

POLEPARK FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE

Review of Polepark Work with [REDACTED] William Tarbett

18 December 1995

Present: Martin Dey, Depute Manager, Polepark (Chair)
Fiona Sinclair, Family Counsellor, Polepark
Sandra Smillie, Family Counsellor, Polepark
George Bowie, Senior Soc Worker, Whitfield
Marion Selfridge, Social Worker, D/E
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Joyce Gall, Fostering Support Worker, D/E
Karen Dorward, Manager, Lilybank Child & Fam Centre
Marion Mitchell, Keyworker, Lilybank Child & Fam Centre

Apologies: Mrs [REDACTED] Foster-carer

Purpose of Meeting:

To hear how the work at Polepark with the children is progressing and to decide on any future work with Polepark. Also to consider where this work fits into the wider picture concerning the children. It was noted that at the last meeting a decision was made to try and see the children on an individual basis rather than in sibling pairs. The format for contact over this period has been:-

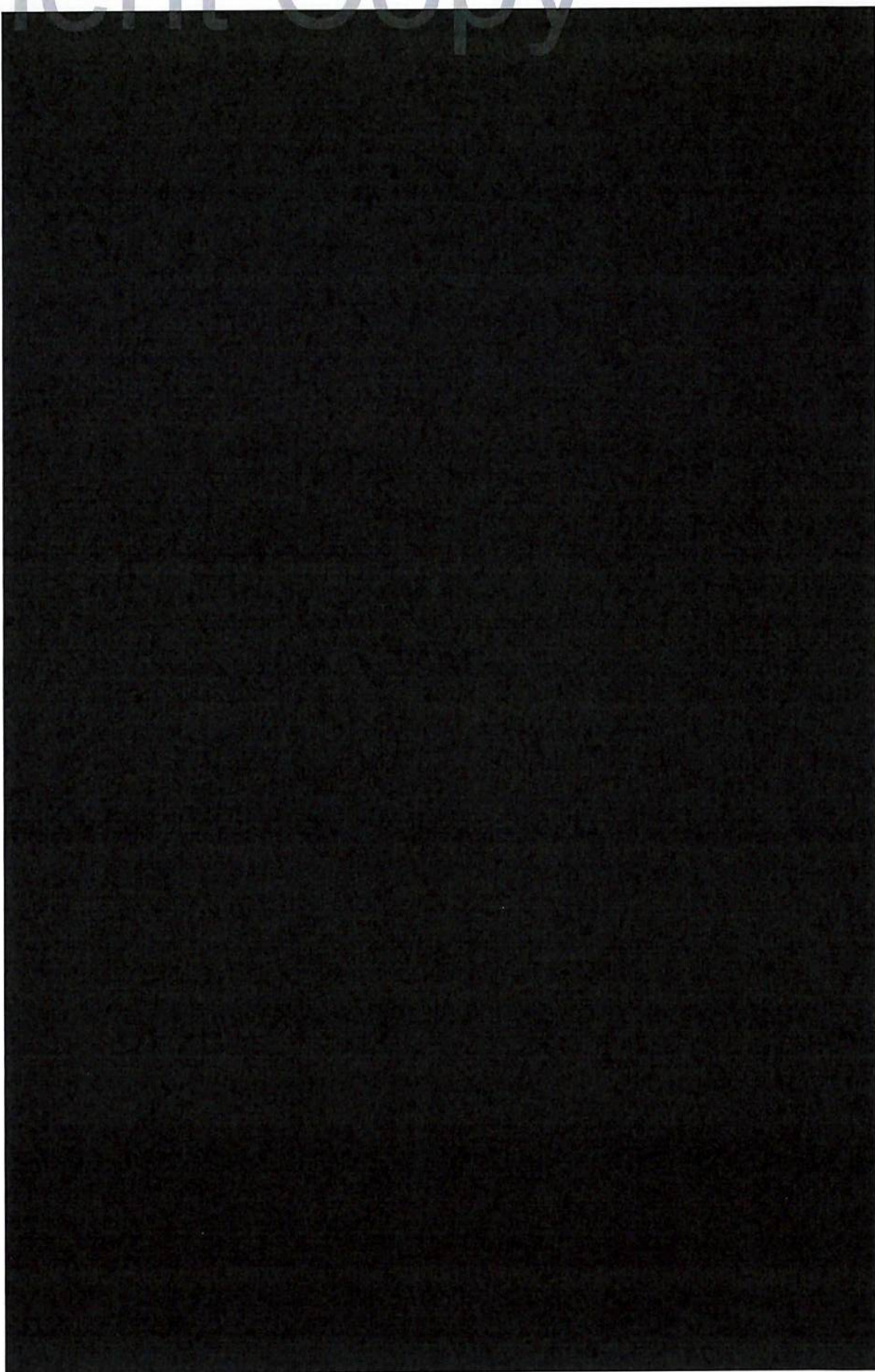
Once a month Fiona and Sandra seeing the three children together for a social activity, in effect facilitating sibling access;

