

 Dundee City Council Social Work Children's Services	LOOKED AFTER AND ACCOMODATED CHILDREN FORM 8 CARER / KEYWORKER REVIEW REPORT
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NAME OF CHILD/ YOUNG PERSON	<i>William Tarbett</i>	DOB:	<i>09.07.91</i>
CURRENT ADDRESS	<i>Strathcarron Place Young Person's Unit</i>		
	<i>20 Strathcarron Place, Dundee</i>		

DATE OF LAST REVIEW	<i>23.09.04</i>
DATE OF THIS REVIEW	<i>15.03.05</i>

Please include comments, covering the period since the last review, under the following headings:

PLACEMENT

(including how you feel the placement meets the child's needs, any changes, emotional and social behaviour, and self care skills)

There have been some changes, with young people moving on and new young people arriving at Strathcarron since the last Review. Billy has coped with this very well. A new male resident and Billy have become friends. The other residents are female and the two groups do not spend much time with each other.

Billy and the other male resident spend much of their free time together. They mostly get on very well, but occasionally can become irritated with each other's company.

Billy has had a very positive time in Strathcarron and sees it as his long-term placement. He has excellent relationships with staff and young people within the unit and this has created a very stable and supportive placement for Billy.

The placement at Strathcarron continues to meet Billy's needs. He has said he does not want to consider a family placement at the present time and he feels he would be better off at Strathcarron.

Billy is continuing to develop emotionally and is much more in control of this behaviour thanks to the stability of the placement and his positive relationships with staff and young people.

He has age appropriate self-care skills, although he needs encouragement and support in this.

EDUCATION*(including academic progress, attendance, behaviour)*

Billy has shown a great commitment to his school over the past two years. He has a considerable distance to travel and has managed this without any problems. His behaviour at school has shown improvement over the same period. Billy is usually keen to do homework, although he is not confident about his abilities.

HEALTH*(Note any Health issues, treatments, appointments etc.)*

Billy keeps in good health. He has recently had an in growing toenail removed and has coped with this well. His other big toe is going the same way and he has an appointment in the 14th with the Podiatrist.

Billy has started going to Ice Hockey training with another resident. This takes place on Thursday evenings and both YP greatly enjoy this and appear committed to keeping this activity going. His recent toenail removal has meant that Billy has missed a few weeks training, but he still attends to watch the other YP train and meet with friends there.

FAMILY CONTACT*(including frequency and nature of contacts and social relationships)*

Billy keeps in regular contact with Dad and his brothers. He has no contact with Mum at present. His Mum had borrowed money from him and did not return it. Billy always returns on time from contact visits.

LEGAL ISSUES*(Note statute and any legal developments)*

None. Billy remains on a Section 70 Naming Strathcarron Place as his place of residence.

SOCIAL WORK SUPPORT

(including summary of work carried out by Key Worker or other support worker and any changes of plan)

Billy meets his Social Worker every 6 weeks, as agreed at the last review. Maureen Petrie (SWA) has more regular contact.

Staff at Strathcarron have worked with Billy at moderating his behaviour. In the past he has found it difficult to keep his temper, particularly if others were misbehaving. At present, Billy appears to be much more in control of his temper and this has been the case for a considerable time. It is appreciated the Billy is not a 'morning' person and we try to minimise any potential for conflict or misunderstandings first thing in the morning.

ANY OTHER ISSUES

(including your view on the proposed plan for the child's care)

None.

Signed Paul Campbell

Name

PAUL CAMPBELL

(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Date 11 March 2005

**MINUTE OF 6 MONTH REVIEW
AND CARE PLAN**

DATE OF MEETING	15.03.05	VENUE	Strathcarron YPU
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CHILD/YOUNG PERSON'S NAME	William (k/n Billy) Tarbett		
DATE OF BIRTH	09.07.91	URN	
CURRENT ADDRESS	Strathcarron YPU		

PRESENT

Billy Tarbett, Young Person
Paul Campbell, Keyworker
June Hopkins, Social Worker
Mrs Ford, Guidance Teacher, Monifieth High School
Maureen Petrie, Social Work Assistant
Roberta Anderson, Reviewing Officer & Minute taker

Apologies: Mr Tarbett, Father

REPORTS

Mrs Ford, Guidance Teacher
June Hopkins, Social Worker
Paul Campbell, Keyworker

RECORD OF DISCUSSION:

LEGAL STATUS

There is no change from Billy's last review. He remains subject to a section 70 (named place, away from home) supervision requirement naming Strathcarron YPU as his place of residence.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LAST REVIEW

1. Billy to continue to live at Strathcarron YPU. Met and ongoing.
2. Billy to continue at Monifieth High School. Met and ongoing.

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3. Workers and Mrs Ford to continue to raise Billy's awareness for the need for dental treatment, treatment for his infected toe nail and the importance for BCG testing/immunisation if he needs it. Partly met. Billy has had treatment for his toenail but still refuses to think about the other two items (see review minute for further detail).
4. Mrs Ford will try to find out the possibility of Billy getting BCG testing/immunisation at the same time as the next lot of children at Monifieth High School. She will feedback information to June Hopkins/Strathcarron. Not met. Billy refused to have a BCG test.
5. Contact to continue as at present, with regular reviews to make sure it is going smoothly for Billy. Met.
6. Billy to do more homework as requested by teachers. Not met, noting that Mrs Crow has been unable run her homework club this term.
7. June Hopkins to draw up a contract for her, Billy and Strathcarron to sign, about regular contact between her and Billy, approximately 6 weekly. Met.
8. Regular contact contract for Billy with Maureen Petrie, is agreed by Lynda Low, Senior Social Worker (to be drawn up and signed - frequency to be agreed between Mrs Petrie and Lynda Low). Met but this is an informal arrangement and not organised by contract (see minute for details).

PLACEMENT

Billy confirmed that he continues to enjoy living at Strathcarron - he described it as "ok - better than living with carers". He remains comfortable with the idea of staying at Strathcarron until he is ready to move on to independent living, which he sees himself doing at 16.

Paul Campbell's comments echoed those in his report. He and other unit staff see Billy's placement at Strathcarron as very positive and the right place for Billy. Paul commented that looking at things in the longer term, Billy has made tremendous progress since he has been in Strathcarron YPU. Everyone agreed with this comment.

Mr Campbell said that Billy has coped well with changes in the group of young people living at Strathcarron since his last review. There are now three girls and two boys in the unit. Billy gets on well with the other boy at Strathcarron and they do things together such as ice-skating.

If there have been any incidents in the unit, Billy has managed to stay on the periphery of these. June Hopkins and Paul Campbell commented on Billy's developing maturity and Mrs Hopkins said it was refreshing to get so many reports from Strathcarron staff about Billy's positive behaviour.

EDUCATION

Mrs Ford said that everything is fine at school; Billy agreed. He is clearly still feeling very positive about attending Monifieth High School.

