

Colin Anderson

DOB 3-1-69

DOA 29-7-80

Colin has developed into a good looking healthy robust adolescent with a keen sense of humour, although a shy boy communicates well at all levels.

Colin's never been a tidy lad but his personal hygiene is good, he is a good eater, very selective, he sleeps soundly and his bed wetting is almost non existence.

Colin is active in most sports and has shown a determination to succeed with the ability to compete as a team member.

School presents few problems, he does in some subjects and would like to do better.

The demand for personal attention is less obvious but the need is still there.

On rare occasions Colin will play with friends outwith the home but favours the group activities within.

Colin's sexual development appears to be developing along normal adolescent lines. He does masturbate and is active in touch play with girls.

There has been a tremendous change in Colin. He has evolved from a confused angry, anxious young boy to a very mature young adolescent. He has great strength of character always ready to help others with their problems and is a much respected member of his peer group. Colin is aware of his position in the group and can be a calming influence when things are a little hectic.

Colin does disrupt the unit from time to time but usually can be placated. He is aware of his unique position tends to exercise it when bored but this doesn't often occur.

The question of fostering does crop up from time to time but the dramatic change in Colin's social and mental attitude seems to indicate his putting down roots here and looking on Touch as his long term prospect.

The need for social contact outwith Touch e.g. with a volunteer is very important to Colin and the breakdown with his last volunteer seems to have hurt the boy deeply and the need to establish a lasting relationship outwith Touch is vital to Colin's future development.

W. R. Clayton

As stated before in my short report in April 1982, Colin continues to make some progress. Application has been made to the Community Carers, and I am hopeful that some time in the new year - probably February, that he might be considered for a place.

a volunteer, began some work with Colin, but this did not seem to develop, mainly because of Colin's inconsistent demands upon and then Colin's withdrawal from the relationship since it could not satisfy him immediately and in such a way that he desired.

I leave it very much for Colin to contact me and develop any themes which he feels he wishes to, and is ready for.

There has been no further contact from the family, and I am uncertain as to whether Colin sees his grandparents or not.

He very much enjoyed his summer holiday, and I continue to see the growth in confidence and maturity. This has inevitably lead him to some sexual explorations, but I do not think they create any major difficulties within the Children's Home.

PLANS

1. To pursue the Community Carers Scheme.
2. To allow him to remain at Touch with a view to continuing to build on his confidence and his skills which he is developing both within the school and the Children's Home.

John Hughes
JOHN HUGHES
24 November 1982

*Verbal agreement (and work) last week
But weekly occasional after long period dry
Reviews update
Knowledge - verbal problem on prob
Volunteer - problem
Classroom -
No problem with team (teacher and same
with main & final staff
July or will with other - class*



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Date 30 APR 82

CHILDREN'S HOME REVIEWS - COLIN ANDERSON, TOUCH CHILDREN'S HOME

At our recent review at the Children's Home, the following recommendations were made:-

1. Colin to remain at Touch.
2. To explore fostering position and also to make an application to the Community Carers Project.
3. It was recognised that he is continuing to make good and substantial progress, especially with his schooling.

Yours sincerely

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Date 8 June 83

CHILDREN'S HOME REVIEWS - COLIN ANDERSON, TOUCH CHILDREN'S HOME

At our recent review at the Children's Home, the following recommendations were made:-

1. It was confirmed that Colin had moved to Community Carers in the Pittenweem area.
2. All staff were thanked for their work with Colin over a long period of time.

Yours sincerely

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CHILDREN'S HOME REVIEWS - COLIN ANDERSON, TOUCH CHILDREN'S HOME

At our recent review at the Children's Home, the following recommendations were made:-

1. Leslie Walker took the Chair, since the case is John Hughes'.
2. Colin to remain at Touch, continuing with the progress he is constantly maintaining.
3. Community Carers to be explored, and the various options as outlined in the reports.
4. Contact to be made with volunteer, to see whether or not something can be salvaged from the relationship.

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CHILDREN'S HOME REVIEWS - COLIN ANDERSON, TOUCH CHILDREN'S HOME

At our recent review at the Children's Home, the following recommendations were made:-

1. It was recognised that Colin had made substantial progress.
2. His renewed interest in fostering has increased some anxieties and it is important to find the right kind of family, which might be a single male, in looking for alternative family homes.
3. Residential staff to face him up to some of his responsibilities in connection with hiding and/or destroying other people's toys; bed-wetting; and his continued aggression towards females.

Yours sincerely

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CHILDREN'S HOME REVIEWS - COLIN ANDERSON, TOUCH CHILDREN'S HOME

At our recent review at the Children's Home, the following recommendations were made:-

1. For Colin to continue at the Children's Home, and for the staff both field and residential, to encourage discussion from Colin about his future.
2. Not to impose any alternative placement on Colin, but to think about presenting a Form E to the District Case Committee in six months time.
3. That Colin should be prepared as well as possible for transfer from the Primary School, where he is doing exceptionally well, to the secondary school at Woodmill.
4. To review again in six months time.

Yours sincerely

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COLIN ANDERSON DOB 3.1.69

Review at Touch Children's Home, 29 April 1981. Date of admission to Home 29.7.80

Formerly living with Mr and Mrs Waines,

Dunfermline

LEGAL POSITION - Section 16 Parental Rights granted October 1971.

In my previous notes on Colin, I indicated that his parents' whereabouts were unknown, although a grandfather lives in Abbeyview, and through this contact Colin has now got some knowledge of his mother's address in Aberdeen.

there was some brief
contact between him and her, either by telephone or cards.

Bernadette Gilesman undertook the work with his scrapbook, and he has been continuing his work of settling down and I suspect taking stock of his situation.

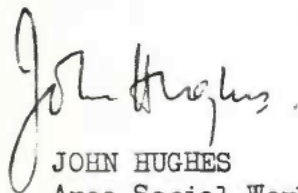
There have been one or two contacts with his former foster parents
and the last contact with
Mr Waines and Colin still left some uncertainties and doubts.

Colin and I have not seen a great deal of each other except in passing, and I feel he sees me as the "receptacle" of either bad news or painful memories, best left unlooked at and ignored, or on occasions made into the bad person. This places me in a little bit of a dilemma since the following themes I think are around:-

1. It is difficult to assess whether or not he wishes to make a further commitment to fostering or alternative family life.
2. It is a relatively short time since the breakdown of the fostering relationship, and I have not yet formed any substantial opinion as to whether pro-actively seek further family life for him, or whether to leave him to indicate that he is ready having adjusted to his new circumstances.

On balance, I am inclined to leave things as they are, with Colin getting some things from the Children's Home, some things from Kilcreggan Group, and he will also be able to start Seal some time after August.

It will be helpful if Residential Staff can indicate whether or not he is suitable for fostering, and whether there are any other things which might be suggested as helpful in dealing with some of his issues.



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29 April 1981



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CHILDREN'S HOME REVIEW - COLIN ANDERSON, TOUCH CHILDREN'S HOME, DUNFERMLINE

At a recent review at the Children's Home, the following recommendations were made:-

1. To allow Colin to settle down and assess his behaviour during the next three months.
2. For further discussion to take place with the foster parents to enable clearer lines and boundaries to be established concerning their contact with Colin and Colin's with them.
3. To enable him to continue doing some work about his present feelings and to recognise that allowing him to regress on suitable occasions might well be the best way to help him at this stage.
4. To review in 3 months time.

Yours sincerely

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CHILDREN'S HOME REVIEW - COLIN ANDERSON, TOUCH CHILDREN'S HOME, DUNFERMLINE

At a recent review at the Children's Home, the following recommendations were made:-

1. To continue the work as set out in the September review which includes allowing him to test out adults concerning his multiple rejections, and to allow him to form attachments within the Children's home setting.
2. Discussion has taken place with the foster parents and it is recommended that no further developments with them should take place within the next 5 months.
3. For John Hughes and Ruth Lessels to arrange a tea party for Colin's natural family, so that preliminary soundings can be taken about their future interest or views.
4. It was recognised that Bernadette Gilseman had done a lot of excellent work in setting up a scrap book.
5. To review in 6 months time.

Yours sincerely

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Health & Physical Development

Colin continues to enjoy good health and his physical development is satisfactory. He is of average height for his age and is stockily built. Colin's physical sexual development is satisfactory.

Colin continues to be a bit 'picky' about food but this does not cause any problems and he always shows a healthy appetite.

Colin enjoys a regular and settled sleep with no exhibition of anxiety or stress through nightmares. He continues to bed-wet but the issue of deliberate wetting for sensual reasons has been discussed with him and he is now expected to take responsibility for the removal of bed-wetting.

Colin copes well with group situations. He enjoys one to one with adults when he has the chance. In the past this has caused problems in that Colin became very possessive of his chosen favourite member of staff. However I feel he is becoming more able to share relationships.

In play he, at the moment, enjoys doing things with who is two years his junior.

Colin enjoys football and was in the school rugby team until he was banned for delinquent behaviour during a visit to another school. Colin has no strong interest in any hobby.

Family

Apart from a visit to grandparents over Christmas/New year Colin has had no contact with family. I believe Colin had an invitation to visit his grandparents regularly if he wishes but he has not taken this on.

School

Colin appears to be enjoying school and seems stimulated by the range of new subjects like languages and science.

Colin is I feel developing a fairly satisfactory sense of his place in society and the expectations placed on him. He shows a willingness to consider the rights and wrongs of situations and is often kind and thoughtful. He is still 'dour' at times and also continues to find it difficult to acknowledge good feelings.

Colin is aware of plans for possible return to family life and in the little he says about this gives indications of a desire to have another go. However until things actually move on this issue we will not know the real strength of his commitment to a future in a family.

Peter Scott.

From my point of view there is not a great deal of positive development in Colin's over all situation, though he continues as far as I can tell, to maintain steady personal growth using facilities offered, and continuing to both seek and use appropriate and relevant supports.

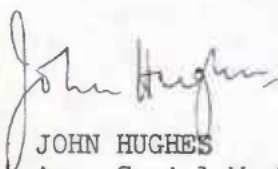
He stopped attending the Kilcreggan Group on his own wishes, and I felt that that was a sign of growth that he could make up his own mind and act upon it.

He seems to have made the transfer to secondary school remarkably well, and I have not been aware of any serious problems.

I have been in touch with his family on a number of occasions, both to seek their help in completing Form E and there have been one or two points that have emerged:-

1. We cannot appear to trace his father's whereabouts.
2. His mother is in the Aberdeen area,
3. The family have indicated some form of interest in facilitating Colin's future, but any attempts to set up a family meeting within the Children's Home have not come to anything.

I consider Colin should remain at the Children's Home, and the work of allowing him to continue with his own development be established. A volunteer has expressed willingness to be involved with Colin, and Colin seems to be responsive to this. It may also be appropriate for the next stages to be taken over by another Social Worker to pursue the matter of finding an alternative family for him.



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Area Social Work Organiser

28 April 1982

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Following on from last Case Review in Oct. 81e has gradually worked through his testing out of Adults, and is far more settled in and around the Home setting.

His Foster Parents moving into a smaller House obviously gave Colin the message of their future intentions. There was discussion about the tea party for Colin, and no arrangement made as Colin was on Holiday in St Andrews.

Bernadette Gelsenner a Student on Placement did a lot of good work with Colin has kept in contact by visits, Phone, and by letter.

Colin is a much happier child, and is much more natural and normal in behaviour, with a ready smile, twinkle in his eye, a mischievous boy rather a change from his previous appearance of being sullen. Dour. appears to have the strength to resist the acting out and destructive behaviour he previously had when involved with others in the Home setting. His powers of concentration have improved, and is more able to sit at Board games, cards, Jigsaws.

Colin started Scouts 26th Feb (Vauxhall) towards the end of Feb. going with one of his friends from School. At the Easter Holidays the Scouts had a camp at Bleish.

bolin was excited when told about the camp, but the following week stated he did not want to go. When gently questioned it was confirmed that it was because of his enuresis. It would be an embarrassment to him. Peter discussed it with the Scoutmaster who assured Peter that bolin had nothing to worry about, and there would be no problem at camp. When reassured on this bolin went to camp and greatly benefitted from it.

also during the Easter Holidays he had a week's campeny at St Andrews along with Staff and children. In the smaller group setting bolin just blossomed. Taking part in all the activities with enthusiasm. Health appears healthy and active has grown in stature, is still faddy about his food, and has occasional headaches.

Growth bolin relate much more to adults, makes friends easily with other children and has a good relationship with Catherine Henderson.

Sexual Development is quite normal, sexual organs though small appear normal.

School. bolin has no school problems and has made friends at school.

In order to maintain his growth and development we feel a move to the long term group would be beneficial

28.4.81. J. Stanfield
M. Johnson