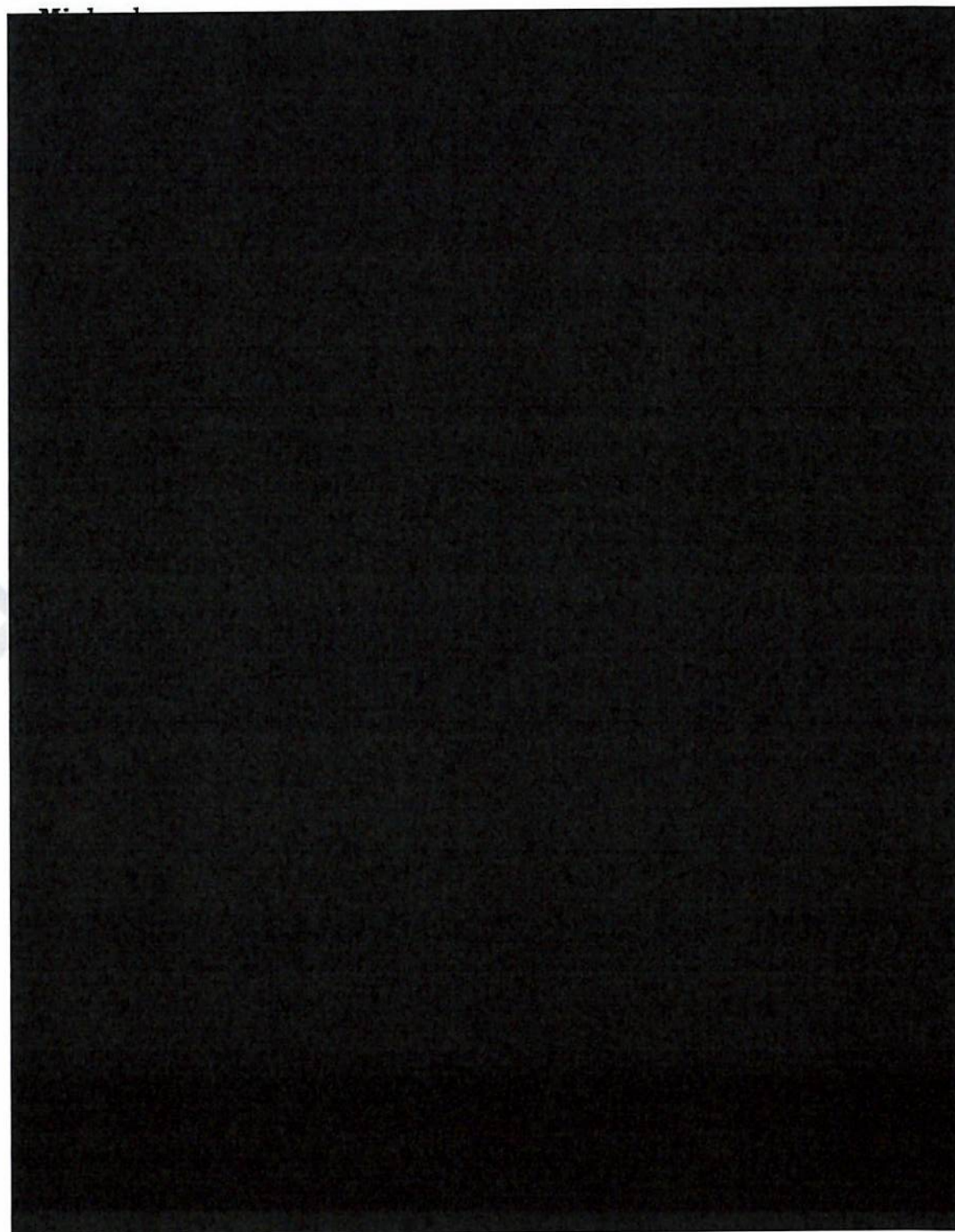
Once a fortnight Fiona seeing William on his own;

Once a fortnight [REDACTED] being brought together and Sandra and Fiona attempting to offer them separate times before a brief coming together time at the end.

The contract has also included regular feedback to both the boys and [REDACTED] foster-carers and contact with the Family Centre regarding William.







William:

Fiona reported that William really enjoys his individual sessions. His play and questions reflect a great deal of thinking about his dad, for example playing out a dad who does good things such as wrestling with him and works hard in his white van, but can also be nasty, such as hitting mum. William has said that the snake that he plays with a lot seems to represent Dad. He does not use the sessions to play out feelings about his mother to the same extent. As regards his move, William has told Fiona that he wishes to stay at [REDACTED]

The Family Centre workers reported that William is showing an increase in confused and unhappy behaviour. His sexualised behaviour, such as lying on top of other children, is also to the fore at the moment. [REDACTED] has heard from the new foster-parents that William has also been showing sexualised flashing and rubbing of himself in the foster home as well as occasionally urinating on the floor rather than the toilet. The Family Centre workers said that for some time now they have been trying to point out to William that the other children do not like it when he lies on them but William usually replies by saying, so or how or saying he's just wrestling. Sometimes when he's in trouble, he'll say, "I'll get [REDACTED] on to you. The Family Centre staff questioned the wisdom of changing William's placement to a nursery at this time when he was already struggling after moving homes. George answered that senior management would not pay for the transporting of William to the Family Centre and that there was also an argument for starting him in a nursery school near to his new home. There remained divided opinions on this question and George invited those who were unhappy with the decision to take it up with senior management themselves.

Joyce said that [REDACTED] the new foster-parents, had been well prepared for taking [REDACTED] and William and they had been fully informed the children's difficult behaviour and special needs. However, everyone acknowledged that it will be a very difficult early period for them. Unfortunately, this appears to have been extra complicated by a family bereavement within the [REDACTED] household. Whatever work is carried out with the children in the new year by Polepark, it should be carried out in full consultation with the new foster-carers to make sure they feel supported by it as well. [REDACTED] wondered whether William may be feeling a little bit left out as [REDACTED] has made a connection with an older child in the foster home through playing computers together. William may need some extra help to find his own place in the new home.

As regards William's sexualised behaviour, Fiona explained that she did not focus on this, especially in her sessions, and only referred to it when William raised the issue. The consensus of the meeting was that there was little further that specific individual sessions could do to raise William's cognitive or emotional understanding of his sexualised behaviour. The key to reducing his need to behave in these ways appears to lie in how all the people have contact with William respond to the behaviour when it occurs. Such an approach emphasises everyone gently redirecting William and pointing out the fact that other people do not like what he is doing. Too great attention to the subject may in fact encourage it to a certain extent. William will also be helped as he is encouraged to get pleasure from other activities and it seems likely that the sexualised behaviour increases when he feels unsettled. It is also to be hoped that it will diminish when he does feel more settled.

Conclusion:

The new social workers from the permanency team are to be Philip McGill for the boys and Margaret Leslie for [REDACTED]. The transfer will take place at an In-Care Review on 16 January. The programme from Polepark will be a continuation of the fortnightly sessions for William, a meeting between Sandra and [REDACTED] to discuss the proposed children's group with the possibility of him joining that for 8 weeks and individual sessions being held back from that period, and a continuation of the fortnightly individual sessions for [REDACTED] which may be easier to achieve on an individual basis if [REDACTED] is in fact attending a group rather than coming along with her. Sandra and Fiona will also see the three children together once a month. Their work will continue as before to involve consultation and linking with the social workers, foster-carers and other agencies involved.

As this has been a difficult time for all three children, the content of these sessions will be even more open-ended and at the children's pace and direction to allow them to use the sessions as an outlet for them to express any feelings or work through any confusion they may have.

A Review date will be set for late February/early March.

Martin Dey
Depute Head

05 January 1996

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6 MONTH CIC REVIEW SUMMARY

DATE: TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 1996

VENUE: ST MATTHEWS CENTRE

NAME: WILLIAM TARBETT

DOB: 09.07.91

PLACEMENT ADDRESS: c/o Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DATE OF PLACEMENT: 01.12.95

PARTICIPANTS:

Ms L Archer	Mother	c/o SWD, Dundee
Ms M Selfridge	Social Worker	SWD, Whitfield, Dundee
Mr G Bowie	Senior Social Worker	SWD, Whitfield, Dundee
Mr P McGill	Social Worker	SWD, Kirkton, Dundee (Permanence Team)
(Taking over as SW from end Jan 1996 for Michael and William)		
Ms M Leslie	Social Worker	SWD, Kirkton, Dundee (Permanence Team)
(Taking over as SW from end Jan 1996 for Linda)		
Ms A Partington	Senior Social Worker	SWD, Kirkton, Dundee (Permanence Team)
Mrs J Gall	Resource Worker	SWD, Kirkton, Dundee
Ms S Smillie	Family Counsellor	Polepark Family Counselling Centre, Dundee
Ms F Sinclair	Family Counsellor	Polepark Family Counselling Centre, Dundee
Mrs K Dorward	Centre Manager	Lilybank Child & Family Centre, Dundee
Ms M Mitchell	Asst Centre Worker	Lilybank Child & Family Centre, Dundee

[REDACTED]
(Linda)

Mr W Chalmers (Chair)	[REDACTED] and William) Community Assessment & Review Officer	SWD, Balmerino Road, Dundee
Ms L Stewart	Minute Taker	SWD, Balmerino Road, Dundee

Mr Tarbett, Father, was present throughout the meeting but declined to participate.

APOLOGIES:

None.

REPORTS AVAILABLE TO THE MEETING:

A016 Social Worker's Report.

DATE OF RIC AND REASON:

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

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

44(1)(a) Named Place with the condition that Ms Archer has supervised access at the discretion of the Social Work Department and Mr Tarbett has supervised access for one hour per month.

REASONS FOR AND DATES OF RIC/PREVIOUS PLACEMENTS:

21.01.94 - 07.02.94 - [REDACTED] Invergowrie.

22.09.94 - 31.11.95 - c/o Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]

PROGRESS SINCE LAST REVIEW HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 1995

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

- 1 William will have his speech reviewed in February. (Still outstanding).
- 2 Social Worker to complete cc13 forms. (This took place).
- 3 There will be a review of the progress at Polepark Family Counselling Centre held next week. (This took place).
- 4 Access arrangements will remain at the present level until case transfer when they may be reviewed. (This has continued - see under 'Access' for further information).
- 5 Social Worker to liaise with her senior and Lilybank to resolve the issue of William's proposed move from Lilybank Nursery to Foggylea Nursery. (This took place and it was decided that William should continue at Lilybank as he had already had so many changes in placement - see under 'Nursery/Education' for further information).
- 6 Social Worker to liaise with Resource Worker. (This took place and remains ongoing).
- 7 Senior Social Worker to oversight the case. (This took place and remains ongoing).

AMENDMENT TO PREVIOUS MINUTE

Please note under 'Dissent' that Mrs Karen Dorward was not actually present at the meeting and it was Ms Jean Dorward, Children's Worker, who expressed the view that William should continue to attend Lilybank at least until the end of January.

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

Mrs [REDACTED] reported that there have been some difficulties regarding William's behaviour and she is particularly concerned about the sexual behaviour displayed by him, ie 'showing' himself, rubbing himself up against other children, and this also includes verbalised sexual behaviour. Prior to Christmas, this behaviour was happening on a constant basis.

Ms Mitchell advised that she felt this behaviour is partly due to William's attention seeking and anxiety. At present, she feels that William is able to contain this behaviour.

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Mr Chalmers enquired about the necessity of specialised help for William in relation to his sexualised behaviour.

A lengthy discussion took place about this and Ms Smillie commented that William appears to have no conscience about this behaviour and he presents as totally uninhibited. Ms Smillie added that whilst William's siblings, [REDACTED] have also exhibited this behaviour in the past, they are trying to distance themselves from it and at present William is displaying sexualised behaviour most outwardly.

Ms Partington stated that she felt the most important focus of work is the consistent management of his behaviour by all people involved with William and he receives the same message from them that this behaviour is unacceptable. Ms Partington voiced her concern that this behaviour may create difficulties for William when he commences school. This was agreed by those present.

Mr Chalmers concluded that further discussion should take place in a different forum regarding the necessity of specialised help, ie a referral to Child & Family Psychiatry, in order to gain advice.

In relation to sleeping and eating, Mrs [REDACTED] reported no concerns. She further informed that William has a really loving nature at times and he can get on well with other people in the household.

William continues to attend Polepark Family Counselling Centre on a regular basis and this attendance will continue.

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

William has continued to attend Lilybank Nursery. Ms Mitchell stated that William is a very loving boy. However, he is tending to be more moody of late and can be quite difficult to control. He would previously lash out and kick at things if he was in a mood whereas he will now become very moody and almost seems as though he has 'given up'. Since prior to Christmas, William has not been as settled during activities and overall he has become more unsettled.

Mrs Dorward reported that William feels quite vulnerable with other children. At lunch-times if someone says the wrong thing, William can become quite upset. There have been occasions where he can be disruptive, ie kicking over chairs, taking himself right away from the table.

Mrs Dorward noted that prior to Christmas, William had made the following comments: 'I am not at [REDACTED] I am at [REDACTED] why is everything changing for me?, when am I going to have a real family?' William is also stating that he does not wish to move from Lilybank.

As noted previously, it was felt William should continue to attend Lilybank Child & Family Centre as he was experiencing many changes at the time, ie moves of placement and different people in his life. Mr Bowie noted there was also an additional factor of transporting difficulties, however these have now been resolved. Mr Bowie was of the opinion that William should not move from Lilybank at present until he is more settled in placement. However, Mr Bowie feels that William requires to have an experience of nursery school prior to attendance at primary school.

Mr Chalmers noted that any potential move to day care environment should be consistent with William's needs at that time and his longer term needs and a balance reached in that direction. It is noted that a place remains available for William at Foggylea Nursery School.

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Mrs Dorward informed that a school group commences at the end of January at Lilybank. This is a preparation group which takes place 3 times per week. The group is very structured and is 'geared' towards the children preparing for school.

Discussion then took place around which primary school William will attend. Mr Chalmers noted this issue would require further discussion and a decision will need to be reached by 26.1.95 for the purpose of enrolment.

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

William continues to keep fit and healthy. In relation to his speech, which is due to be reviewed in February, it is anticipated he will be discharged from the Speech Clinic. Mrs [REDACTED] noted that William's speech is good and she has no concerns in this respect.

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

William has continued to have weekly supervised contact with his mother and monthly supervised contact with his father. Ms Selfridge reported that William looks forward to access with both mum and dad and enjoys it.

Ms Archer confirmed that she is happy with the present level of access.

Future Access

Mr Bowie reported that Mr Tarbett's access is defined by the Children's Hearing and any variation would require to be made by the Children's Hearing. Ms Archer's access is at the discretion of the Social Work Department and given the future plan of permanency for the children, it will be necessary at some point in the future to reduce Ms Archer's level of access. This would take place on a gradual basis and in a way which takes account of both Linda's and the children's feelings.

6 Any Other Issues

Transfer of Case to Permanence Team

The transfer of [REDACTED] case, along with her siblings, will take place by the end of January 1996. It has been agreed that Margaret Leslie (Social Worker) will have specific responsibility for [REDACTED] and Phillip McGill (Social Worker) will have responsibility for William and [REDACTED]. Ms Leslie and Mr McGill will maintain very close contact in relation to the 3 children. Maureen Petrie (Social Work Assistant) will also be involved in relation to the supervision of access.

LONG TERM AIM

Senior Management have agreed to the plan for permanency of [REDACTED] and his siblings [REDACTED] and William. Form E's are presently in the process of completion. On completion, Form E's will be submitted to the Permanence Panel.

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Child/Young Person's View (expressed or demonstrated - past/present/future)

William is currently very unsettled and is clearly seeking clarification in his own mind about his position.

Parents' Views (and changes planned)

Mr Tarbett continues to be opposed to any plan for the children's future other than their return to his care.

Ms Archer acknowledges that the children's future does not lie with them being returned to her care.

Social Work View

Form Es to be completed in respect of William and his siblings, [REDACTED] and submitted to the Permanence Panel.

GOAL/ACTION PLAN

<u>TASKS</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE PERSON</u>	<u>TIMESCALE</u>
1 William will continue to live with Mr & Mrs [REDACTED] meantime.	William/ Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]	Ongoing
2 William to have his speech reviewed in February.	Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]	February 1996
3 Further discussion will take place regarding enrolment at Primary School.	Mr Bowie/ Ms Selfridge/ Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]	By 26.1.96
4 Further discussion will take place regarding most appropriate day care resource for William, noting there is a preparation group available at Lilybank Child & Family Centre and a place available at Foggylea Nursery.	Mr Bowie/ Ms Selfridge/ Mrs Dorward/ Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]	By 26.1.96
5 Regular reviews will take place at Polepark at 6-8 weekly intervals whilst William continues his attendance there.	Polepark	Every 6-8 weeks
6 A review of access with Ms Archer will take place.	Mr Bowie/ Ms Selfridge	As Appropriate
7 [REDACTED] case to be transferred to Permanence Team.	Mr Bowie	By end January 1996

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<u>TASKS</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE PERSON</u>	<u>TIMESCALE</u>
8 Mr Bowie will continue to have oversight of case in the meantime.	Mr Bowie	Ongoing
9 Once case is transferred to Permanence Team, Anne Partington will have oversight of case.	Ms Partington	As Appropriate
10 There will be continued liaison between Social Worker and Resource Worker.	Ms Selfridge/ Mr Bowie	Ongoing
	Ms Leslie/Mr McGill/ Ms Partington (once case is transferred)	
11 Form E to be completed.	Ms Selfridge	31.3.96

DISSENT NOTED: None.

DISSENTER: N/A

TASK NO: N/A

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT REVIEW:

A 6 month in care meeting to take place on Wednesday 19 June, 10 am. Venue to be arranged.

SIGNATURE



Mr W Chalmers, Community Assessment & Review Officer

DATE

24/1/96.