

TAYSIDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

AREA

CHILDREN'S HEARING

INFORMATION SHEET

Name of child Walter Tarkett

Address 70 Bonnet Hill Ct.

Date of Hearing 28/2/94

Time of Hearing 3.15 to 4.15

Reason for Hearing Review at request of S.W.

Name of Reporter Norma Ritchie

Names of Panel Members

Mrs Ballantyne Chairman

Mrs Smith Member

Mr. Dwyer Member

State grounds of referral accepted:

Review 48(2) at request of S.W.
(Mother left home)

Comments:

Panel agreed that home supervision order
should continue.

Disposal:

sect 44(1)(a) S.W.S Act 68 continued
with condition the children have access with mother

Maureen Selmdy

Social Worker



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28 February 1994

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**SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT
CHILDREN'S HEARING**

The following child:-

Surname Tarbett Date of Birth (1) [REDACTED]
(2) [REDACTED]
(3) 09.07.91

Christian Names (1) [REDACTED]
(2) [REDACTED]
(3) William Religion

School (1) Rosebank Primary School
(2) + (3) Lilybank Family Centre

Address 7D Bonnethill Court Occupation
Dundee

is to appear on 28.02.94 at Dundee Children's Hearing

in connection with UPDATE REPORT

[REDACTED] and William were received into care on 20 January 1994.

[REDACTED] settled well into his foster placement, and reports from his carer indicated [REDACTED] fitted into the family routine well with no behavioural problems reported. [REDACTED] did express a wish to return to his father Mr Tarbett and saw his placement as a short term arrangement. [REDACTED] returned to Mr Tarbett's care following a request from Mr Tarbett.

██████████ and William Tarbett

██████████ and William appeared settled in their foster placement although ██████████ showed definite signs of not wanting to return there after being at nursery. William was very distressed having to leave his father but appeared to settle quickly when returned to foster carer. ██████████ and William returned to the care of Mr Tarbett on 7 February 1994.

The children all appeared happy to be back home with Mr Tarbett.

A Child Protection Investigation was initiated when ██████████ arrived at school on 15 February 1994 with a bleeding nose and a small mark on his face. ██████████ then told his class teacher his father had battered him. A police officer from CAFSES questioned ██████████ at school, and later Mr Tarbett at home, and was satisfied with ██████████ explanation that he had fallen the previous day and his nose had started to bleed that morning when his father had wiped it before he left the house. No further action was taken.

██████████'s behaviour continues to cause concern at the school, especially his aggressive behaviour in the playground.

██████████ has also been showing signs of very aggressive, angry behaviour at Lilybank Family Centre. She does appear to be happy within the home.

William, who had displayed signs of being unhappy while in care, ie clinging to adults and crying, is now returning to his more usual contented behaviour.

Ms Linda Archer (mother) continues to live outwith the family home and feels she is unable to offer ██████████ and William care at this time as she has no settled home to offer at present. Ms Archer has expressed a clear wish to have access with ██████████ and William who she has not seen since leaving the family home.

Mr Tarbett is refusing to let the children have access with Ms Archer. Ms Archer and Mr Tarbett are presently pursuing this issue through their solicitors. Writer believes it would be in the children's best interests to have access with their mother.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

██████████ are displaying marked behavioural problems, possibly related to the uncertainty and insecurity caused by Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer's on/off relationship and behavioural control within the home.

Ms Archer has expressed her intentions to set up home independently but does not feel able to offer ██████████ and William a home at present.

Mr Tarbett has indicated he will continue to care for ██████████ and William but writer is concerned that he refuses to let the children see Ms Archer.

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██████████ and William Tarbett

Concerns continue regarding the emotional and physical care of ██████████ and William, therefore the writer recommends that ██████████ and William continue to be subject to home supervision order Section 44(1)(a) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.



Marion Selfridge
Social Worker
Children & Families Team 1

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NETWORK MEETING
TARBETT/ARCHER FAMILY
ON 25 FEBRUARY 1994 AT LILYBANK FAMILY CENTRE

PRESENT

Steve Murray, Senior Social Worker - Chair
Jean Dorward, Manager, Lilybank Family Centre
Sandra Smillie, Polepark
Colleen Gibb, Polepark
Marion Selfridge, Social Worker
Dawn Wilson, Social Worker
Anne Marie Buckney, Health Visitor
Betty Murison, Health Visitor
Davy Tarbett, Parent

APOLOGIES

Mrs Anderson, Rosebank Primary
Eric Harper, Senior Social Worker

Formal transfer of social work responsibility has taken place. Social Worker now Marion Selfridge.

1 CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR



William - Lilybank Family Centre - Jean Dorward reported William was very insecure and upset while in care. He cried often and continuously wanted picked up. He was also disinterested in food.

William's behaviour has improved since returning home and Jean Dorward reports his behaviour is returning to that of the happy contented nature he had previously.

2 HEALTH

██████ to get pre-school booster also to attend speech therapist. William to complete screening programme. Betty Murison, Health Visitor, stated there have been no problems with medical issues in the past and Ms Archer and Mr Tarbett both ensure children receive adequate medical care, screening.

