

TAYSIDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

AREA

CHILDREN'S HEARING

INFORMATION SHEET

Name of child [REDACTED] WILLIAM TARBETT

Address 7 D BONNETHILL COURT, DUNDEE

Date of Hearing 15/6/93

Time of Hearing 10 15 to

Reason for Hearing REMIT

Name of Reporter DICK RAWKINSON

Names of Panel Members

MRS KNOWLES Chairman

MR. DOIG Member

MRS SWORD Member

State grounds of referral accepted:

Grounds established by Sheriff 21/5/93

Comments:

Davy very vocal. Linda did not speak much. Had to be encouraged by Reporter. Davy saying children don't need supervision. Not agreeing to access. Says only Sheriff can impose.

Disposal:

44(1)(a) home with Mr. Tarbett.
3 conditions - attendance at Lylebank, Polopark & access.

Stewart
Social Worker

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DW/IH

14 June 1993

REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL FOR TAYSIDE

Supplementary Report

CHILDREN CONCERNED

Social Work

Department

Lothian Crescent

Dundee

DD4 OHU

Tel 0382 503838

William Tarbett DOB 09.07.91

Address: 7D Bonnethill Court, Dundee

This report should be read in conjunction with reports dated 25.02.93, 10.03.93 and 02.04.93.

Current Situation

and William continue to live at the above address with their father, David Tarbett. Mr Tarbett has given up full-time work in order to look after the children but relies on his daughter, and niece, to help with babysitting. The children occasionally spend the week-end with their maternal grandmother, Linda Brannen, in Forfar on a rota basis.

Ms Archer and , the children's mother and step-brother, are currently in bed and breakfast accommodation following a number of moves precipitated by Mr Tarbett finding out Ms Archer's location.

Developments since 02.04.93

Ms Archer and baby move accommodation following Children's Hearing on 02.04.93 when Mr Tarbett found out where she was staying. On 14.04.93 William was hospitalised for 5 days with Asthma. Tarbett remains in hospital with him.

A Child Protection Case Conference was held on 21.04.93 concerning incidents detailed in Report of 02.04.93 and sexualised behaviour. In a statement on 30.03.93 cousin, 2 year old her

and William were not registered on the Child Protection Register as there was not enough evidence to meet the criteria of emotional abuse.

A recent police investigation followed an allegation by David Tarbett and corroborated by

This

Tarbett

is denied by [REDACTED] Ms Archer also denied the allegation stating she would not put the children at risk. She does admit [REDACTED] at one point but says this was due [REDACTED]. A statement from Alloa Health Centre indicates [REDACTED] was only treated for Asthma, [REDACTED] Statements from a [REDACTED] in Alloa and Ms Archer's mother, Linda Brannen failed to corroborate the allegation. The police took the decision not to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 07.05.93 following an initial Children's Hearing, Ms Archer moves again as Mr Tarbett finds out where she is through his lawyer. On leaving the Hearing Mr Tarbett follows the social worker's car transporting Ms Archer, [REDACTED] and Social Work Assistant, Agnes Dowdles. His behaviour led us to believe he intended ramming the back of my car and forcing me off the road. He only broke off the pursuit when I drove to Police Headquarters.

Proof Hearing on 21.05.93 finds the grounds established. Ms Archer moves again wishing to be closer to Dundee.

On 02.06.93 Ms Archer spends a night in police custody following a charge of Assault and Breach of the Peace. [REDACTED] is looked after by a friend.

Assessment

Since [REDACTED] and William returned to Mr Tarbett's care it has been noted that they appear clean, healthy and with fewer bruises and bumps than when they were in Ms Archer's care. Although Mr Tarbett can be loud and brusque at times, there is obvious affection between the children and himself and they readily go to him for comfort. He does however still fail to recognise the professionals' concerns over the extent of aggressiveness the children display. The children continue to attend Lilybank Child and Family Centre full-time and, although the children are often violent towards each other, there is a strong bond between them. Their social behaviour and play continues to cause staff concern and the Educational Psychologist has been consulted. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] tend to be disruptive and aggressive in large groups and do not share well. William continues to be aggressive towards other children. However, this seems more out of habit than "wilful". He is very cheerful, affectionate and goes readily to any adult.

Mr Tarbett receives support from his extended family, especially [REDACTED] in caring for his children with Ms Archer's mother, Linda Brannen, offering occasional support at the week-ends.

Given the number [REDACTED] allegations which have been made and the number of investigations carried out, it is unclear what [REDACTED] know and what has been suggested to them. Their behaviour suggests they may have witnessed inappropriate behaviour but whether this was accidental or intentional is unclear. [REDACTED] has been referred to Polepark Family Counselling Centre for individual Play Therapy in order to work through his angry feelings and act through the origins of his sexualised behaviour

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in a safe environment without pressure from either parent. It is also envisaged that [REDACTED] will receive Play Therapy as well.

The children have rarely asked about their mother and do not appear unduly upset at her absence although they have asked about her on recent days. Ms Archer would like access to the children but knows Mr Tarbett would not allow it without his presence and as she is adamant not to pursue her relationship with him she feels she has no options. It is unclear if she intends seeking access to the children through the Courts.

Although Ms Archer's circumstances appear stable at the moment history would suggest that the situation may deteriorate if Mr Tarbett becomes aware of her whereabouts. Her abuse of alcohol has in the past also put the children at risk.

Mr Tarbett continues to blame [REDACTED] for all the family's problems and up to recently has intimated his willingness to have Ms Archer back.

Recommendation

As has been stated in previous reports, the children have endured very difficult and unsettling lives due to their parents' relationship problems. They have also been at risk of physical and sexual abuse as evidenced by the number of Child Protection investigations undertaken.

In order for the children to receive the consistency of care which they require, I respectfully recommend that [REDACTED] and William be subject to Home Supervision under 44(1)(a) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 in the care of their father, David Tarbett. I also recommend a condition be included that the children continue to attend Lilybank Child and Family Centre until they are ready for school.

Dawn Wilson

Dawn Wilson
Social Worker

DW/IH
14.06.93

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REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL FOR TAYSIDE SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968

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Notice about Child referred to the Reporter to the Children's Panel S.W.D. (EAST)

Surname TARBETT Christian Names WILLIAM

Date of Birth 9.7.91 Age 1 School

Home Address 58 NAPIER DRIVE, DUNDEE

Present Address

Social Work Area EAST Social Worker DAWN WILSON

Reporter's Reference No W/10515 Referral No 3

PLEASE QUOTE IN ALL COMMUNICATIONS

SWSGS NO 9109.11.807 Dated 1.3.93

Reason for Referral Section 32(2)(c) & (d) 42(6) Remit

☐ Thank you for your report/referral Dated

INFORMATION REQUESTED:

☐ Please give me more information as specified in the attached note.

☒ I would be grateful for a report to assist me and any Hearing which may be convened for this child.

☐ Please submit the report by:

☐ Note:

HEARING

☐ I will arrange a Hearing upon receipt of a social background report.

☒ I have arranged a Hearing on Tuesday 15 June 1993 at 10.15 am/pm.

☒ You are expected/invited to attend the Hearing.

☐ A representative who knows the child and can take part in the discussion at the Hearing is expected/invited to attend.

☐ Note:

RESULT

☐ I am taking no further action/and have asked the Police to warn the child.

☐ I am referring the case to the Social Work Department to offer advice, guidance and assistance on a voluntary basis.

THE HEARING DECIDED

☐ To Discharge the referral under Section 42(2) (c) or 43(2). . . on

☐ To apply to the Sheriff for proof of the Grounds Section . . . on

☐ To continue the case as arranged above, From

☐ To issue a Supervision Requirement under Section . . . on

☐ To continue the existing Supervision Requirement under Section . . . on

☐ To vary the Supervision Requirement from Section . . . to Section . . . on

☐ To terminate the Supervision Requirement on

☐ As a result of the Requirement/decision, the child will be living at

☐ Note:

☐ Enclosures

Signed Catherine McAtos

Dated 31/5/93

ADDRESS OF REPORTER

Tel. 23.41 ext. 3894/ Floor

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Form of statement by reporter of grounds for the referral of a case to a children's hearing (Conditions in Section 32(2)(a) to (gg) or (i) of the Act)

William Tarbett (9.7.91)
7D Bonneathill Court
DUNDEE

Age 1

is being referred to a Children's Hearing for Tayside on the grounds of the following conditions:-

- c) lack of parental care is likely to cause him unnecessary suffering or seriously to impair his health or development
- d) any of the offences mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 has been committed in respect of him or in respect of a child who is a member of the same household [as specified at Fact 2]

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. In support of conditions (c) & (d) it is stated that:

- 1 William Tarbett, age 20 months, was born on 9 July 1991. His parents Ms Linda Archer (17.6.79), age 23, and David Tarbett (8.4.47) age 46, lived together from 1986 until December in 1991, although on several occasions during that time they separated and reconciled. From December 1991 until July 1992 William, his brother [redacted] age 4, and sister [redacted] age 3 have lived with their mother in various Women's Aid Refuges outwith Dundee.
- 2 The attached grounds of referral dated 24 February 1992 were established at Dundee Sheriff Court on 3 April 1992. At the subsequent Children's Hearing on 22 June 1992 the grounds were discharged because the Hearing members felt that Ms Archer and Mr Tarbett were on better terms and coming to amicable agreements regarding the care of the children.

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J. van der Beek
(On behalf of the Reporter)
Tayside Regional Council
Reporter's Department
91 Commercial Street, Dundee DD1 2AF
Notes

Date ... 18 March 1993...

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At the children's hearing the child or his parents may or may not accept the grounds for bringing the child before the hearing. If the grounds are accepted by the child, and his parents (if present) the children's hearing will discuss and consider with the child and his parents what is best for the child. If any of the grounds are not accepted, the hearing may either discharge the referral or direct the reporter to apply to the Sheriff for a decision as to whether or not any of the grounds exist. If this happens, the child will have to appear before the sheriff at a later date. If the Sheriff decides that any of the grounds do exist, the children's hearing will then discuss and consider what is best for the child, as if these grounds had been accepted. If the Sheriff decides no grounds exist, the referral will be discharged.

Name: William Tarbett

STATEMENT OF FACTS (continued)

- 3 In July 1992, Ms Archer returned with William and [REDACTED] to live with Mr Tarbett at 7D Bonnethill Court, Dundee.
- 4 On 18 December 1992, Ms Archer gave birth to [REDACTED] whose putative father is [REDACTED]
- 5 On 5 January 1993, Ms Archer left the family home at 7D Bonnethill Court, Dundee. Mr Tarbett asked the Social Work Department to assist with [REDACTED] care. Ms Archer returned home the next day.
- 6 On 9 February 1993, Ms Archer left 7D Bonnethill Court, Dundee, with William, [REDACTED] All were accommodated overnight in a Homeless Unit.
- 7 On 10 February 1993, unknown to Mr Tarbett, Linda Archer and the four children were housed in temporary accommodation at 58 Napier Drive, Dundee.
- 8 On 1 March 1993, [REDACTED] was uplifted by his father while being taken to Lilybank Child & Family Centre. The Police were unable to return [REDACTED] to Ms Archer as neither parent has legal custody.
- 9 On 3 March 1993, [REDACTED] had nine teeth extracted under general anaesthetic at Westgate Clinic, Dundee. [REDACTED] was seen later the same day sitting outside 58 Napier Drive, Dundee, with his father.
- 10 On 6 March 1993, Mr Tarbett forcibly removed [REDACTED] and William from 58 Napier Drive, Dundee. William, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] now reside with Mr Tarbett at 7D Bonnethill Court, Dundee. Ms Archer and [REDACTED] are now residing outwith Dundee.
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J. M. Bell
 (On behalf of the Reporter)
 Tayside Regional Council
 Reporter's Department
 91 Commercial Street, Dundee DD1 2AF

Date.. 18 March 1993.....

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Name: William Tarbett

STATEMENT OF FACTS (continued)

- 11 The children can be aggressive towards each other. There have been concerns about the number and nature of bruises and bumps on the children.
- 12 On 13 or 14 February 1993, at Napier Drive, Dundee, [REDACTED] (age 4) and [REDACTED] (age 3) were found by a neighbour playing outside number 58 at around 4 am.
- 13 Ms Archer wishes to care for her four children but does not wish to resume her relationship with Mr Tarbett. She has on several previous occasions, however, reconciled with Mr Tarbett.
- 14 Mr Tarbett wishes to care for William, [REDACTED]. He would care for [REDACTED]. Mr Tarbett has until recently wished to resume his relationship with Ms Archer.
- 15 The relationship between Ms Archer and Mr Tarbett is characterised by separations, reconciliation and disputes over the custody of the children. Ms Archer and Mr Tarbett have been unable to provide the children with consistent care and their relationship is detrimental to the children's wellbeing.
- 16 William is a member of the same household as [REDACTED]

Grounds established at Dundee Sheriff Court on 21 May 1993

J. van der Bell
 (On behalf of the Reporter)
 Tayside Regional Council
 Reporter's Department
 91 Commercial Street, Dundee DD1 2AF

Date... 18 March 1993....

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REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL FOR TAYSIDE SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968

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Notice about Child referred to the Reporter to the Children's Panel S.W.D (East)

Surname TARBETT Christian Names WILLIAM

Date of Birth 9.7.91 Age 1 School

Home Address 70 Bonnethill Court, Dundee

Present Address

Social Work Area East Social Worker Dawn Wilson

Reporter's Reference No W110515 Referral No 4

PLEASE QUOTE IN ALL COMMUNICATIONS

SWSGS NO 910911807 Dated 7/4/93

Reason for Referral 32(2)(c) Alleged lack of parental care

☐ Thank you for your report/referral Dated

INFORMATION REQUESTED:

- ☐ Please give me more information as specified in the attached note.
- ☐ I would be grateful for a report to assist me and any Hearing which may be convened for this child.
- ☐ Please submit the report by:
- ☐ Note:

HEARING

- ☐ I will arrange a Hearing upon receipt of a social background report.
- ☐ I have arranged a Hearing on at am/pm.
- ☐ You are expected/invited to attend the Hearing.
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- ☐ Note:

RESULT

- ☐ I am taking no further action and have asked the Police to warn the child.
- ☐ I am referring the case to the Social Work Department to offer advice, guidance and assistance on a voluntary basis.

THE HEARING DECIDED

- ☐ To Discharge the referral under Section 42(2) (c) or 43(2) on
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☐ Enclosures

Signed Quinn MacLellan

Dated 31/5/93

Reporter to Children's
Panel for Tayside
Dundee District
91 Commercial Street,
Dundee. DD1 2AH
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Reporter to Children's
Panel for Tayside
Dundee District

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William Tarbett
D.O.B. 9.7.91

Background

■■■■■■■■■■ Tarbett started attending Lilybank Child and Family Centre on 15 February, for a part time morning placement. At that time ■■■■■■■■■■ was attending Dens Road nursery. Following Linda Archer, mother, and the children leaving the family home, all three children were given a full time placement at Lilybank C.&F.C. Mr. Tarbett uplifted ■■■■■■■■■■ from the Centre on March 8 and has since taken custody of ■■■■■■■■■■ and William. All three children are currently attending the Centre regularly on a full time placement.

Large motor skills

■■■■■■■■■■ large motor skills are adequately developed. He particularly enjoys outside play, especially riding the two-wheeled cycle.

■■■■■■■■■■ large motor skills are adequately developed although she can be clumsy at times. William's large motor skills are adequately developed. He especially likes to play at kicking a ball, taking part in action games and dancing. He copes well with all the large play equipment such as chutes, see-saws, tricycles etc.

Fine motor skills

■■■■■■■■■■ fine motor skills are well developed. He can use pencil, paintbrush, scissors etc. competently.

■■■■■■■■■■ motor skills are adequately developed. She can use pencils and paintbrush well but has not yet mastered using scissors. William's fine motor skills are adequately developed.

Hand & eye co-ordination etc.

■■■■■■■■■■ H&E co-ordination is well developed. He is particularly good at jig-saws and enjoys art activities. He can readily identify colours and shapes. His concentration span is good when engaged in self selected activities such as jigsaws or books - up to 30-40 minutes. He can follow the Centre's play programme with no difficulty.

■■■■■■■■■■ H.&E. co-ordination is adequately developed. Like ■■■■■■■■■■ she is very good at completing jigsaws and her attention span at this activity and looking at books is upwards of 30 minutes.

William's H&E co-ordination is developing adequately. He particularly enjoys sand and water play and singing games.

Hearing and Speech

■■■■■■■■■■s speech is quite clear and his vocabulary is adequate. He talks freely and does not appear to have any hearing difficulties.

■■■■■■■■■■ articulation is poor and her vocabulary seems limited. A referral has been made to Speech Therapy.

William's speech is clear but his vocabulary is limited.

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Social behaviour and play

■■■■■ enjoys attending the Centre and, after his initial "quietness" and eagerness to please, is now beginning to assert himself and test the boundaries. His behaviour is beginning to cause staff some concern - his "cheek" and disruptive behaviour. He does not share well and reacts aggressively if a favoured toy is taken from him. He can be disruptive at large group activities such as story time, but copes better with small group activities. ■■■■■ can behave very well at meal times, - he can serve himself, use cutlery well, his eating habits and appetite are good. ■■■■■ readily carries out instructions and likes to be given tasks like tidying up or setting the dinner table etc.

■■■■■ toileting, hand washing skills etc. are good.

■■■■■ enjoys attending the Centre. Initially ■■■■■ behaviour was very aggressive towards staff and children and to ■■■■■. This is improving and ■■■■■ is learning to control herself but will still react violently towards other children if "provoked". Like ■■■■■, she is disruptive at large group times, - getting up and wandering off, climbing onto furniture etc. ■■■■■ seems to prefer solitary play but will play alongside other children. She does not play well co-operatively.

■■■■■ has a good appetite and can feed herself well although she is a messy eater. She enjoys serving herself and helping to set and clear the tables. However her behaviour at the table is disruptive, in that she gets up and stands on her chair, wanders away from the table etc. This is one aspect of her behaviour that is being monitored for the Child Psychologist.

■■■■■ toileting, hand washing skills etc. are good.

William is enthusiastic about attending the Centre and settled well from the outset.. On admission his behaviour was very aggressive - hitting out, scratching and biting the other children without provocation. Although William has calmed down considerably he still bites and hits other children, especially those younger. However this seems to be more from habit than "wilful". William enjoys playing with other children. He is a very cheerful and affectionate child and goes readily to any adult.

General Comments.

Although these children are often violent towards each other there is a strong bond between them. ■■■■■, especially after ■■■■■ was uplifted by his father, is particularly anxious to keep checking on William in the other playroom - she just likes to see him and give him a hug before going happily back to her playroom.

When they were in the care of their mother there was concern over the number of bumps, bruises, scratches and bites that all the children were presenting with. Most of these were the result of their aggression towards each other. This has more or less stopped since they have been in the care of their father.

The children are always clean and well clad.

The children's behaviour at home time has been a cause for concern. If they are collected by their father there are no problems but if collected by other family members the children will cause a scene, run away etc. This behaviour is also being monitored for the Child Psychologist. A recent incident at home time involving sexualised behaviour from ■■■■■ raised concerns and this is being investigated by Social Work Dept.

Laura Dunbar, Parental Worker
29.3.93

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REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL FOR TAYSIDE

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968

Notice about Child referred to the Reporter to the Children's Panel SOCIAL WORK DEPT.

DUNDEE EAST

Surname TARBETT Christian Names WILLIAM

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Home Address 58 NAPIER DRIVE, DUNDEE

Present Address

Social Work Area EAST Social Worker DAWN WILSON

Reporter's Reference No W/10515 Referral No 3

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SWSGS NO 910911807 Dated 1.3.93

Reason for Referral Section 32(2)(c)

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THE HEARING DECIDED

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☒ To apply to the Sheriff for proof of the Grounds Section 42(2)(c) & 42(7) on 7/4/93

☐ To continue the case as arranged above. From

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☐ Note :

☐ Enclosures

Signed Dawn Wilson

Dated 12/4/93

ADDRESS OF REPORTER

Tel. 23.31 Ext 394/ Floor

TAYSIDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

AREA _____

CHILDREN'S HEARING
INFORMATION SHEET

Name of child *ARDETT/ [REDACTED]*

Address
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Date of Hearing *APRIL 7, 1993*

Time of Hearing *10-15* to

Reason for Hearing *Initial Hearing*

Name of Reporter *ELAINE NESS*

Names of Panel Members

..... <i>MR J McDonald</i>	Chairman
..... <i>Mr. AS Brown</i>	Member
..... <i>Mrs. N Sheikh</i>	Member

State grounds of referral accepted:

Comments:

*Mrs Sheikh concerned about care arrangements given [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in hosp. a [REDACTED] no longer caring for them
David Toibell no longer working.
David & Linda present with lawyers Children also
attended.*

Disposal:

To Sheriff for Proof.

..... *Wilson*
Social Worker

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2 April 1993

REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S HEARING FOR TAYSIDE

Supplementary Report

Children Concerned

[REDACTED]
William Tarbett DOB 09.07.91 - 7D Bonnethill Court, Dundee
[REDACTED]

**Social Work
Department**

Balmerino Road
Dundee
DD4 8RW

Tel 0382 501133
Home Help 0382 501414
Fax 0382 502927

This report should be read in conjunction with reports dated
25.2.93 and 10.3.93.

Current Situation

[REDACTED] and William continue to live at the above address with their father David Tarbett. Following his removal of [REDACTED] and William from Ms Archer's care on 6.3.93 Mr Tarbett refused to allow all three children to return to Lilybank Child and Family Centre until 15.3.93 fearing Ms Archer would uplift the children. Initially, Mr Tarbett's older daughter [REDACTED] who is 18 and on the Independent Living Scheme was minding the children as Mr Tarbett works full-time. When she returned to work Mr Tarbett agreed to the children returning to the family centre. Currently [REDACTED] Mr Tarbett's niece who is a single parent with a two year old daughter, minds the children from 7 am - 9 am and 3.30 - 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday. Mr Tarbett sometimes works weekends and the children spend time with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has also spent a couple of weekends with Ms Archer's mother in Forfar.

[REDACTED] continues to live with Ms Archer in Womens Aid accommodation. Ms Archer has applied for her own accommodation. Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer are each continuing to seek custody of [REDACTED] and William through the courts.

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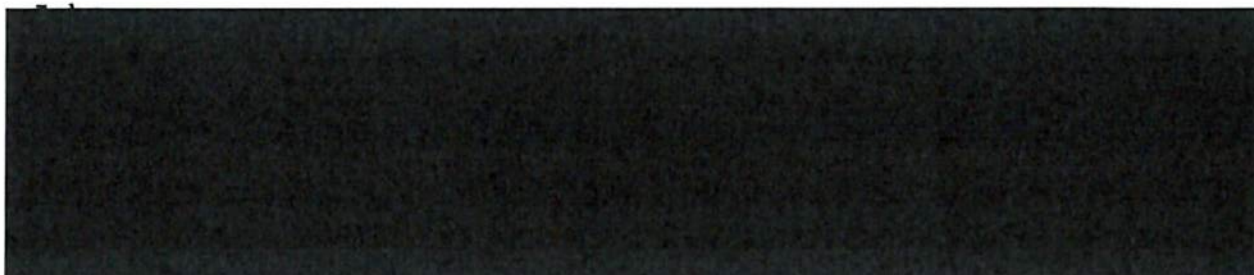
2 April 1993

Tarbett [REDACTED] Children



William

Although only two years old, William is robust and learning from his brother and sister to be aggressive towards them and other children. He enjoys attending Lilybank Child and Family Centre and seems outwardly to have been less affected by the recent events. He too suffers from asthma and is on Ventolin.



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2 April 1993

Tarbert/[REDACTED] Children

Assessment

Mr Tarbett appears to have been very possessive of Ms Archer and physical violence and separations seems to be a feature of their relationship. On a number of occasions, Ms Archer has left Mr Tarbett with and without the children. The family also have a long history of allegations and counter-allegations of physical abuse towards the children.

March 1990 - Mr Tarbett alleged that Ms Archer was unable to care for [REDACTED] because of drug abuse. No evidence.

19.12.91 - 30.6.92 - [REDACTED] name on Child Protection Register following allegation of assault by David Tarbett.

Jan 1992 - Alloa Womens Aid workers expressed concern following an incident when Linda was seen hitting [REDACTED].

January 1993 - Mr Tarbett requests baby [REDACTED] be received into care as Ms Archer had left the house following an argument and fight with Mr Tarbett. Ms Archer returned the following day.

20.1.93 - CP investigation on [REDACTED]. Second stage medical concluded bruising to left eye could have been caused accidentally when Ms Archer hit him accidentally with a wellington boot whilst tidying the bedroom. Recently Mr Tarbett claimed this was not the case and that Ms Archer was drunk when she hit [REDACTED].

9.2.93 - Ms Archer and the four children move to temporary accommodation following break-down in relationship.

12.2.93 - Ms Archer alleged that Mr Tarbett had over-chastised the children over a long period of time using a yard stick.

15.2.93 - [REDACTED] has black eye. William hit her with baby bottle.

16.2.93 - Ms Archer informs Social Work Department that Michael and Linda were outside playing at 4.30 am. Neighbour informs Social Work Department that [REDACTED] and William were wandering in the street in their pyjamas on Sunday afternoon. Mortice lock subsequently fitted to front door. No further incidents.

1.3.93 - Mr Tarbett "snatched" [REDACTED] outside Lilybank Child and Family Centre. [REDACTED] witnessed incident and was observed to be distressed.

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Tarbett [REDACTED] Children

2.3.93 - [REDACTED] examined by Dr McAra at Lochee Health Centre - scratches to Linda's left cheek were consistent with explanation that William had scratched her because she hit him. William sustained a laceration below his left eyebrow when he tripped and fell against the window sill.

3.3.93 - [REDACTED] had nine teeth removed under general anaesthetic at Westgate Health Clinic. It was of some concern that Mr Tarbett sat outside Ms Archer's address with [REDACTED] one and a half hours after the extractions and again two hours later. Both Ms Archer and [REDACTED] were distressed that he had been brought out so soon after surgery. Ms Archer felt Mr Tarbett was manipulating the situation in order to gain access to her house.

6.3.93 - Mr Tarbett forceably entered Ms Archer's house and removed [REDACTED] and William. Ms Archer and [REDACTED] subsequently move following Mr Tarbett's alleged assault and threats.

30.3.93 - Current investigation of [REDACTED] sexualised language and behaviour.

A Child Protection Case Conference will shortly be convened to consider whether the children's names need to be on the Child Protection Register.

The chaotic lifestyle, sudden moves, changes of carers, over-chastisement and witnessing violence and aggression is having a detrimental effect on the children. Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer appear caught up in their own situation and at times are unable to consider the best needs of the children. On occasion in the past, Ms Archer has been seen to be flat and unresponsive to the children as she felt trapped living with Mr Tarbett. With a high level of support from Social Work Ms Archer was more able to begin to meet the children's needs until the current situation broke down leading her to move again. Mr Tarbett on the other hand is able to provide the physical and financial security which he considers meets the children's needs but has little concept of their level of aggression. Both still have difficulty grasping the seriousness of our concerns regarding the safety and emotional welfare of the children. Very little attention, warmth or play interaction has been shown to the children by the parents. This has led to constant battles to stop the children fighting each other.

The only stable factor in [REDACTED] and William's lives has been their attendance at Lilybank Child and Family centre where they are learning to interact appropriately with and respect other children and to enjoy play. All are eager to attend however on a number of occasions their behaviour deteriorates at home time.

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Tarbett [REDACTED] Children

Conclusions and Recommendations

It is clear that both Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer have difficulty putting the children's needs before their own. It should also be emphasised that Mr Tarbett's removal of the children in such a violent, aggressive manner from their mother's care caused them some distress.

Given that the issue of custody and parental relationship will continue to pose problems for the well-being of the children for the foreseeable future, I would respectfully recommend that [REDACTED] and William Tarbett be subject to Supervision Requirements 44(1)(a) of Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 in the care of Mr Tarbett at 8D Bonneathill Court, Dundee with a condition that they continue to attend Lilybank Child and Family Centre full-time. I also recommend that [REDACTED] be subject to Supervision Requirement 44(1)(a) in the care of his mother Ms Archer.

These recommendations are for the following reasons:-

- 1 Mr Tarbett is able to offer [REDACTED] and William stability of accommodation and their continued attendance at Lilybank Child and Family Centre.
- 2 Ms Archer is unable to provide suitable and adequate accommodation at the moment to meet [REDACTED] and William's needs and has made little effort to seek access or take pro-active steps to regain the care and custody of them. She is however able to provide adequately for [REDACTED]
- 3 It is unclear if Ms Archer will remain adamant in her wish to end her relationship with Mr Tarbett.
- 4 A referral to Child Psychiatry is being submitted for [REDACTED]
- 5 Concerns for the safety and emotional development of the children.

Dawn Wilson

Dawn Wilson
Social Worker

REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL FOR TAYSIDE

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968

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Notice about Child referred to the Reporter to the Children's Panel

SOCIAL WORK DEPT
DUNDEE EASTSurname TARBETT Christian Names WILLIAMDate of Birth 9.7.91 Age 1 SchoolHome Address 58 NAPIER DRIVE, DUNDEE

Present Address

Social Work Area EAST Social Worker DAWN WILSONReporter's Reference No W/10515 Referral No 3

PLEASE QUOTE IN ALL COMMUNICATIONS

SWSGS NO 910911807 Dated 1.3.93Reason for Referral Section 32(2)(c) & 32(2)(d)
☐ Thank you for your report/referral Dated

INFORMATION REQUESTED:

☐ Please give me more information as specified in the attached note.

☒ I would be grateful for a report to assist me and any Hearing which may be convened for this child.

☒ Please submit the report by: 2 APRIL 1993
☐ Note:

HEARING

☒ I will arrange a Hearing upon receipt of a social background report.

☒ I have arranged a Hearing on Wednesday 7 April 1993 at 10.15 am/pm

☒ You are expected/invited to attend the Hearing.

☐ A representative who knows the child and can take part in the discussion at the Hearing is expected/invited to attend.

☐ Note:

RESULT

☐ I am taking no further action/and have asked the Police to warn the child.

☐ I am referring the case to the Social Work Department to offer advice, guidance and assistance on a voluntary basis.

THE HEARING DECIDED

☐ To Discharge the referral under Section 42(2) (c) or 43(2). . . on

☐ To apply to the Sheriff for proof of the Grounds Section . . . on

☐ To continue the case as arranged above. From

☐ To issue a Supervision Requirement under Section . . . on

☐ To continue the existing Supervision Requirement under Section . . . on

☐ To vary the Supervision Requirement from Section . . . to Section . . . on

☐ To terminate the Supervision Requirement on

☐ As a result of the Requirement/decision, the child will be living at

☐ Note:

☐ Enclosures
Signed Panel NoticeDated 18/3/93

Reporter to Children's

Panel Notice

ADDRESS OF REPORTER

Dundee, Scotland
Tel. 23281 Ext. 394/ Floor

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Form of statement by reporter of grounds for the referral of a case to a children's hearing (Conditions in Section 32(2)(a) to (gg) or (i) of the Act)

William Tarbett Age 7 months (b. 9.7.91)

is being referred to a Children's Hearing for Tayside on the grounds of the following conditions: -

- 32(2)(d): any of the offences mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 has been committed in respect of him or in respect of a child who is a member of the same household [as specified at Fact 3]

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. William Tarbett was born on 9th July, 1991. His parents, Linda Archer (b. 17.6.69) and David Tarbett (b. 8.4.47) lived together from 1986 until December 1991 although on several occasions during that period the couple separated and reconciled. He has a sister [redacted] and a brother [redacted]. Since Ms Archer's and Mr Tarbett's separation in December 1991, [redacted] and William have lived with their mother.
2. On 9th December, 1992 [redacted] was medically examined at Ninewells Hospital and was found to have the following injuries: -
 - (i) an area of fullness and redness over the outer aspect of his right eyebrow with some faint bruising also in this region. This injury was about 36 to 48 hours old.

(ii)/

..... *S. Jukes*
 (On behalf of the Reporter)
 Tayside Regional Council
 Reporter's Department
 91 Commercial Street, Dundee DD1 2AF

Date 24 February 1992

Notes

At the children's hearing the child or his parents may or may not accept the grounds for bringing the child before the hearing. If the grounds are accepted by the child, and his parents (if present) the children's hearing will discuss and consider with the child and his parents what is best for the child. If any of the grounds are not accepted, the hearing may either discharge the referral or direct the reporter to apply to the Sheriff for a decision as to whether or not any of the grounds exist. If this happens, the child will have to appear before the sheriff at a later date. If the Sheriff decides that any of the grounds do exist, the children's hearing will then discuss and consider what is best for the child, as if these grounds had been accepted. If the Sheriff decides no grounds exist, the referral will be discharged.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS (continued)

- (ii) a $\frac{1}{2}$ " circular bruise lying between the bridge of the nose and the inner aspect of his right eye with a small punctate abrasion at its centre. This injury was about 36 to 48 hours old.

3. The injuries mentioned in Fact 2 (i) and (ii) were deliberately inflicted on [REDACTED] on 8th December 1991 by Mr Tarbett. Mr Tarbett had been drinking prior to this incident. Mr Tarbett's behaviour constitutes an offence under Section 12 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1937, which states that, if any person over the age of 16 years who has the custody, charge or care of any child under that age, wilfully assaults or ill-treats the child in a manner likely to cause the child unnecessary suffering or injury to health, that person shall be guilty of an offence. This is an offence in terms of paragraph (c) of Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975.

This ground of referral was established at Dundee Sheriff Court on 3rd April, 1992. S Jackson, Area Reporter.

..... S. Jackson
 (On behalf of the Reporter)
 Tayside Regional Council
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DW/LS

10 March 1993

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CHILDREN CONCERNED -

William Tarbett

DOB 9.7.91

Previous Address - 58 Napier Drive, Dundee

Recently Mr Tarbett has become aware of Ms Archer and the children's whereabouts. On Monday 1 March 1993 Mr Tarbett snatched [REDACTED], who was being taken to Lilybank Child & Family Centre by a Social Work Assistant. Police were unable to return [REDACTED] to his mother's care as neither parent has legal custody.

On Saturday 6 March 1993 Mr Tarbett removed [REDACTED] and William from Ms Archer's address at 58 Napier Drive and Ms Archer and baby [REDACTED] subsequently moved to Women's Aid in Perth following Mr Tarbett's assault threats.

On both occasions the children were seen by Social Workers and Police at Mr Tarbett's address at 7D Bonnet Hill Court and appeared content and well cared for. As Mr Tarbett works full-time [REDACTED] (18 years), step-sister to the children, who is currently on Independent Living Scheme, is looking after them during the day. Mr Tarbett does not wish the children to attend Lilybank Child & Family Centre until the issue of custody has been settled by the Court. I understand both Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer are raising custody actions in respect of the children and the case is due to be heard in Court on Thursday 11 March 1993.

Throughout this period Ms Archer has received a high level of support from Social Work Department in caring for her four children. It is evident that this level of support would need to be continued for the foreseeable future to enable her to cope with her children as a lone parent should she be granted custody. Social Work Department has been concerned over the number and nature of the bumps and bruises that the children present with, both recently and in the past.

Director
Peter James Bates

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TARBETT [REDACTED]

On Tuesday 2 March 1993 [REDACTED] and William were examined by Dr McAra at Lochee Health Centre. Scratches to [REDACTED] left cheek were consistent with explanation that William had scratched her because she hit him. William sustained a laceration below his left eye-brow with swelling to the eye-lid when he tripped and fell against the window-sill on Sunday.

Shortly after moving into 58 Napier Drive [REDACTED] had been found playing outside the house once during the night, having unlocked the front door. A mortice lock was subsequently fitted.

Following his removal from his mother's care [REDACTED] had 9 teeth removed under general anaesthetic at Westgate Clinic as scheduled. It was of some concern that Mr Tarbett sat outside Ms Archer's address with [REDACTED] 1½ hours after the extractions and again 2 hours later. Ms Archer was obviously distressed that [REDACTED] had been brought out so soon after surgery and felt Mr Tarbett was manipulating the situation in order to gain access to her house. Thereafter Mr Tarbett was often in the area and admitted to having the house watched.

On Thursday 4 March 1993 Ms Archer's solicitor, Mr McGlone of McGinley, McDonagh, Milne obtained an Interim Interdict against Mr Tarbett approaching Ms Archer and one against him uplifting [REDACTED] and William. It was understood that Mr Tarbett would be served the Interdicts on Friday. On this basis Ms Archer was prepared to remain at her current address having taken the precaution of moving up to one of the bedrooms as Mr Tarbett had threatened to smash the windows. She had also made arrangements to spend most of Saturday and Sunday with friends. Unfortunately the situation broke down quickly on Saturday morning when Police were unable to act as they had no copy of the Interdicts.

The children's situation continues to be fraught with difficulties as the parents fight over custody. Ms Archer is adamant in her wish to care for her children away from Mr Tarbett. Mr Tarbett is also adamant in his wish to care for the children and to have Ms Archer back and has made it plain he would hound and threaten her if she had the children and would find out where they are no matter where they moved.

In view of past and present circumstances I would ask that a Children's Hearing be convened at the earliest opportunity to discuss the children's situation as I feel they may be in need of compulsory measures of care.

Dawn Wilson

Dawn Wilson
SOCIAL WORKER

DW/LS
10.3.93

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25 February 1993

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REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL
FOR TAYSIDE

FAMILY COMPOSITION

Linda Archer (17.06.69) mother

William Tarbett (09.07.91) subject

ADDRESS: 58 Napier Drive
DUNDEE

OTHERS:

David Henderson Tarbett (08.04.47) father to [REDACTED]
and William

Address: 7D Bonneathill Court
DUNDEE

Address: [REDACTED]
DUNDEE

BACKGROUND

Reports dated 23 December 1991 and 13 February 1992 which came before the Panel, give full background information.

RECENT HISTORY

On 5 June 1992, the Sheriff Court in Dundee awarded custody of [REDACTED] to Mr Tarbett and interim custody of [REDACTED] and William to Ms Archer and the Supervision Order on [REDACTED] under Section 11(1)(b) of the Guardianship Act 1973 was terminated. Ms Archer and the children subsequently returned to live with Mr Tarbett in Dundee at the end of July 1992. At the present time, custody of the 4 children remains with Ms Archer.

The family again came to the attention of the Social Work Department on 5 January 1993 at the request of Mr Tarbett that [REDACTED] be received into care as Ms Archer had left the house following an argument and fight with Mr Tarbett. Ms Archer

By: [REDACTED]
Peter James Bates

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returned to the home the following day, however, the home situation finally deteriorated on 9 February 1993. Ms Archer and the children subsequently moved to the Homeless Unit for one night and are now housed in temporary accommodation at the above address awaiting allocation of permanent accommodation.

As in the past, Mr Tarbett is attempting to find out the whereabouts of the family and is again applying to the Sheriff for legal custody of [REDACTED] and William. Ms Archer is adamant in her wish to care for the children on her own and to end her relationship with Mr Tarbett. The children's circumstances continue to be fraught with difficulties as the parents attempt to resolve their difficulties. However, Ms Archer fears that their circumstances and routine will be quickly disrupted and unsettled when Mr Tarbett finds out where they are living.

CHILDREN

[REDACTED] has been attending Dens Road Nursery but is now attending Lilybank Child and Family Centre 5 days a week along with [REDACTED] and William due to concerns that Mr Tarbett would uplift [REDACTED] from Dens Road Nursery. All children have been seen by myself and other Social Work staff to be aggressive and hurtful to each other, often inflicting bruises to each other, and to be without boundaries. This is possibly learned behaviour and as a result of the level of violence witnessed and allowed at home by parents. [REDACTED] is particularly at risk given his age and inability to protect himself. All children have recently been registered with a GP at Lochee Health Centre and [REDACTED] has been seen by Liz Stewart, Health Visitor. He is currently prescribed antibiotics for a chest infection.

[REDACTED] name was removed from the Child Protection Register on 30 June 1992. Recently, he has been the subject of Child Protection investigations on 20 January and 12 February 1993. The first investigation was as a result of bruising to his eye caused by a wellington being thrown by Ms Archer. A second stage medical concluded injury could have been caused accidentally. The second investigation followed Ms Archer's allegation that Mr Tarbett had hit [REDACTED] with a yardstick and frightened him by hitting the quilt whilst [REDACTED] was in bed. [REDACTED] was only able to recall previous incidents when the family lived in Whitfield.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

It is clear that both Mr Tarbett's and Ms Archer's early life experiences and relationship difficulties are having a profound detrimental effect on the children. A custody action is again

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being raised by Mr Tarbett. He has previously admitted to the writer that if Ms Archer left him, he would not be able to care for the children as he works all day and they would have to come into care.

Both Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer have been informed of the professionals' concerns surrounding the care of the children and that a referral is being submitted to the Reporter to the Children's Panel.

In view of the above, I would respectfully recommend a Children's Hearing be convened as I believe these children may be in need of compulsory measures of care.

Dawn Wilson

Dawn Wilson
Social Worker

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