Mrs Ford said that Billy has just made his choices for subjects next year. He had wanted to do PE as a Standard Grade but because he has consistently forgotten his games kit, he was not accepted for this course. Billy seems to have accepted this with good nature, although Mrs Ford said that if it becomes an issue, then it might be possible to get the PE department to reconsider.

Billy is going to do Spanish as a modern language instead of French, to give him a fresh start because his French teacher thinks he has "gone as far as he can" with French. Billy will be taking some subjects at Standard Grade and some at Intermediate Grade 1. Mrs Ford said both of these will lead on to fifth year subjects, if Billy decides to stay on at school. She also explained that in fourth year, Billy will have an opportunity to do a "course ready" one day a week programme for pupils to look at college courses. He will need to think about this around this time next year. Billy was quite enthusiastic about this idea, because he says that he has no intention of staying on for a

fifth year, he is going to leave school as soon as he can. Mrs Ford commented that perhaps his decision will depend on what his group of friends decide to do at the time.

Billy still plays football for school and is part of a very successful team at the moment (although he pointed out he hasn't been able to play whilst recovering from treatment to his feet). Mrs Ford said Billy is popular in class and has a small group of particular friends.

Paul Campbell said he thought it should be noted that although Billy has done very well at Monifieth and has managed the travelling backwards and forwards everyday very well, staff at the school also deserve credit for working hard to keep Billy there, especially as he lives well outside their catchment area.

HEALTH

Paul Campbell described Billy as robust and healthy. He keeps himself fit by playing lots of football at school and by going ice-skating.

There was a brief discussion about dental treatment again. Billy is still reluctant to go to the dentist. Although he is getting encouragement from Mr Campbell and others involved about the importance of going for regular check-ups. Billy said he had made a dental appointment but this is being cancelled. Paul Campbell confirmed that Billy's dentist had cancelled three appointments that Billy had made. He agreed to help Billy make another appointment with the same dentist because it was acknowledged that it's becoming increasingly difficult to register with dentists in Dundee as National Health Patient.

Mrs Ford said that she had tried to encourage Billy to have a BCG test as discussed at his last review but he had refused to do this. Billy confirmed that he still isn't willing to think about having this. However Mrs Ford will continue to encourage him, as will all the other people involved in Billy's care. Mrs Ford will try to arrange for Billy to get his BCG test the next time this is done with a group of pupils at school.

Billy was justifiably proud of himself because he had been to get treatment for his in-growing toenail, at long last. He realised he had to do this when his toe began to go septic. He's had the toenail removed from one foot and is getting treatment for the in-growing toenail on his other foot at the moment. This has meant that Billy has been unable to play football, which he has found frustrating, and it has been difficult for him to get his shoes on. Billy gave a graphic account of the treatment he had received.

FAMILY CONTACT

Mrs Hopkins confirmed that there have been no changes to Billy's contact arrangements. He continues to see his dad on an informal basis, which works best for him. Mrs Hopkins said this stops any pressure on Billy; this is the reason why there are no conditions about contact in his supervision requirement. Everyone has continued to encourage Billy to be honest about how often he meets his dad, rather than to sneak about and pretend he's not seeing him.

Billy confirmed that he sees his dad almost everyday. Mr Tarbett comes up to Strathcarron and waits outside for Billy after school. Billy also visits him at home at the weekends and helps his dad with his work.

Mrs Hopkins said that Mr Tarbett has a good relationship with staff at Strathcarron and is very supportive of Billy's placement there. If there is anything that the unit needs to know, then Mr Tarbett contacts them and lets them know, for example once when Billy had been drinking Mr Tarbett brought him back. Billy spoke about this incident himself. Mrs Hopkins pointed to Billy that his dad would have been worried about his welfare. She said that Mr Tarbett wants Billy to do well and Billy respects his dad's views. She said that Mr Tarbett is happy for Billy to remain at Strathcarron until he is 16. Paul Campbell confirmed that Mr Tarbett does contact the unit if there is anything he feels he needs to talk about with them.

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Billy said that he sees his brother, [REDACTED] when he visits his dad, because [REDACTED] now lives at home.

Billy's sister, [REDACTED] is now living in the Junction YPU and they have telephone contact with each other. However, Billy said he doesn't want to see [REDACTED] at the moment. Maureen Petrie pointed out Billy and [REDACTED] have always had "off/on" contact with each other anyway.

Billy said he doesn't have regular contact with his mum or his wee brothers but he does seem them sometimes.

Billy and Maureen Petrie have been having informal contact, on a befriender basis. Mrs Petrie said that they haven't met very often because of her commitments and because Billy is very busy but when they do meet it's fine: they are due to meet tomorrow. Billy said that he enjoys this contact.

SOCIAL WORK

- Following on from the last review June Hopkins made a contract with Billy, and involving unit staff, that she would see him every six weeks. This arrangement is working for Billy who says that he now enjoys seeing June. He said it is "cool" to see her every six weeks. He agreed that he would like to stick to this arrangement. Mrs Hopkins said that this arrangement works from her point of view because she knows when she's going to see Billy and that this will be regularly. In between her meetings with him, the unit keeps her up to date with what's going on for Billy.
- There was a brief discussion about a referral to the Moving On Team and it was agreed that this would be discussed in more detail at Billy's next review.

CARE PLAN

The care plan for Billy is that he will remain at Strathcarron YPU until he is 16 and he will continue to be accommodated under section 70 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 on a named place supervision requirement.

RECOMMENDATIONS/DECISIONS MADE AT REVIEW

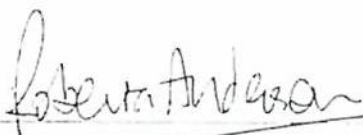
Recommendations/Decisions and actions to be taken.	By Whom	By When
1. Billy to remain at Strathcarron YPU.		Ongoing
2. Billy to remain at Monifieth High School.		Ongoing
3. Contact to continue as now.		Ongoing
4. Mrs Ford will continue to encourage Billy to have a BCG test and will arrange for this to be done when the next lot of children get tests at Monifieth High School.		Ongoing
5. Billy will continue to see June Hopkins 6-weekly as per contract.		Ongoing
6. Maureen Petrie and Billy will continue to meet on an informal basis as they do now.		Ongoing
7. Paul Campbell will help Billy set up another dental appointment and continue to encourage him to keep this noting that the previous three appointments were cancelled by the dentist, not by Billy.		ASAP

ANY DISSENT NOTED AND ACTION TAKEN

None.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING 30th August 2005 at 9.15am at Strathcarron YPU.

Signed



Name

MRS ROBERTA ANDERSON
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

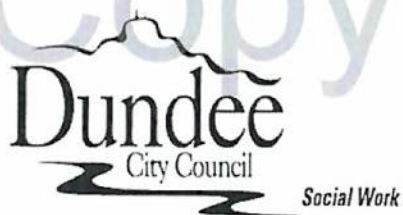
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REPORT TO SCOTTISH CHILDREN'S REPORTER ADMINISTRATION SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following child:-

Surname	<u>Tarbett</u>
Christian Names or Forenames	<u>William</u>
Date of Birth	<u>09.07.91</u> Sex <u>Male</u>
Address	<u>Strathcarron YPU, Strathcarron Place, Dundee</u>
School attended	<u>Monifieth High School</u>
Religion	<u>Protestant</u>

BASIS OF REPORT REQUESTED

Section 73(4)(a) Variation of Supervision Requirement.

Casework responsibility transferred from Ingrid von Arnim to June Hopkins in October 2003. This report is based on my contact with William since that date and from copious Social Work Department records.

FAMILY COMPOSITION

Name	Dob/ Age	Relationship to child	Employment/ School/Other etc	Income/ Source	Residence if different
Linda Robertson	17.6.69	Birth mother	none		Believed to be residing at 96 Dens Road, Dundee but not confirmed
David Tarbett	8.4.47	Birth father	none		7D Bonneathill Court Dundee

Child's Name: William Tarbett

INTRODUCTION TO WILLIAM'S CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES

William was placed in the care of the Social Work Department on a Place of Safety Order at a Children's Hearing in September 1994. The Panel at that time had serious concerns about the behaviour of William and his siblings [REDACTED] and the lack of adequate parental control. William was three years old at that time. In October 1994 William and his siblings were placed on a Supervision Order (Away from Home). The Supervision Order has been continued since that date.

In March 2000 William was placed on a long-term fostering basis with Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] foster carers with Dundee City Council. Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] provided an excellent placement for William. However, in mid -2002 the quality of the relationship between William and his carers began to deteriorate. In November 2002 Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] indicated to the Social Work Department that they were unlikely to be able to continue William's placement beyond June 2003 at the latest. At a Network Meeting on 11th February 2003 Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] informed the Department that the placement would need to end by Saturday 5th April 2003.

As the placement neared an end the situation for the [REDACTED] Family and William became increasingly strained and was not helped by the inability of the Department to identify a placement for William. Following a series of increasingly frequent aggressive incidents, it was decided that William needed to be removed immediately, for his own safety and that of the [REDACTED] family and others, including fellow pupils at school.

On 19th March 2003, William was placed on an emergency basis with Mr [REDACTED], ACE Carer, in Dundee for a period of three weeks. On 11th April 2003, William was moved to Strathcarron YPU due to a shortage of foster placements. William has continued to reside at Strathcarron Young People's Unit, as the Social Work Department has been unable to identify an alternative more suitable placement.

In February 2004, a carer, [REDACTED] was identified for William and introductory visits took place. However, William decided not to proceed with this prospective placement. At this time, William strengthened links with his parents and siblings and his loyalties are clearly towards them at present. [REDACTED] was Looked After by the Social Work Department until 2003 but then returned home to live with his father. [REDACTED] had been in a long-term foster placement but this broke down and she moved to Ace carers in Arbroath. Continuing family links, particularly with her mother, served to undermine [REDACTED] placement and she has recently moved to the Junction to be Looked After.

William continues to have frequent contact with his father and generally this is a stabilising influence on him - this is clearly contrary to Mr Tarbett's past conflicting role with the Social Work Department. More recently, William has had contact with his mother and this can create stress. Linda Robertson is a very volatile person and William can be overly sensitive to her erratic behaviour. This is an area where he requires support from his father along with residential and Social Workers.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Mr Tarbett has five adult children by a previous marriage. The relationship ended in 1979 and the children were received into care. In February 1983 Parental rights were assumed in respect of all five children.

Ms Robertson and her older brother were received into care when she was 18 months old. Her parents had separated and both had been convicted of neglect. She spent all her childhood years in the care of the local authority apart from a two year period, 1980 -1982, when she returned to her mother's care.

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She has many negative memories from this time, having lived in nine different placements including foster homes and residential units.

Mr Tarbett and Ms Robertson met and began their relationship when he was 39 and she was 17. Ms Robertson and Mr Tarbett set up home in Whitfield shortly after they met. Ms Robertson became pregnant [REDACTED]

William's brother [REDACTED] was born in 1988 and his sister [REDACTED] in 1989. William was born in 1991 and a half-brother, [REDACTED] by a different father, in 1992.

Following [REDACTED] birth it would appear that the parental relationship deteriorated quickly. It continued to be problematic, with numerous separations and reconciliations. When together, the relationship was reported as acrimonious, with many arguments, fights and incidents of physical violence. Both parties were described as strong willed and unwilling to back down. The children were present during many of their parents' arguments and witnessed physical violence between them. Against this background the children received poor, often neglectful, parental care.

William, [REDACTED] were received into the care of the Social Work Department in September 1994 as a direct consequence of the conflictual parental relationship and its impact on their care and subsequent behaviour.

Since their separation Ms Robertson has maintained that she does not intend to renew her relationship with Mr Tarbett. Nevertheless, it would appear that Ms Robertson has periods of almost daily communication with Mr Tarbett.

Mr Tarbett has seemed to the Social Work Department to remain quite preoccupied by the ending of his relationship with Ms Robertson. For many years he raised concerns and allegations regarding Ms Robertson's behaviour on a regular basis. It is Mr Tarbett's view, as expressed to previous social workers, that the children's mother does not love them, because she has not fought to have them returned to her care as he has, and that she is now neglecting to maintain contact with them.

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO COMPULSORY MEASURES OF CARE FOR WILLIAM AND HIS SIBLINGS

There has been regular and more or less continuous Social Work department contact with [REDACTED] and William throughout their lives.

The children were received into care for the first time on 21st January 1994 ([REDACTED] then aged 5 years 7 months, [REDACTED] 4 years 10 months and William 2 years 4 months.) Ms Robertson had left the family home and Mr Tarbett felt unable to care for the children. The children came into care for the second time on 22nd September 1994 after the Children's Hearing made a Place of Safety Order. They have remained in care ever since. The principle areas of concern, leading to proceedings and their reception into care were:

a) Parents' acrimonious relationship and their willingness to involve the children in this conflict

Both Ms Robertson and Mr Tarbett made numerous allegations to the Social Work department about each other and about each other's care of the children.

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These included:-

- That Ms Robertson [REDACTED]
- That Mr Tarbett had assaulted her.
- Allegations from both parents against the other of physical abuse of the children/ inappropriate care of the children/ being drunk while in charge of the children.

Many of these allegations were made in front of the children.

Workers noted that neither parent made any attempt to keep the children separate from their relationship difficulties.

Mr Tarbett frequently directly involved the children in his disputes with Ms Robertson, for example:-

- Telling the children that their mum's "away with a Paki" or that she doesn't love them.
- On another occasion he left the three children at the Social work department in Whitfield saying it was Ms Robertson's turn to care for them.
- On one occasion, when they were living separately, Mr Tarbett took [REDACTED] to sit outside Ms Robertson's flat in the car even though [REDACTED] had had nine teeth extracted under general anaesthetic only two hours previously.

Following their more serious disputes Mr Tarbett and Ms Robertson frequently separated in the early years of [REDACTED] life. This normally meant that Ms Robertson would leave and [REDACTED] would stay with Mr Tarbett. From the time [REDACTED] was three years old, the separations more often involved him and his brother and sister leaving with Ms Robertson. The Social Work department may not have known about all the separations that took place, but there are 26 such changes in living situation recorded for [REDACTED] prior to the first reception into care. Again these changes frequently happened in a way that was highly unsettling for the children.

- On one occasion when [REDACTED] was living with Ms Robertson, Mr Tarbett removed him from the Social Work assistant who was taking him to the child and family centre
- On another occasion when Ms Robertson had been granted interim custody of [REDACTED] and William, Mr Tarbett forced entry into Ms Robertson's flat and removed the children. On this occasion the interim custody had not been properly served so they could not be returned to their mother.
- On a further occasion Ms Robertson and the three children were required to leave the Women's aid shelter where they were staying after Ms Robertson had assaulted another resident.

Ms Robertson frequently said she wanted to finish the relationship once and for all, but found it hard to manage as a parent by herself. Mr Tarbett also constantly sought to undermine her ability to cope on her own. As a result there was a long-standing pattern that even after bitter separations, they were reconciled.

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b) Concerns over lack of appropriate supervision

When the children were in the care of Mr Tarbett or Ms Robertson, whether jointly or separately, there were periodic concerns about the level of supervision they received.

- While living with Mr Tarbett, Michael was seen a number of times unsupervised in the Hilltown.
- On one occasion [REDACTED] were picked up by the police in the Wellgate Centre having stolen pot plants. They were then aged 5 and 3.
- On another occasion [REDACTED] arrived at Lilybank Family Centre nearly two miles from home, alone, on his scooter. Mr Tarbett's response was that if he could make it to the centre alone he could get himself back.
- While living with Ms Robertson there were reports from neighbours that the three children were playing outside completely unsupervised. On one occasion they were found outside at night having opened the unlocked front door of the flat themselves.

Ms Robertson acknowledged that she sometimes felt unable to provide close enough supervision for the children, but argued that when living with Mr Tarbett he undermined her attempts to impose appropriate controls. Mr Tarbett took the view that since he was catering adequately for their physical needs, there was nothing wrong with the way he was caring for the children.

c) Concerns over lack of appropriate boundaries to the children's behaviour

Linked to the concerns about inadequate supervision were worries about the children's behaviour and the fact that Mr Tarbett and Ms Robertson appeared unable or unwilling to impose appropriate controls. The children were observed to be aggressive towards one and other and to behave in an inappropriately sexualised manner (see below). Both Mr Tarbett and Ms Robertson had difficulty controlling the children. In addition to finding it hard to manage the children's behaviour, they also presented, through their own actions some very unhelpful examples.

- The children frequently witnessed violence between their parents, between adults and children and with people outwith the household.
- On one occasion the children watched from the car as Mr Tarbett got out and assaulted [REDACTED] father of Ms Robertson's youngest child.

Both parents' use of alcohol affected their ability to relate appropriately to the children at different times.

- On one occasion Mr Tarbett returned after drinking to find that [REDACTED] had wet the bed and hit him in the face (see child protection investigations below).
- On another occasion, Linda Robertson was found to be drunk while the children played unsupervised outside.

While Ms Robertson was caring for the children, she was noted on a number of occasions to be very depressed, emotionally flat and unresponsive to the children's needs.

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The children's understanding of what was acceptable behaviour was moulded to a significant extent by the example they were being set.

d) Children's sexualised behaviour and language

When [REDACTED] was four years old concerns were expressed about his sexualised language and behaviour by staff at the Child and Family Centre. There were related concerns about [REDACTED], amid allegations by Mr Tarbett that [REDACTED]. These were the first of persisting concerns in relation to the fact that all three children clearly had knowledge of sex and sexual language quite inappropriate for their age. The concerns persisted when the children were in foster care and were noted when [REDACTED] started school.

- [REDACTED] was found, for example, [REDACTED]
- The children would speak about specific sexual acts.

A referral to Polepark family counselling centre was made in May 1993 and again in December 1994. On the second occasion work was done with [REDACTED] and William. In relation to the sexualised behaviour, the workers concluded that it was unlikely that [REDACTED] had been sexually abused, but likely that he had witnessed sexual acts between adults.

The allegations in relation to [REDACTED] were considered by a child protection case conference which, at that stage, could find no evidence to support them. Mr Tarbett continued to talk about the details of the allegations with the children present, despite being told that it was not appropriate for them to be involved in these discussions.

e) Children's aggressive behaviour

The social workers, health visitors and family centre workers involved with the children all commented from the earliest involvement with the family on the aggressive relationship between the children.

- The children were observed to hit, bite and kick each other while their parents were present.
- They fought and jumped over the furniture while their baby brother [REDACTED] was in the room.

This behaviour appeared to be accepted by the parents. Ms Robertson maintains that she tried to impose tighter controls, but that this was undermined by Mr Tarbett, who allowed the children more leeway. The aggressiveness between the siblings continued after they moved into foster care and was one of the main reasons why it proved so hard for them to stay together with the same carer.

f) Child Protection Investigations

In addition to the general and long-standing concerns about the parenting that the children were receiving, there were a number of specific incidents which were investigated more formally. Between December 1991 and September 1994 there were 15 observed incidents or allegations which led to enquiries, and 9 of these were followed up with a formal child protection investigation.

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The focus of these investigations was:-

- Dec 91 Mr Tarbett hit [REDACTED] in the face while he was asleep for wetting the bed. (Charges dropped by procurator fiscal but grounds found to be established by sheriff in relation to Children's Hearing).
- Jan 93 Ms Robertson hit [REDACTED] with a wellington boot. Found to be accidental.
- Feb 93 Ms Robertson alleged Mr Tarbett hit [REDACTED] with a yardstick and hose from a vacuum cleaner. Not pursued through lack of evidence.
- Mar 93 Investigation into [REDACTED] sexualised behaviour and language, and concerns [REDACTED]
- May 93 Allegation by Mr Tarbett that [REDACTED]
- June 93 [REDACTED] nose was hurt when he was pulled off a table by Mr Tarbett. Accepted as accidental.
- Aug 93 [REDACTED] alleged that Mr Tarbett threw him across the room - parents refused to give consent for a medical examination. All three children were placed on 'at risk register'; Michael on grounds of physical abuse (proven) and physical neglect (suspicious).
- Feb 94 [REDACTED] alleged that Mr Tarbett assaulted him. No further action.
- May 95 [REDACTED] and his sister were found playing in the Wellgate centre.

g) Mr Tarbett's unwillingness to work with agencies for benefit of the children.

Throughout the time of his involvement with the Department Mr Tarbett maintained that there had been nothing wrong with his parenting of the children. He was adamant that his children should be returned to his care and completely opposed to the Social Work Department's plans. Mr Tarbett's refusal to acknowledge any shortcomings made it virtually impossible to work with him to reduce the level of concerns or make rehabilitation feasible. This has been a continuing problem in relation to planning for the children:

- When Mr Tarbett was granted interim custody of [REDACTED] in 1989 one of the conditions was that [REDACTED]'s care should be subject to the supervision of the Local Authority. The Social Work department had to take this back to the court because Mr Tarbett refused to meet with the supervising worker.
- The Children's Hearing in September 1994 which imposed a Place of Safety order on all the children, gave as one of its reasons, 'Mr Tarbett's point blank refusal to adhere to the conditions of the care order, to work with the Social Work Department or other support

As well as refusing to work constructively with the Social Work department, Mr Tarbett consistently undermined attempts by Ms Robertson to care effectively for the children. He always sought to find out where she was staying, even where this meant tracking down the address and phone numbers of Women's Aid refuges. He would then harass her or try to influence her to return.

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- Mr Tarbett phoned a Women's aid hostel where Ms Robertson was staying with her youngest child, at 2 am, sounding under the influence of alcohol, and put one of the other children on the phone.
- Workers at another Women's Aid hostel told Mr Tarbett that Ms Robertson was no longer there after receiving as many as 20 abusive phone calls in a day.

There was no evidence over this period that Mr Tarbett developed any insight into the children's emotional needs or the way his own behaviour could have a seriously detrimental affect on them.

RECEPTION INTO CARE

On 26th June 1992 [REDACTED] and William were received into care for a few hours while Ms Robertson was interviewed by the police. This followed an incident where Ms Robertson had assaulted another resident at the Women's Aid hostel where they were staying.

They were received into care for the second time on 21st January 1994. This followed a particularly acrimonious period in the relationship between Mr Tarbett and Ms Robertson. The events that led up to this reception into care were, briefly:-

On November 27th 1993 Ms Robertson left the house on her own at 3 am after an argument with Mr Tarbett and under the influence of alcohol. The following day she lodged a court action requesting the return of her son [REDACTED] to her care. She returned home on December 14th.

On December 17th Mr Tarbett alleged that Ms Robertson kicked [REDACTED]. Social workers who visited to investigate found no evidence. They were concerned that neither parent was present and the children were 'running amok'. Mr Tarbett's son, who was ostensibly in charge, was in the bath.

On December 26th Ms Robertson left the house at 4 am with [REDACTED]. She claimed that Mr Tarbett assaulted her two nights previously. Police returned the children to Mr Tarbett. Ms Robertson returned the next day.

On January 20th 1994 Ms Robertson left the home with [REDACTED]

On January 21st [REDACTED] and William were received into care on Mr Tarbett's request. Mr Tarbett stated that he was troubled with gout and unable to care for the three children on his own. Ms Robertson alleged that this was untrue.

[REDACTED] returned to the care of Mr Tarbett ten days later [REDACTED] and William returned a week later.

The third reception into care was eight months later on 22 September 1994. The events that led to these decisions were, briefly: -

On September 2nd 1994 the children moved from Ms Robertson's care (in a Women's Aid hostel) to Mr Tarbett when Ms Robertson said she was no longer able to care for them. Staff at the hostel were also concerned that [REDACTED] behaviour was a danger to other children.

Child's Name: William Tarbett

Mr Tarbett made it clear that he was not willing to co-operate with the requirements of the previous Children's Hearing order which specified that [REDACTED] were to attend at St Matthew's for an assessment of their behaviour and that the children should be allowed access with Ms Robertson. On September 21st Mr Tarbett threatened that he would bring the children to the Children's hearing and leave them there.

At the Children's Hearing on September 22nd a Place of Safety order taken by the Children's Hearing on [REDACTED] and William. The Hearing's reasons for this decision were:-

- Mr Tarbett's point blank refusal to work with the Social Work department or other support agencies.
- Mr Tarbett's clear inability to exercise control over the children, thereby placing them at risk.
- Mr Tarbett's continuing denial of access to the children by Ms Robertson.

Mr Tarbett appealed the decision of the hearing, but the sheriff subsequently dismissed the appeal.

When the Place of Safety order expired, the Children's Hearing made a supervision order requiring the children to remain in foster care. The reasons the Hearing gave for this decision included:-

- The children's behaviour improved following reception into care.
- Mr Tarbett's refusal to co-operate with the supervision order and work with Social work department and other agencies.
- Ms Robertson's inability at this time to offer the children a home.
- Mr Tarbett's attitude to the care of the children, which the Hearing regarded as totally selfish and failing to meet their physical and emotional needs.

REHABILITATION

It was agreed that work needed to be done with both the parents and the children to consider whether rehabilitation was a feasible option. The rehabilitation assessment was organised in several parts and addressed the parents relationship, previous difficulties with the children and the parenting skills needed to meet the needs of the children. [REDACTED] and William were referred to Polepark Family counselling centre, for work in relation to their difficult and sexualised behaviour.

The assessment continued until February 1995 and included both individual and joint sessions with Mr Tarbett and Ms Robertson.

At that stage a decision was taken was taken to halt the assessment for the following reasons:

- Refusal by both parents to accept any responsibility for the children being received into care.

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- Mr Tarbett's refusal to acknowledge that there had ever been a problem with the way he cared for the children or that he needed to change this in any way.
- No commitment from either Mr Tarbett or Ms Robertson to maintain their relationship in a way which would allow them to care jointly for the children.

The workers concluded that there was no merit in continuing to meet with Mr Tarbett and Ms Robertson as they remained completely unwilling to address the issues that had given rise to the children being received into care. All three children have remained Looked After since that date.

PREVIOUS PLACEMENTS IN THE CARE OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

William lived with his older brother [REDACTED] in successive foster placements; from September 1994 to December 1995 with Mr and Mrs [REDACTED], from December 1995 to January 1996 with Mrs [REDACTED] from January 1996 until March 1997 with Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] and with Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] from March 1997, first with [REDACTED] and then on his own, until March 2000.

In 1996 The Social Work Department decided that William and his siblings, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were unable to return home and required long-term substitute care, with an appropriate placement to be identified for each child where they might stay without further disruption. The Social Work Department then sought such a placement for William over an extended period, without success. It is unfortunately the case that there is a serious shortage of long-term placements for primary-age children, particularly boys, across Scotland.

Given continued dispute with the birth parents, particularly Mr Tarbett, over the future plans for the children, the Social Work Department had referred to *Children 1st* in 1997 and early 1998, for independent assessments regarding: -

- 1 The contact arrangements between William, [REDACTED] and their parents
- 2 The potential likelihood of either parent being able to have the children returned to their care

The first assessment concluded that (a) parental and sibling contact should be separate in order for each child to gain the most out of each contact (b) Parental ability to manage contact was limited, therefore contact should be carefully planned, managed, and supervised by the Social Work Department and limited to 45 minute sessions once per month (c) Contact should involve enjoyable activities. This was agreed at the Children's Hearing on 1st April 1998 and the same conditions repeated at subsequent Children's Hearings to date.

The second assessment (14.04.98) concluded that rehabilitation was not feasible with either Miss Robertson or Mr Tarbett and reinforced the earlier assessment of the Social Work Department and decision of the Adoption and Fostering Panel.

Child's Name: William Tarbett

Given the assessment that William could not return home, but that birth family contact was important to him, the plan to place William in a long-term foster placement remained unchanged and renewed efforts were made to secure a placement, without success. Notwithstanding the insecurity William experienced in living with a 'temporary' family, William spent three years with Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] and established a degree of security and a radical improvement in his behaviour and overall functioning during that period.

During this time William attended Longhaugh Primary School, where he struggled to progress academically. In 1998 he was diagnosed as suffering from dyspraxia and requiring additional and specific educational support to help him meet his potential within mainstream schooling.

In February 2000 a suitable placement was finally identified and approved by Dundee City Council Fostering and Adoption panel and William was placed with Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] and their three sons, now aged 10 to 15 years, at the end of March 2000. William's mother was fully involved in the plan and was in agreement. At the time of placement the [REDACTED] family lived in northeast Dundee and William transferred to Macalpine Primary School in April 2000. The school was fully committed to William and he made exceptional progress, both academically and socially, while he was there.

In February 2001 the [REDACTED] family moved to a large farmhouse near Auchterhouse in Angus so that all the children in the household could have more space and a room to themselves. William settled well into the large household and also into rural life, relishing the opportunities the location gave him to observe and participate in farming activities.

Along with two of the [REDACTED] children, William transferred to Auchterhouse Primary School, where he made slow but consistent academic progress and was well liked by his teachers and peers.

During the first two years in placement with Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] William settled exceptionally well into the [REDACTED] household. He developed a strong and trusting relationship with his foster carers, who gave him every encouragement, including open acceptance of his relationships with his birth parents and siblings. Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] also set clear and strong boundaries to his behaviour, which William generally accepted and was increasingly responsive to. After some initial difficulties with the carers' own children, all four children found their own 'place' in the household, although there remained the occasional conflict. Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] were highly sensitive to William's particular needs, while ensuring that he was treated equally with their own boys.

Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] were approved to offer a further placement, with the proviso that this must not jeopardise William's place in the family. They hoped to offer a long-term placement to a younger, female child.

However, in July 2002 a 13-year-old boy was placed with Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] on an emergency basis. The child has a diagnosis of ADHD. Although this was intended as a short-term placement until other arrangements were made, the placement has continued.

This placement had a significant impact on William's sense of 'belonging' to the [REDACTED] family and his perception of the amount of positive attention that he felt he received.

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In consequence, there was a reduction in his responsiveness within the family, and deterioration in his behaviour, which became increasingly aggressive and difficult to control, with consequences for the whole family. Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] stressed that difficulties were already becoming evident prior to July 2002, but agree that the arrival of the new boy increased and highlighted the problems William presented within the family. Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] became increasingly frustrated by William's emotional withdrawal from the family and felt that there was major breakdown in the relationship between William and themselves. William reported feeling unloved and scapegoated.

Sustained efforts were made by the Social Work Department to improve relationships between William and the [REDACTED] and save the placement. Consultations were undertaken with the Department of Child and Family and Psychiatry for advice on strategies to manage and resolve the difficulties caused by William's increasingly aggressive behaviour. These sessions were attended by the Social Worker, Mrs [REDACTED] and the carers' support worker. The Social Worker intensified sessions with William, focussing on behavioural management and communication. The Social Work Department offered Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] regular respite care for William, which was accepted and used. Although initially wary, William came to enjoy these weekends once a month. Regular Network Meetings were set up between all workers involved and the carers to plan and monitor progress.

William was aware that the placement was in danger of breaking down and made some effort, with his social worker and Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] to improve his behaviour and relationships at the end of 2002. However, he was unable to sustain this, and despite the intense support offered to the placement Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] began to find it impossible to provide continuing emotional support to William.

At a Network Meeting on 27th November Mrs [REDACTED] informed the Department that they would be terminating the placement by the end of June 2003 at the latest. In the event Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] were unable to sustain the placement for that length of time, and on 11th February 2003 Mrs [REDACTED] informed the Social Work Department that the placement would need to end on 5th April. This proved impossible and William was removed on an emergency basis to Strathcarron Young People's Unit on 19th March 2003, where he has remained since that date.

EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

William made good progress in respect of his emotional development following his placement with Mr and Mrs [REDACTED]. He began to express appropriate emotional responses to those around him, to express affection and anger, and also to control his emotions and reflect on his behaviour and its impact on others around him. Although much of this was due to normal emotional development, William was also being greatly assisted in this process by Mr and Mrs [REDACTED].

However, the last two years have been difficult for William in a number of respects:

- In February 2002, as a result of lifestory work being undertaken, William began to talk about abuses to other children that had allegedly taken place in a previous placement. This was a traumatic event for him, and was followed later in the year by further disclosures about abuses he alleges he experienced in this placement.

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- William experienced a very erratic pattern of contact with his mother, and contact with her broke down between October 2002 and January 2004. Although he is aware of her own difficulties in respect of the death of her partner in May 2002, and in coping with her two younger children, he is both angry with her and concerned for her well being.
- The placement of a child with severe behavioural and learning difficulties within the [REDACTED] household displaced William's established position in the family and he subsequently had to leave. .
- William was in final year at primary school and had expressed his anxieties about the transition to secondary school. His move up to Monifieth High has been challenging for him in various ways.
- William is now nearly 14 years old and it is to be expected that he will be progressing into puberty with its attendant impact on his mood and behaviour.
- Following the breakdown of [REDACTED] respective placements, and [REDACTED] subsequent return home, there has been a much-increased level of contact between the whole family including Linda Robertson. William now sees family members, particularly Mr Tarbett, on a daily basis and although managing to sustain his placement at Strathcarron Young People's Unit, he is clearly being sucked into family matters. This adds to the pressures on his social and emotional development.

In January 2002 Social Worker and then Carer, took advice from Dr Esparon, Child Psychiatrist and Mrs Sheridan, Child Psychotherapist, on strategies to help William deal with his impulsive anger and inability to express his feelings more appropriately. A follow-up in June 2002 concluded that William was making steady progress in his emotional development and that the quality of his relationships had improved.

However, a further consultation was taken in November 2002, given the deterioration within the placement from July. The Department of Child and Family Psychiatry encouraged Mrs [REDACTED] to consider realistically whether her family could continue to offer a viable long-term placement, and also recommended that William should have some form of psychotherapy to address his anxieties and vulnerabilities. Unfortunately, NHS Tayside did not have the resources to offer William such treatment.

Despite such difficulties William continues to grow and develop. At Strathcarron Young People's Unit he has displayed a degree of maturity in his social behaviour, in avoiding participation in some of the 'anti-social' behaviour that has occurred recently involving other young residents. As his time at Strathcarron has continued, it has clearly become more difficult for William to distance himself from all incidents, particularly given the influence of particular residents. Overall however, William does keep himself out of the more entrenched negative behaviour at Strathcarron and staff continue to regard him highly.

EDUCATION

William attended Auchterhouse Primary School from March 2001 - June 2003. He moved to Monifieth High in August 2003 and initially settled well there. During first year William's behaviour at school became increasingly challenging.

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He was often cheeky and disrespectful to staff and his displays of bravado at school brought him negative attention from teaching staff.

William was excluded several times and had unexplained absences which, coupled with his poor attitude, left his placement at Monifieth High very fragile.

Happily, William's recent school reports for second year have been much more positive. He consistently gets up for school willingly and travels to Monifieth daily by bus. This is very much to William's credit.

Miss Ford, Guidance Teacher, states that William needs careful supervision but is generally more settled and cooperative in school.

She speaks fondly of him and is clear that despite occasional bravado, William's behaviour and attitude are managed by staff at Monifieth High School.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

William is a sturdy boy who enjoys good general physical health. He is rarely ill and has an excellent appetite. All routine dental/doctor appointments are up to date.

As previously noted, William has a specific motor-visual deficit (dyspraxia). In general this does not interfere with his normal functioning, although there are days when he can tire easily and his motor skills and concentration deteriorate. Sensitive support of his condition at home and school during the last three years has minimized the impact on his development.

BIRTH FAMILY

Current Circumstances

There have been major changes in birth family circumstances over the past two years, which have impacted on William's level of contact with birth family members and his relationships with them.

In May 2002 Ms Robertson's partner, the father of [REDACTED] died suddenly. Ms Robertson became increasingly depressed and unable to cope with the care of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Although she moved back to Dundee from Perth to live with her mother, who provides some support, Ms Robertson was unable to use the support offered to her by the Social Work Department over the ensuing months. On 7th January 2003 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were placed on the Child Protection Register under the category of Neglect-At Risk.

I have made several attempts to meet with Ms Robertson and to keep her informed of William's changing circumstances. However, Ms Robertson has made no effort to communicate with the Social Work Department, attend meetings, Reviews or Hearings and had also ceased her contact with William until more recently when they have seen one another at Mr Tarbett's home and have had weekly telephone calls.

Mr Tarbett continues to live in Dundee and has regular contact with Ms Robertson. Given the breakdown of their respective placements, Mr Tarbett has recently had a lot of contact with his children [REDACTED]. Inevitably, William has become very involved in family meetings and he is very loyal towards his father taking every possible opportunity to see Mr Tarbett.

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This often means additional contact with [REDACTED] which can have a negative influence on William. To his credit, William returns to Strathcarron the majority of the time and this offers a respite for him from the complex family issues he faces.

Interestingly, on one occasion recently, William boasted to me that [REDACTED] had been in prison on remand.

When I challenged him and asked him if he thought this was clever, William immediately backed down and said, "no" and that he realised [REDACTED] behaviour was foolhardy.

BIRTH FAMILY CONTACT

In 1998, parental contact was amended at a Children's Hearing on 1st April, to take into account the conclusions of a report prepared by *Children 1st*, which recommended that all parental contact should be on an individual parent/child basis, once a month, supervised by the Social Work Department.

During 2001 monthly individual contact between William and his parents was regularly maintained and settled into a routine, which William was happy with. Each contact was for one hour, supervised by Mrs Petrie, who has known the family for many years. Previously, Mr Tarbett's unreliability in attending contact had been a source of great anxiety and upset for William.

During 2002 Mr Tarbett became fairly reliable in attending contact, and, although the quality was very limited, he became more attentive to William's needs and wishes.

Until May 2002 Ms Robertson's attendance at contact was very reliable. However, following the death of her partner, she became increasingly erratic in her attendance for contact with William, Michael and Linda and managed only three contacts with William between July and October 2002. Since January 2004, (and perhaps occasionally prior to that) William has seen his mother informally through Mr Tarbett, but he continues to have very mixed feelings about her.

On 22 January 2004, Social Worker, Social Work Assistant and Keyworker met with William and Mr Tarbett to discuss future contacts. This was particularly necessary given that Mr Tarbett had not attended contact arranged by Maureen Petrie, Social Work Assistant, on 8 January 2004 at a snooker hall in Broughty Ferry, a venue specifically requested by Mr Tarbett. This meeting reached no agreement re continuing supervised contact with both Mr Tarbett and William, saying that they can see each other when they wish - every day if they want to. There was no negotiation of what might be in William's best interests i.e. a measure of protection from a variety of very fraught family issues.

The current situation is that William does see her father everyday on the way home from school. Generally, this works well enough with Mr Tarbett being supportive of Strathcarron staff. William's father now recognises the need for certain boundaries and rules and is usually cooperative about ensuring that his son returns to Strathcarron at the appropriate time.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

William has remained at Strathcarron Young People's Unit and, although he has had some difficulties there, he has generally complied with staff expectations of him. The pull towards his birth family can be stressful for this youth and it is to William's credit that he has been able to sustain his placements at Strathcarron Young People's Unit and Monifieth High.

Child's Name: William Tarbett

It is very difficult for William to maintain stability given the very disruptive time he has witnessed in respect of [REDACTED] and indeed, his mother. It is encouraging to see that William continues to use some of the supports put in place at Strathcarron and remains close to staff there.

A Family Placement was identified for William in February 2004, but this came at a time when he was very much involved in family matters.

There are no longer plans to seek a family placement for William, as I believe that his placement at Strathcarron enables him to have a degree of stability and security from which he can explore family contacts. It does not threaten family loyalties in the way which William might perceive a Foster Family might.

I would recommend that William's current Supervision Order be continued to allow him to remain at Strathcarron Young People's Unit.

I would have no recommendation in respect of more specific conditions i.e. with regard to contact, which takes place informally at this time. I believe that current arrangements for contact are satisfactory and do not need to be formalised.

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STRATHCARRON PLACE YOUNG PERSON'S UNIT

PLACEMENT REPORT

NAME: *William Tarbett*

DATE OF BIRTH: *09/07/91*

DATE OF ADMISSION: *11/04/03*

HOME ADDRESS: *Strathcarron Young Person's Unit
20 Strathcarron Place Dundee
DD2 4BB*

REPORT PREPARED BY: *Jayne Ross
Paul Campbell (Keyworker)*

Billy Tarbett

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

See Social Worker report.

CURRENT LEGAL STATUS

Billy moved at Strathcarron Young Person's Unit on 11 April 2003.

His last hearing was 1st June 2004. William is on a Section 70 Supervision Order naming Strathcarron Young Person's Unit as his home.

PEN PICTURE OF YOUNG PERSON

Billy presents as a healthy young person. He is approx 5'6" tall and medium build, with short brown hair. William at first presents as a shy young person, as it takes time for him to adjust to, and build relationships with new people. When he first moved into Strathcarron, he asked that we call him 'Billy' instead of William. Everywhere else he is known as William.

Billy has appropriate self-care skills for his age and requires reminding about things like tidying and showering. He enjoys sport and is attending football training with school and ice hockey training at Dundee Ice Arena.

BRIEF BACKGROUND LEADING TO CURRENT PLACEMENT

Billy was placed at Strathcarron following a breakdown in his placement with his carers. The initial plan was to move Billy to new carers.

Billy's placement is now long term, with the aim of supporting Billy until he is ready to move on to independent living.

ATTITUDE TOWARD PEERS

Initially, Billy had regular contact with his friends who lived at Auchterhouse. These contacts are now less frequent. He continues to see these friends at school. He has made friends with the other young people who live in Strathcarron.

Billy has always been able to withdraw from disruptive behaviour within Strathcarron. More recently Billy has been able to act as a positive role model for a younger resident.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS STAFF

Billy has built up good relationships with all the staff at Strathcarron. He is able to seek appropriate advice and support and is able to discuss matters with staff in a very productive way.

Billy has been on holidays (Centre Parcs, Cumbria) and regular outings with staff or the Sports Outreach workers. His behaviour is excellent and he is very good company on these outings.

Billy Tarbett

REACTION TO BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

Like most young people Billy will, on occasion, test the rules or boundaries. In Billy's case this is not very often. Billy has been sanctioned on the odd occasion, when the reason for this is explained; he acknowledges that this sanction is appropriate. To Billy's credit he is rarely sanctioned.

HEALTH

Billy keeps good health. He has had an ingrowing toenail removed and is awaiting an appointment to have another one removed. This has prevented Billy playing football and ice hockey until these are healed.

Billy was taken to hospital on the 17/07/04 as he had drunk a considerable amount of alcohol. Following this he assured us he had learnt his lesson and would not drink again. On the 17/04/05 Billy returned under the influence of alcohol. Although Billy advises us that this is his 'yearly drinking session', we will work with Billy to try to ensure that this does not become an issue.

EDUCATION

Billy has excellent attendance at Monifieth High School. We keep contact with school on a regular basis.

OTHER PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED

None

YOUNG PERSON'S VIEW OF PLACEMENT

When asked his opinion of Strathcarron, Billy is positive about this saying that he enjoys all the activities on offer and that he does not wish to live anywhere else.

Initially, Billy found it difficult when some of the other residents moved on to carers, or back to their family. He believed that his stay in the unit would be short, and that it should be him moving on and not others.

Billy has moved on from this position and feels that Strathcarron should be his long-term placement. Billy says he is very settled here and wishes to stay here until he is ready to move on to independent living.

FAMILY CONTACT

Billy has regular unsupervised contact with his Dad, Mum and brothers. This contact is generally positive with the family supporting Billy in his placement here at Strathcarron. Family members ensure that Billy returns on time when he is visiting.

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Billy Tarbett

CONCLUSION

Billy has strong bonds with the staff in the unit, as stated earlier he responds well to their support and advice. It has been noticed that he has matured a great deal since coming to live at Strathcarron Place.

Jayne Ross
Social Work Student

Paul Campbell
Residential Resource Worker

**SOCIAL WORKER'S
REVIEW REPORT**

NAME	William Tarbett		
DATE OF BIRTH	09.07.91	URN	91018444
CURRENT ADDRESS	Strathcarron Young People's Unit		
	20 Strathcarron Place, Dundee		

DATE OF LAST REVIEW	15.03.05
DATE OF THIS REVIEW	30.08.05

Please include comments, covering the period since the last review, under the following headings;

Placement

(including how the placement meets the child's needs any changes emotional and social behaviour)

Billy's placement at Strathcarron remains stable and he is a popular youth. He will occasionally test boundaries with his attitude and timekeeping but staff feel that his behaviour is generally within acceptable limits.

Billy has spent a lot of time over the summer months with his family and has needed some encouragement to participate in activities with young people from Strathcarron. He has attended Dundee City Council Sports Outreach activities occasionally and has enjoyed other outings with the Unit.

Overall, his placement is stable.

Education

(including academic progress, attendance, behaviour and social development)

Billy has now returned to Monifieth High and it is hoped that his previous positive attitude towards school will continue throughout this academic year.

Health

(Note any Health issues, treatments, appointments etc.)

Billy's general health is good, however, he has continuing problems with in-growing toenails. One of his feet had previously been treated for this condition. Unfortunately the other foot is now affected and his big toe is very puffy and inflamed. He is now at the bottom of the waiting list because of failed appointments. Billy is worried about this so I have asked Gillian Lauder, LAC Nurse, to enquire about the possibility of an appointment quickly.

Family Contact

(including frequency and nature of contact, and social relationships)

Billy continues to see his family daily and this is very important to him. He had asked us to access his parent's respective living situations so that he could have occasional overnights. Jill Watt from Linlathen Child and Family Centre had been assigned to do the assessment on Mr Tarbett. Linda Robertson attended Billy's Annual Review Hearing on 03.05.05 and stated her willingness to have Billy stay periodically - following this Hearing I agreed to visit her to discuss this.

Mr Tarbett did not keep an initial appointment with Lynda Low, Senior Social Worker, and Jill Watt to discuss his possible commitment. His current attitude to Billy having overnights is not known.

I visited Linda Robertson's address on two occasions (pre-arranged) but she was not available on either visit. Again, her current commitment is unknown at this time.

Legal status

(note statute and any legal developments)

Section 70 (Away)- 03.05.07.

Note: new condition that Billy may have overnights with his parents as arranged by the Social Work Department.

Social Work Support

(including summary of work carried out by Social Worker or other Support Worker and any changes of Care Plan)

I had maintained six weekly contact with Billy up to the summer holidays when he was busy with various activities.

I will draw up a list of future dates following this LAC Review as Billy cooperates better with this arrangement.

Any Other Issues**Proposed Care Plan**

The proposed Care Plan is that Billy remains at Strathcarron Young People's Unit for stability. From there, he will have continued links with his family but some guidance and support will continue to be needed for Billy within these contacts.

We are currently unclear as to whether Mr Tarbett and Ms Robertson wish to have Billy for overnights in future. This will first require assessments of their respective living situations to safeguard and protect Billy's best interests.

Signed June HopkinsName JUNE HOPKINS

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Date 17/8/05Designation Social Worker