3 MS ARCHER/MR TARBETT

Marion Selfridge reported Ms Archer still intends to set up home independently.

Mr Tarbett stated he does not intend to pursue Ms Archer to return home.

Mr Tarbett has presently lodged a custody action in respect of ██████, William and ██████ and will lodge a custody action in the future in respect of ██████

4 ACCESS

It was agreed by all agencies that it would be in the best interests of ██████ and William to have regular access with their mother.

Mr Tarbett refuses to allow the children access.

Ms Archer has clearly stated she wishes to see ██████ and William and is to pursue her right to access through her solicitor.

Mr Tarbett also requests information about ██████

5 FUTURE ACTION

- Joint work to be discussed between social work and Polepark as soon as possible.
- Assess children's needs and the ability of Mr Tarbett to meet these needs.
- Assess the ability of Ms Archer to meet children's needs, at present work to be focused with ██████ specifically in mind.
- Continue to monitor nursery and school placements.

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- Discuss with children their feelings about present situation.
- Review Children's Hearing.
- Review Child Protection Case Conference.

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HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY 1994 at KIRKTON ROAD SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

DOB: 09/07/91

DATE OF
PLACEMENT: 21/01/94

DATE OF
RIC: 21/01/94

(Statute at reception into care if different)

<u>Participants:</u>	Mr Bill Chalmers	Community Assessment	Balmerino Road SWD
	(Chair)	& Review Officer	
	Mrs Dawn Wilson	Social Worker	Whitfield SWD
	Mr Eric Harper	Senior Social Worker	" "
	Ms Marion Selfridge	Social Worker	Balmerino Road SWD
	Mr Steve Murray	Senior Social Worker	" " "
	Mrs Roberta Anderson	Resource Worker	Kirkton Road SWD
		for Mrs Mills	

William

Mrs Jean Dorward

Ms Catherine Gibson

Minute Taker

Lilybank CFC

Balmerino Road SWD

Apologies: Mrs Gwen Thomson

Resource Worker

Dunkeld Rd SWD,
Perth

Ms Linda Archer

Mother

Mr David Tarbett

Father

Reason if parents or child absent:

Mr Tarbett telephoned during the meeting to apologise for his absence. Ms Archer, who had appeared at Whitfield SWD prior to the meeting after being missing for several days, felt unable to attend.

SUMMARY OF CHILD AND FAMILY BACKGROUND: (See appendix)

The Social Work Department first became involved with this family on 2/6/89 when [REDACTED] was made subject to Supervision under Section 11(1)(b) of the Guardianship Act 1973 in the care of David Tarbett (father).

David Tarbett's 5 children by his previous relationship were RIC and parental rights assumed. Linda Archer, the children's mother spent most of her early life in care.

Mr Tarbett & Ms Archer have had a relationship since before [REDACTED] birth and claims to have rescued Ms Archer [REDACTED]. There is a long history of separations with Ms Archer leaving Mr Tarbett with or without the children. The couple's relationship when they are together is volatile and aggressive.

The oldest child [REDACTED] was on the Child Protection Register from 19.12.91 - 30.06.92 under the category of physical abuse following an incident when he was hit in the face by Mr Tarbett.

In June 1992 [REDACTED] and William were received into care in Alloa for a couple of days following Ms Archer's arrest for assault on another woman in Women's Aid.

The case was re-opened in January 1993 following a request from Mr Tarbett that [REDACTED] (Linda Archer's child from another relationship) be received into care as Ms Archer had left the house following an argument. In June 1993 [REDACTED] and William were made subject to Home Supervision Orders 44(1)(a) in the care of Mr Tarbett while [REDACTED] was subject to the same order but in the care of Ms Archer. In September 1993 all the children's names were placed on the Child Protection Register - [REDACTED] under the category of Physical Abuse (Proven), [REDACTED] William & [REDACTED] under the same category but At Risk. All 4 children were also placed under the category of Physical Neglect (Suspicious). Due to the difficult relationship between the parents six Child Protection investigations were carried out in 1993.

On 20/1/94 Ms Archer left the home with youngest child [REDACTED]. Her whereabouts were unknown. Mr Tarbett requested that [REDACTED] & William be received into voluntary care as he was unable to cope with the children. [REDACTED] was placed with [REDACTED] while his siblings, [REDACTED] & William were placed with [REDACTED].

FAMILY STRUCTURE: Father - David Tarbett
Mother - Linda Archer
[REDACTED]
Sibling - William Archer
[REDACTED]

HOME ADDRESS: 7D Bonnethill Court, Dundee

NUMBER AND BRIEF DETAILS OF PREVIOUS PLACEMENT AND/OR RECEPTIONS INTO CARE:

N/A

SCHOOL/FAMILY CENTRE ATTENDED:

Lilybank Child & Family Centre

NUMBER AND DETAILS OF PREVIOUS SCHOOLS/FAMILY CENTRES ATTENDED:

N/A

OUTSTANDING ISSUES FROM RECEPTION INTO CARE PROCEDURES:

- 1 Ms Wilson to visit [REDACTED] in foster home.
- 2 Access agreement to be drawn up.
- 3 Foster care agreement to be completed.
- 4 CC13 forms to be completed.
- 5 Written information to be passed to foster carer

STATUTORY PROCESSES: (Details of Hearings, charges etc - recent or pending)

A referral is to be made to the Reporter by Ms Wilson.

HEALTH: (Immunisations, screenings, height/weight, eyesight/bearing/dental, current medication, medical appointments - issues from reception into care medical and other health issues)

At RIC medical William's height & weight were as follows:-

Height - 93 cm - 75th centile

Weight - 17 kg - 97th centile

William is presently in Ninewells Hospital. He has a viral infection which was exacerbated by his asthma. In the past year William has had a number of inpatient treatments.

There are no problems with his eyesight and his speech is improving gradually although it is still not as good as it should be.

FOSTER HOME/RESIDENTIAL UNIT: (Eating/sleeping pattern - foster care agreement/equipment - enhanced foster allowance)

Mrs Anderson (Resource Worker) stated that William and his sister [REDACTED] have been described by [REDACTED] (Foster carer) as "wild".

There were no problems with William's eating habits. He sleeps through the night however he suffers from bed wetting.

[REDACTED] had also reported that William & his sister bite anything they come into contact with but particularly each other.

Mrs Wilson stated that she had spoken to Mrs [REDACTED] this morning who had said that William & his sister were hard work. Their biting each other appeared to have improved. Mrs [REDACTED] had also said that William & his sister were loving children who needed firm guidelines. She had also reported that since William's admission to hospital [REDACTED] had been a lot calmer.

EDUCATION/FAMILY CENTRE: (Assessment of special needs - arrangements for maintaining present schooling)

William attends Lilybank Child & Family Centre.

Mrs Dorward reported that William is a very loving child whose aggression has been allowed and encouraged at home. He relates well to staff however his behaviour can go over the limits at times. William and his sister [REDACTED] often fight and he fights with the other children. William and his sister are easily frustrated. There is also a definite deterioration in his behaviour when his mother disappears.

HOBBIES/INTERESTS: (arrangements to continue)

While in the Family Centre William engages in age appropriate activities.

PARENTS' VIEWS AND CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES:

Mrs Wilson stated that Mr Tarbett had asked for the children to be taken into care as he felt unable to cope after Ms Archer left the house. Mr Tarbett has gout which is affecting him quite badly at the present time. Mr Tarbett also felt that Ms Archer's sudden departure would have a detrimental

effect on the children. However Mrs Wilson stated that she was slightly suspicious that this might be manipulative on Mr Tarbett's part in order to get Ms Archer to return. Mr Tarbett was distressed when the children were taken into care and since their RIC has seen them daily at the Lilybank Family Centre.

Mrs Wilson reported that Ms Archer, who had been missing, appeared at the Whitfield SWD this morning with [REDACTED] who was subsequently received into care. Ms Archer is currently residing at a Women's aid address in Fife.

Mr Harper informed that part of the supervision requirement was that [REDACTED] should attend Polepark Family Counselling Centre and work with Sandra Smillie. They had attempted to get the parents involved in working with Sandra about their relationship as they had claimed that they wanted to stay together for the children. At the most recent Network Meeting Mr Tarbett agreed to the children continuing this work and a half agreement to him working with Ms Smillie.

Towards the end of the meeting Mr Tarbett telephoned to apologise for his non-attendance. He subsequently agreed to attend a meeting at the Whitfield SWD that afternoon so that Mrs Wilson and Mr Harper could discuss the outcomes of this meeting.

CHILD'S VIEWS:

William is confused about what has happened.

ACCESS: (cc2f completed?)

Mr Tarbett has seen the children daily at Lilybank Child and Family Centre. Following discussion it was agreed that either Mr Harper or Mr Murray would arrange a meeting with Mr Tarbett to discuss formal access arrangements.

FUTURE PLANS:

As [REDACTED] is in care voluntarily it is hoped that he will remain in care in the immediate future.

CONCLUSIONS: (immediate and future goal)

[REDACTED] will remain in care at the present time.

IDENTIFIED TASKS:

	<u>TIMESCALE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1 Meeting will take place with Mr Tarbett to discuss the outcome of this meeting.	THIS AFTERNOON	D WILSON/ E HARPER
2 A further meeting will take place to discuss the issue of access.	1 WEEK	S MURRAY/ E HARPER
3 Reporter to be informed of the current situation and Review Hearing requested.	IMMEDIATE	D WILSON
4 Visit to be made to [REDACTED] in his foster home.	WITHIN NEXT WEEK	D WILSON
5 Written information to be passed to foster carer.	WITHIN NEXT WEEK	D WILSON

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6 Foster care agreement to be drawn up.

2 DAYS

FOSTER CARER/
RESOURCE
WORKER

8 Copies of minutes to Rosebank Primary
School, Gwen Thomson (Resource Worker),
Sandra Smillie (Polepark FCC), Douglas Law
(Social Worker)

1 WEEK

W CHALMERS

DISSENT NOTED:

TASK NO:

DISSENTER:

NEXT REVIEW:

Steve Murray is to negotiate a date for IMIC Review with Karen Bowie.

SIGNATURE

DATE

CIRCULATION LIST:

cc Group Manager
Manager
Senior Social Worker
Social Worker
Head of Establishment/Foster Carers
Parents if present at meeting
Young person if present at meeting

Present

Sandra Smilley - Polepark
Colleen Gibb - Dep Polepark
Eric Harper - Senior Social Worker (Chair)
Dawn Wilson - Social Worker
Ann Marie Buckney - Health Visitor for John
Betty Murison - Health Visitor for Michael, Linda, William
Helen Anderson - Behavioural Support Teacher, Rosebank Primary
Laura Dunbar - Parental Worker - Lilybank Child and Family Centre
Jean Dorward - Acting Manager - Lilybank Child and Family Centre
Linda Archer - Parent
Davy Tarbett - Parent

Developments

Social Work Department issue fireguard to family.

Linda removes young [REDACTED] from the house at 3 am Boxing Day in their nightclothes. Children returned to Davy by Police and OOHS a couple of hours later from [REDACTED].

Eric welcomed Davy and Linda to the meeting and outlined the professionals concerns from the previous meeting which they did not attend.

- 1) Physical safety of children - cramped flat, accidents to children, presence of [REDACTED] in flat.
- 2) Children confused over separations.
- 3) Effect of arguing between parents on children.
- 4) Linda has more understanding of children's emotional needs.
- 5) Davy more able to cope with their physical needs but little understanding of their emotional needs. Presents negative "macho" role to children. *in care*
- 6) Effect of alcohol on Linda.
- 7) [REDACTED]
- 8) Rent Arrears
- 9) Legal situation for [REDACTED] Davy has no legal rights but has had most of the physical care of him.
- 10) Children being used as pawns in games between adults.

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11) Davy co-operates with Social Work Department when Linda is away but becomes less co-operative when Linda is back.

Eric also expressed concern over incident when Mary Frame, Social Worker, and Agnes Dowdles, Social Work Assistant, visited house to investigate bruising to [REDACTED] and found [REDACTED] supervising the children inadequately whilst Davy - Linda were out. Management were close to taking a Place of Safety warrant on the children at that time.

Betty Murison, Health Visitor, reported there were no problems with [REDACTED] and William's health. [REDACTED] and William continue to attend Asthma Clinic. Betty noticed an improvement in the children's behaviour in November. Mum had more control over them and they were not so aggressive to each other and other children.

Ann Marie buckney reported [REDACTED] still needs 9 months screening and 2 immunisations. Linda said this was because he had colds but agreed to make clinic appointment.

Laura Dunbar and Jean Dorward - Lilybank report that William became very aggressive again - shaking fists, biting, hitting when Linda was away from home in November/December.

[REDACTED] had been agitated before Christmas. [REDACTED]

Both children's behaviour was fine during Christmas holidays when they attended Centre for 3 days.

Helen Anderson - Behaviour Support Teacher, reported that [REDACTED] behaviour at school is worrying. Had been kept in at play-time and lunch-time due to aggression towards other children. Educational Psychologist, David Gavine, had advised reward system which was tried but was seen as negative by [REDACTED] as he was only able to achieve one sticker. He works well in class but has difficulty interacting with peers.

Davy says [REDACTED] has always hit others and takes after himself as he was a wrestler. [REDACTED] shows no remorse for hitting.

Linda feels [REDACTED] is ok on his own but feels he needs to defend himself at school as he has gone from being the oldest in the Family Centre and has difficulty adjusting to the role of being the same age or younger than other school children.

Sandra Smilley reported that individual sessions with [REDACTED] showed he was confused about hitting, liked time alone with Mum, glad Mum was home and often feels Dad does not like him. During sessions [REDACTED] was active and reasoning.

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██████ enjoys the individual time with Sandra or Mum, ambivalent about whether or not Mum is at home. Accepts rather than questions situations or events.

Sandra feels children have received some positives from parents and that Linda has been involved but commitment is required from Davy.

Dawn Wilson reported situation appeared calm over the holidays. However Linda had feared she may have been homeless again on 31 December. This did not happen.

Sleeping arrangements are inadequate. Attempt to secure funds for bunk beds will be made.

Concerns about ██████ being in the house - allegation he ██████ Also Linda's involvement with ██████ known Schedule 1 Offender whilst she was away from Davy. Dawn posed question to Davy and Linda which they did not answer, "What would happen to your relationship if the children were in care?"

Linda expressed anger, feels blamed. Davy exerts control over her and monopolizes ██████. Admits leaving is having a bad effect on the children but challenged Davy that on 2 occasions he had been drinking and told her to take the kids in the middle of the night and leave the house. Only intervention of ██████ stopped this. Feels caught in a no win situation. Davy would have called Police and OOHS and she would be blamed for removing the children. However on one occasion Police had removed Davy from the house due to his behaviour.

Linda became agitated and left the room when Davy blamed it all on Linda saying she always bails out when drunk. Linda feels threatened by Davy. Davy saying he will never change. When meeting reconvened Eric said it had been helpful for Linda and Davy to share their feelings and perceptions and that this work needed to be taken forward with Polepark and social work in an effort to assess their ability to offer consistent care to the children.

Colleen felt that should care be considered, it should not be seen as a threat but as a positive step to help the family move forward and help resolve their difficulties.

Although Davy says he will never change he and Linda did agree to explore parenting/relationship issues with Polepark and social work.

Colleen, Sandra, Eric and Dawn to meet 12 January, 2 pm at the Whitfield Office to discuss arrangements for joint work with Linda and Davy.

Davy and Linda to meet with Eric, Dawn, Colleen and Sandra at Lilybank Child and Family Centre, Friday 21 January at 10 am.

Next Network Meeting

Dawn Wilson

Dawn Wilson
Minutes
DW/IH 21.01.94

1. MINUTE

(i) Conference Type	REVIEW	Date: 9 March 1995
Subject Children:	[REDACTED]	
	William "	09.07.91

Chair:	Ms L Cameron	Children & Families, Dundee
Office:	Whitfield Office	Group Manager: Mrs J Roberts
Tel No:	503388	Office: 6 Kirkton Road
		Tel No: 833933 ex.231

(iii) Participants Present

Name	Designation	Agency	Report Submitted (Y/N)
Ms M Selfridge	Social Worker	SWD Whitfield	Y
Mr G Bowie	Senior Social Worker	" "	N
Mrs K Dorward	Manager	Lilybank C & F C	N
Ms M Gilmore	Assistant Centre Worker	" "	N
Mrs L McDonald	Deputy Head	Kinloch Primary School	N
Mr M Dey	Social Worker	Polepark F C C	N
[REDACTED]			N
Mr D Tarbett	Father	[REDACTED]	
Ms L Archer	Mother	7D Bonneathill Ct Dundee	
		7D Bonneathill Ct Dundee	

(iv) Absent/Unable to Attend

Name	Designation	Agency	Report Submitted (Y/N)
Kath McIrvine	Case Conference Co-Ordinator	Tayside Police	N
Dr Ramsay	GP	Wallacetown H C	N
Mrs B Murison	Health Visitor	Wallacetown HC	N
Mr Kidd	Head Teacher	Grange Primary School	N
Copies also to:			
Mrs J Roberts	Group Manager	SWD, 6 Kirkton Road	
Mr J Gilruth	Asst Principal Officer (Child Protection)	Tayside Regional Council	
Mrs L Paterson	Regional Manager	Podium Block Tayside House	
Mrs S Findlay	Service Manager	Out of Hours Service	
Dr M G Dale	Cons Paediatrician	Dundee Healthcare Trust	
		Dundee Healthcare Trust	

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)

Ms Cameron (Chair) invited introductions from those in attendance and checked factual information available. As a report was not forthcoming for [REDACTED] another Conference will be convened to discuss him separately.

PARENTAL ATTENDANCE:

Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer were at another meeting and will be joining the meeting shortly.

FAMILY COMPOSITION:

[REDACTED]				
Subject:	William Tarbett	dob	09.07.91	" " " "
[REDACTED]				
[REDACTED]				
Mother:	Linda Archer	dob	17.06.69	" " " "
Stepfather:	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 1994 under the categories of Physical Abuse, Physical Neglect and Emotional Abuse. At a Review Case Conference on 13 September 1994 the children's names were retained on the Child Protection Register.

DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST CONFERENCE:

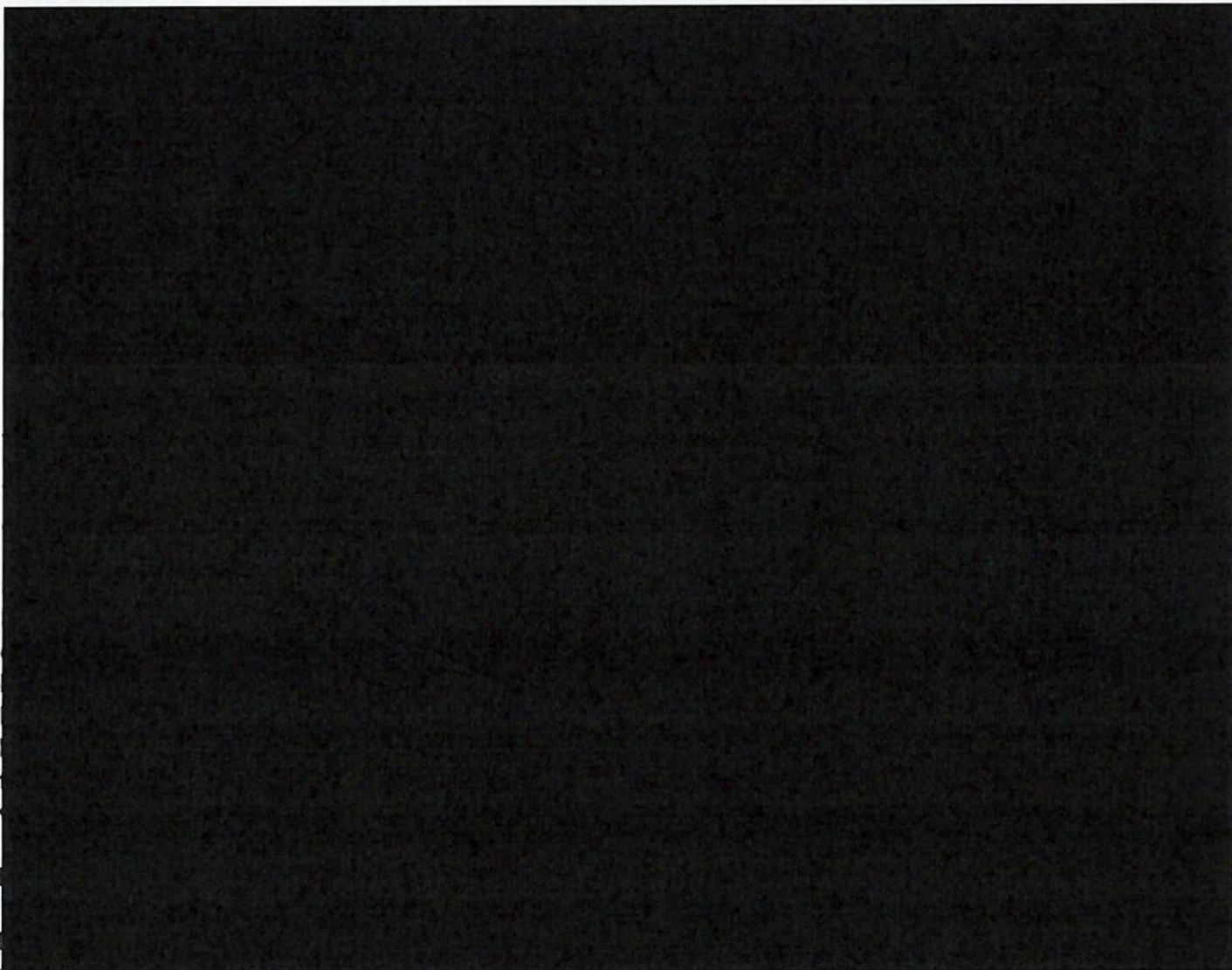
Ms Selfridge (SW) reported that [REDACTED] and William remain in care with Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] Monifieth while [REDACTED] remains with Mrs [REDACTED]. She has attempted to work with Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer in individual sessions looking at the children being returned home and work has also been done by Mr Strathie from St Matthews Child and Family Centre. The outcome of this up to date is that Mr Tarbett is of the opinion that he has no problems with the care of the children and there are no problems with the children's behaviour. Ms Selfridge stated that Ms Archer is a bit more positive and does accept that the children have problems. Work went on with joint sessions with both parents to look at their relationship and to look at their care of the children and how they could change it to make home life a bit safer for the children. Mr Tarbett continued to say that he had no problems and the Department took the decision, after some discussion to end these sessions. The recommendation will be that the children do not return home to Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer and the only other option is to look at Ms Archer setting up home independently and to be seen to be managing on her own.

At the last Case Conference all the children were living at home with Mr Tarbett who was still refusing to work with the Social Worker or the Department. At the Children's Hearing Mr Tarbett had said he would co-operate and this did not happen. At that time the Hearing was postponed for a Safeguards Report. Mr Tarbett then brought the children to the Children's Hearing and a Place of Safety was taken on 22.09.94 as there were concerns around for the children's behaviour and Mr Tarbett was still refusing to work with the Department.

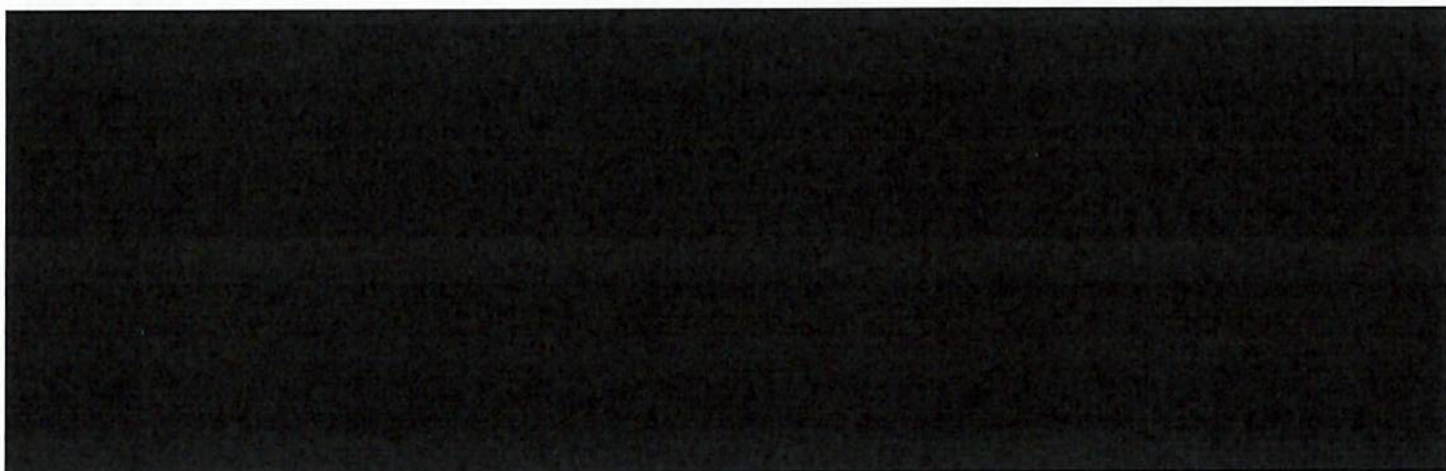
At that time Ms Archer was still living in Womens Aid but after the children were received into care she returned to the family home hoping the children would be returned.

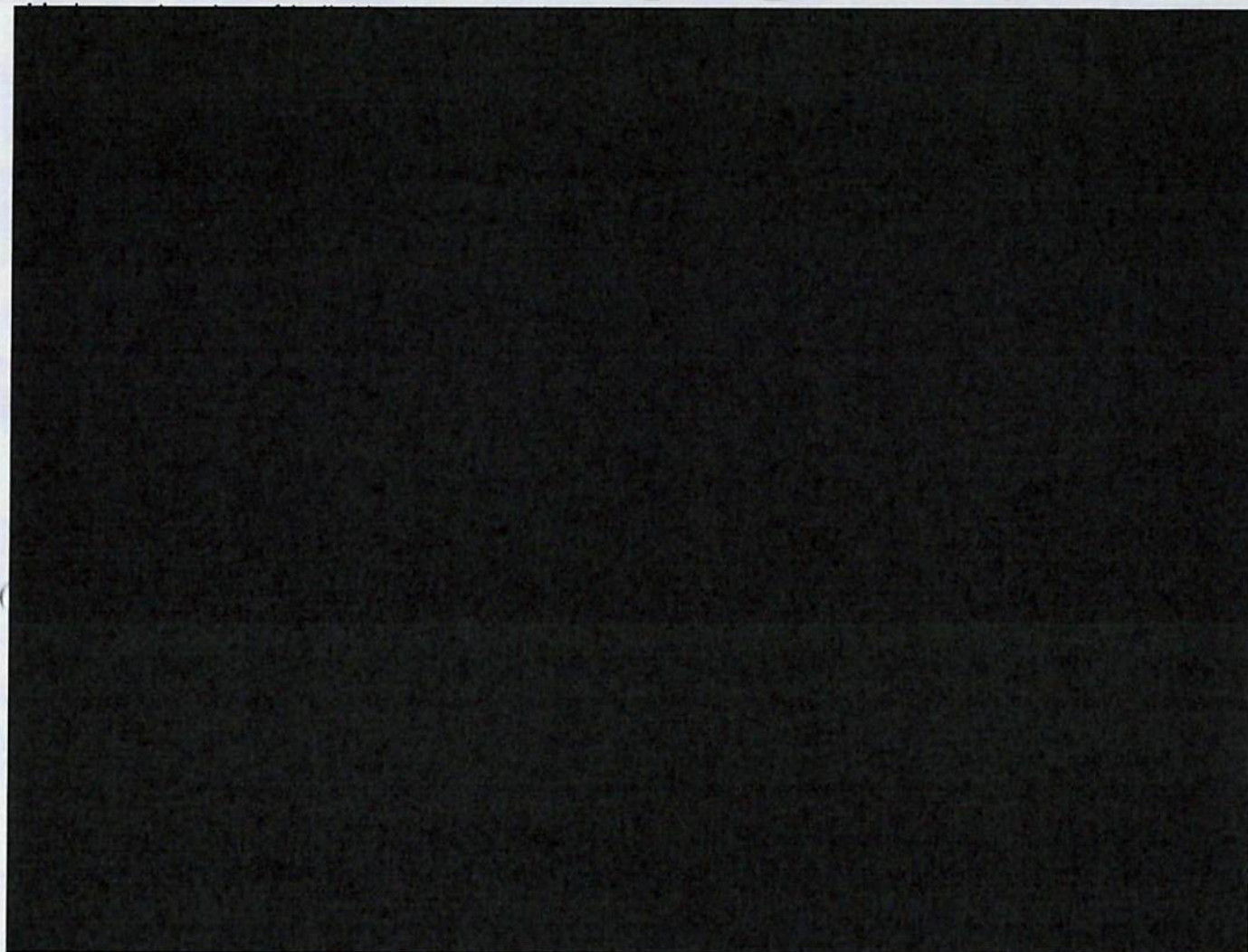
Mr Bowie (SSW) reported that it took a period of three months trying to engage Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer to work with the Department.

CHILDREN:



discussed.





William Tarbett (b 09.07.91)

Ms Selfridge (SW) reported that medically William has had a few problems recently. He has developed a really bad stammer and previously his speech was really clear. When William gets excited his stammer gets worse. William has been referred to Speech Therapy. William has also been wetting himself at the Family Centre but not in the carer's home. This was previously not a problem.

William is presently not needing any medication for his asthma but a check is kept on this. He had his three and a half year screening when there were no signs of his asthma.

Ms Gilmore (Assistant Centre Worker) reported that when William plays with other children he can be a bit boistrous. He loves one to one attention and would be quite happy being on his own with his keyworker as he does not like other children interrupting. William has quite low concentration and will only sit for five minutes doing a puzzle when he loses interest. William very rarely sits for any length of time and is not interested in painting or modeling

Ms Gilmore stated that William's stammer is quite worrying. William has also been wetting himself at the Centre but not in the carer's home. It was reported that William has been displaying some concerning sexualised behaviour.

He has been sitting on his keyworker's knee, stroking her body and asking if this is what her boyfriend does to her. William has also been quite aggressive recently in his physical and verbal communication.

Mrs Dorward (Manager) mentioned that lunchtimes has been problematic recently especially if Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer have been at the Centre. William will switch from sitting there quite happily to being quite aggressive.

Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] (Foster Carers) reported that William is no problem at home. He fits in well with the rest of the children in the household and is a lovable little boy. The only problem is when [REDACTED] is aggressive with William as they share a bedroom. William cannot concentrate on drawing for very long but will sit and play with cars for quite a long time.

Mrs [REDACTED] mentioned that William was not interested in drawing at his screening. It was mentioned also at his screening that his stammer might be something that comes with his age group and not to be too worried about it. William's stammer started just after Christmas. Mrs [REDACTED] stated that William is very good at home going to the toilet. Mr Tarbett stated that in the Centre William does go to the toilet but does not pull his trousers down far enough and wets himself. It was thought this was maybe attention seeking and the Centre will monitor this.

Ms Cameron (Chair) asked if William hit back when [REDACTED] was aggressive towards him and it was noted that he usually tells Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] about this although he can fight back.

POLEPARK FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE:

Mr Dey (SW) reported that the children have been seen for three sessions and more sessions are planned. All the children seem to enjoy this and initially 'touching' was discussed.

[REDACTED] is very loyal to his parents and worries about what he says. Nothing of great significance has come out of these sessions so far. A few more sessions will be held and then an assessment will be completed. Mr Dey wondered if the day the children attend Polepark could be changed as they go on to access. This will be checked out.

ACCESS:

Access is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Douglas Child and Family Centre from 3.45 to 5 pm. This is supervised previously by Maureen Petrie but now by Cath Owler. Ms Selfridge reported that she also has supervised access which she found to be quite chaotic with the children being very boisterous. The children can be aggressive towards each other and get very excited. Ms Selfridge stated that Ms Archer makes an effort to play with the children even although their concentration does not last. Ms Archer also tries to control their behaviour. Mr Tarbett talks to the children and spends a lot of time with William. He tends to shout if the children are misbehaving.

Mrs [REDACTED] reported that the children are usually fine after access and talk about what they have eaten. William asks practically every morning if it is the day for access. Every now and then [REDACTED] talks about access but it is usually to say what sweets he has been given.

It was noted that [REDACTED] talks about what she has done at access and she gets quite excited about access and speaks a lot about William.

Mr Tarbett stated that he felt he was not getting long enough for access.

Mrs Owler (SWA) has supervised one access and reported that the three children were very boistrous throughout access. Ms Selfridge stated it was difficult trying to confine the children and Mr Tarbett stated the children do not run about, they only go to the toilet.

REGISTRATION:

Ms Selfridge (SW) recommended that the children's names should be removed from the Child Protection Register as they are in care and are not presently at any risk. Mr Bowie (SSW) agreed stating that the risks the children were under before do not apply as they are in care. Those present agreed and it was unanimously decided that [REDACTED] and William Tarbett's names be removed from the Child Protection Register.

Ms Cameron (Chair) thanked those present for attending and the meeting closed.

<u>Recommendation and Agreed Task</u>	<u>Person or Agency Responsible</u>
1 Should the children return to their parent's care a Case Conference will be convened.	Ms M Selfridge/Mr G Bowie

(viii) Was concern such that Child has been Registered? (Y/N): N/A
Date of Registration (d/m/y):

2. AREA OF IDENTIFIED ABUSE (See Guidelines)

Area of Abuse [1]	Level of Certainty:
Area of Abuse [2] (Optional)	Level of Certainty:

. IF OUTCOME DEREGISTRATION, REASONS

Please detail below:

No plans to return the children to the care of Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer in the near future, therefore, children are presently not at risk.

4. OTHER DETAILS

(i) Dissent: None

(ii) Other None

5. CORE WORKERS

Case Co-ordinator:	Mr G Bowie (SSW)	Keyworker:	Ms M Selfridge (SW)
Office:	Whitfield SWD	Office:	Whitfield SWD
Tel No:	503388	Tel No:	503388

Other Core Workers or Agencies involved in Case:

<u>Agency Name or Worker 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): N/A

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

(ii) Minute prepared by

E Whyte	10/03/95	(Clerk/Typist)
<i>Byrne</i>	<i>15.3.95</i>	(Chair)

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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:
9 March 1995 regarding [REDACTED] and William Tarbett and agree with the
content and recommendations.

Signature:

Date: