Emotional Abuse	(1)	At Risk

3. IF OUTCOME DEREGISTRATION, REASONS

Please detail below:

4. OTHER DETAILS

(i) Dissent: None

(ii) Other: None

5. CORE WORKERS

Case Co-ordinator:	Mr S Murray (SSW)	Keyworker:	Ms Selfridge
Office:	Balmerino Road	Office:	Balmerino Rd
Tel No:	503388	Tel No:	503388

Other Core Workers or Agencies involved in Case:

<u>Agency Name or Worker</u> <u>Name and Designation</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel No</u>
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6. NEXT CONFERENCE

Date of Next Conference: Already arranged (25/8/94)

Details of any other agencies or individuals to be invited:

Minute prepared by ^{EWL} 20/05/94 (Clerk/Typist) (Chair) 27/5/94 (Date)

CONFIDENTIALITY

The information in this document is confidential to you and must not be disclosed to any other person or agency without the written consent of the Case Conference Chairperson.

NOTE TO ADDRESSEES

If you disagree with any aspect of this report you should contact the District Manager immediately in writing. If you agree with the content please return the acknowledgement below.

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To: CP Admin Desk, Social Work Department, Children and Young People's Services,
Balmerino Road, DUNDEE, DD4 8RW

I have received a copy of the Minute of the Case Conference/Review held on: 19 May 1994 regarding [REDACTED] and William Tarbett and agree with the content and recommendations.

Signature:

Date: