

THE CORPORATION OF DUNDEE

Social Work Department

6 MONTHLY CASE REVIEW

Name of Child David } ANDREWS d/b. 13. 7.67 Age (8)
Helen } 21. 8.68 (7)
Sharon } 10. 7.69 (6)
Address St. Francis', Roseangle, Dundee.

i) Date received into care 31.10.74.
ii) Date Parental Rights assumed
ii) Date Committed to Care (State reasons and Section of Act) 8.1.76 - Under Section 44(1)(b) S.W.(Scot)Act 1968.

Date placed in present Children's Home or foster home 31.10.74.

Previous placements with reasons for removal

Brothers and Sisters—in care, with address

NONE

Brothers and Sisters Elsewhere

Parents' address, contributions, interest and contact, etc.

Mr. Andrews - 11, Dons Road, Dundee - He and co-habitee have baby. No interest shown in David, Helen and Sharon.

Mrs. Andrews - Believed to be again co-habiting, but whereabouts unknown.

Progress in school/employment (details of wages where applicable) Lack ability to concentrate. David [redacted] get remedial teaching. Children progressing slowly.

Summary of present situation:

Summary of present situation (continued) This case was transferred to me in July, 1975. From the beginning I had difficulty making contact with Mrs. Andrews. By September, she and Mr. Rice had done a "moonlight flitting" from Beechwood, although it seems likely that they would have been evicted shortly afterwards for non-payment of rent. Eventually, 20th. November, Mrs. Andrews called at this office. She and Brian Rice had apparently separated and she was again back living with her mother. Mrs. Andrews talked at length about her plans for a house and job and the eventual return of the children to her care. She showed an understanding of the problems she was likely to encounter and she agreed that her first step was to start visiting the children on a regular basis. That weekend, she did go to see the children and took David and Helen to visit their grandmother. Unfortunately, Sharon was ill and had to stay in bed. Mrs. Andrews promised to call back the next day to spend some time alone with her but she did not appear and she has not visited the Home since. I saw Mrs. Andrews again on 10 December at a Children's Hearing when the 44(1)(b) Supervision Orders were continued. She again expressed a wish to have the children back.

I understand Mrs. Andrews returned to live with Brian Rice sometime in January and Mrs. Markie has not been able to give me an address for them. Mrs. Markie remains the one stable figure in the children's lives and she visits most weekends.

It would seem from the pattern of past events that Mrs. Andrews is unlikely to settle long enough to provide these children with a stable home. The three children are, therefore, almost certainly to remain in long-term care.

Additional information (including comments on matters arising from case discussion)

Plans or recommendations for future care, career, etc. 1) I can see no useful purpose in the children continually being brought before a Children's Hearing and I think the Department should now be considering applying for Parental Rights in respect of these three children.

2) Mrs. Markie's contact with the children is important to the children and I feel this should be encouraged.

Date of review..... 11 March 1976

Signature of Social Worker.....
Signature of Area Social Worker reviewing case.....

THE CORPORATION OF DUNDEE

Social Work Department

6 MONTHLY CASE REVIEW

1. David Ballantine Andrews 13.7.67 9 yrs.
2. Helen Gavine Ballantine Mackie Andrews 21.8.68 8 yrs.
Name of Child 3. Sharon Elizabeth Andrews d/b. 10.7.69 Age 7 yrs.
Address St. Francis, Roseville, Dundee.

(i) Date received into care 31.10.74

(ii) Date Parental Rights assumed

(iii) Date Committed to Care (State reasons and Section of Act) 8.1.76 - Section 44 (1) (b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. That lack of parental care was likely to cause the children unnecessary suffering or seriously impair health or development.

Date placed in present Children's Home or foster home 31.10.74

Previous placements with reasons for removal

Brothers and Sisters - in care, with address None.

Brothers and Sisters Elsewhere None.

Parents' address, contributions, interest and contact, etc.

Mother: Jennette Andrews, 16 Isla Street, Dundee. Contact with children continues to be irregular.

Father: John Andrews - present address unknown. Believed to be exhibiting. Has no contact with children.

Progress in school/employment (details of wages where applicable) Behaviour in school much improved. All three children described as attention-seeking. Work ability poor but a gradual improvement now noticeable.

Summary of present situation: Shortly after the last review, Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Rice again separated. I understand that Mr. Rice is now living with another woman. By June, Mrs. Andrews had found her own flat at 16 Isla Street, although shortly afterwards the electricity supply was disconnected for non-payment of a previous account. At this time, it seemed that Mrs. Andrews was at last going to make an effort towards setting up a home for the children. She talked about a job and with the money she could earn from this, she was

Summary of present situation (continued) going to clear her debt with Hydro Electric Board and buy some furniture. This job, in fact, turned out to be a holiday relief job which lasted only two weeks. Mrs. Andrews is again not working. However, Mrs. Andrews was encouraged to visit the children regularly and to have more contact with this Department. The previous pattern continued with Mrs. Andrews turning up only occasionally, despite promises both to the children and to myself.

The children are continually having to face disappointments. Even Mrs. Markie cannot be relied on now to visit the children. Ill-health has been her excuse but I am not sure that this is altogether true as I have visited her a number of times and not found her at home. I have also seen her taking other children to and from school. Recently, David, Helen and Sharon spent a whole weekend looking for their grandmother who had promised to come, as well as hoping that their mother would visit. No-one came. The children were very upset. David buried himself in a sofa for a long time and it was a while before he could even bring himself to talk to staff.

There is, therefore, still no prospect of the children going home. We have also been pursuing long-term plans for the children. During the summer, we advertised for a suitable foster home for the children but nothing has come out of this. It is hoped that something will be found in the near future. I have also discussed with Mrs. Andrews our plan to seek parental rights in respect of the children and she has indicated that she will not give her consent and that she will oppose this.

Mrs. Andrews has had no further contact with either the children or this Department. I understand Mr. Andrews has recently moved house but I have not yet learned his present address.

Additional information (including comments on matters arising from case discussion)

Plans or recommendations for future care, career, etc.

1. To continue to look for a suitable foster home for the three children.
2. To seek parental rights in respect of David, Helen and Sharon, even in the event of Mrs. Andrews' opposition. Also to attempt to trace Mr. Andrews and ask for his consent.
3. To visit both grandmother and mother to discuss with them the effects their irregular visiting is having on the children and to encourage them to have more contact with the children.

Date of review 20 September 1976

Signature of Social Worker.....

Principal
Signature of Social Worker
reviewing case.....



Tayside Regional Council

Social Work Department

Dundee Division

Area 1, 22 Crichton Street, Dundee

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname ANDREWS
 Christian Names 1. David
2. Helen
 or forenames 3. Sharon
 Address St. Francis' Home
Roseangle
Dundee

1. 13.7.67
 2. 21.8.68
 Date of Birth 3. 10.7.69
 Religion Protestant
 Occupation School Children
 Marital State N/A

are to appear on 10 November 1976 at 9.30 am, Dundee Children's Hearing in connection
 with the crime or offence of Annual Review

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

SCHOOL: Reports attached.

FAMILY: Father - John Andrews (30) 10 Westhall Place, Dundee. Cohabiting.
 Unemployed.
 Mother - Janette Simpson Markie or Andrews (29), 16 Isla Street,
 Dundee. Unemployed.
 Maternal Grandmother - Helen Markie, 12 Isla Street, Dundee.
 Unemployed.

SOCIAL BACKGROUND: David, Helen and Sharon have been living in St. Francis' Home since October, 1974 and they are currently subject to Supervision Requirements in accordance with Section 44 (1)(b) of Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. They were initially referred to the Children's Panel on the grounds that they were lacking adequate parental care. At the last review on 10 December 1975, the orders were continued without variation as Mrs. Andrews was not then in a position to offer them a home. During the last eleven months, the situation has not significantly improved.

It is now a year since Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Rice separated and I understand that their relationship has ended. On leaving Mr. Rice, Mrs. Andrews again returned to live with her mother. It was her intention at this time to find employment and to save money which she would use to furnish a house, suitable for herself and the children. In June, Mrs. Andrews obtained a two-roomed flat at 16 Isla Street and she has been living there since although without any electricity as the supply was disconnected due to outstanding debt from previous houses. Her efforts to find work have not been successful although she did work on a temporary basis in a canteen for the holiday fortnight in July.

I have not met Mr. Andrews as he has not responded to any letters I have sent him. He is still cohabiting but Mrs. Andrews has told me there are difficulties in this relationship. Mr. Andrews does not visit the children at St. Francis' but they occasionally go/

go with their mother to see him. It is not clear as to what the arrangement is between Mr. and Mrs. Andrews but Mrs. Andrews did say to me at one time that Mr. Andrews had wanted to return to live with her. The children seem equally confused by this set-up. At one time, Mrs. Markie visited the children every weekend but during the last six months she has not been going there so frequently or regularly.

At the last Hearing, only Mrs. Andrews was present. She talked about plans for getting the children home and she also acknowledged the importance of co-operating with this Department, her contact with social workers up to that time having been particularly irregular. However, despite the efforts I made to contact her, I did not see Mrs. Andrews again until eight months later.

During these months, she only visited the children on rare occasions. Mrs. Andrews called to see me on 12 July 1976 in response to a letter I had sent indicating my disappointment at her apparent lack of interest in the children and my concern about them staying on indefinitely in St. Francis'. Mrs. Andrews next visited me a month later after I had seen her at home and requested that she call at the office the next day. A few days later, it was Helen's birthday and I happened to visit St. Francis' to find the three children anxiously waiting for their mother and grandmother who had promised to meet them an hour earlier at school. The birthday tea was postponed while I went to look for the two women. I found them both at Mrs. Markie's about to make a trifle for Helen and showing no concern that they had already let the children down. The only other time I saw Mrs. Andrews was in September when I visited her at home. She has since failed to keep an appointment with me.

It has not been easy to make contact with Mrs. Andrews and I have not been able to find out why this is. Mrs. Andrews offers lots of excuses but I am usually left wondering just how honest she has been during the interview. She talks a lot and it is not easy to get her to stick to the point in question.

Mrs. Andrews' visits to the children have been more frequent over the last few months, although these are irregular and as a result, the children still have to face numerous disappointments when mother and/or grandmother do not turn up as promised. There was one weekend in September, when the children spent all Saturday and Sunday looking for their grandmother and mother and they were bitterly upset when no-one arrived. David lay for hours buried in a sofa [REDACTED] On the Monday [REDACTED] for her, and she was quite ashamed that this had happened. Even this last weekend, no-one visited the children although their mother was expected.

Mrs. Andrews has said that she finds it difficult to spend time with the children and then to leave them in someone else's care. She must also feel some guilt about going back to the Home after she has not been there for some time and I think this is why she tends to visit them at school rather than go to St. Francis'. The Sisters understand this and they do try to encourage her to come. Last month, I had arranged to go with Mrs. Andrews to see the Sisters so that she could hear for herself how the children are getting on, in the hope that this would/

would help Mrs. Andrews to approach staff and feel more at ease with them. Mrs. Andrews did not keep this appointment. On one occasion, she told me that she felt that no matter what she did, at the end of the day she would still not get the children back. I can understand that this is how she may feel but it is difficult to give her any reassurance when she is so unreliable. I have tried to encourage her involvement with the children, explaining to Mrs. Andrews that her position would improve were she to establish a regular pattern of seeing the children so that they could begin to regard her as a dependable trustworthy figure.

Meanwhile, the children remain in St. Francis'. They still have small behavioural difficulties, particularly David who is prone to sulking, but even these bouts are becoming less frequent. They are affectionate children and they love having visitors to take a special interest in them. The children are now more responsive and manageable. However, I am not happy for them to remain indefinitely in St. Francis' and I should like to see them having the opportunity to take part in family life. In July, I put this to Mrs. Andrews. I explained that decisions about the children's future would have to be made soon and that our plans would include looking for a suitable foster home for the children and trying to build some security into their lives. At the same time, I did not rule out for Mrs. Andrews the possibility of the children going home should circumstances change in the near future.

David, Helen and Sharon are close to each other and I am, therefore, looking for a foster home to take all three. This will not be easy to find and so far I have had no response to any advertisement. It is our plan to review home circumstances again in the light of any alternative that may be available in the next few months.

ASSESSMENT &
RECOMMENDATION:

The family situation has, therefore, not changed much and this Department's plans are moving in the direction of long-term care for the children. The possibility of the children going home has not been ruled out altogether and should Mrs. Andrews' efforts prove more constructive in the future then this will be considered. However, her lack of action over the last two years leaves me with considerable doubt as to her ability to provide for the children.

I, therefore, recommend that the Supervision Requirements in respect of all three children be continued meantime without variation.

Gwen M. Chapman.

Miss G. Chapman
Social Worker

3 November 1976
GC/IS

Social Work Department

Dundee Division.

6 MONTHLY CASE REVIEW

Name of Child 1) David } 1) 13.7.67 10
2) Helen } 2) 21.9.68 9
3) Sharon } 3) 10.7.69 8
Andrews
 Address St. Ternoiz, Roseville, Dundee.

(i) Date received into care 31.10.74
 (ii) Date Parental Rights assumed ---
 (iii) Date Committed to Care (State reasons and Section of Act) 8.1.75 - Section 44 (1)(b) Social Work (Scotland)
Act 1968.

That lack of parental care likely to cause the children unnecessary suffering or seriously
impair their health or development.

Date placed in present Children's Home or foster home 31.10.74

Previous placements with reasons for removal None

Brothers and Sisters - in care, with address None

Brothers and Sisters Elsewhere None

Parents' address, contributions, interest and contact, etc.

Mother: Janetie Markie or Andrews, lives with her mother at 12 Isle Street, Dundee.

Father: John Andrews, Seabirling, 10 The Mall, Dundee.

Father occasionally tries children to visit him.

Both parents unemployed.

Progress in school/employment (details of wages where applicable) All have said to be making slow progress.

[REDACTED]

Summary of progress

Since the last case review, Mrs Andrews has placed her son David (C704) and she is
now on the waiting list with the Housing Division. A letter has been sent from
this Department to the Director of Housing explaining the circumstances and I understand

Summary of present situation (continued) through the Housing Case Conference on 21st October that Mrs Andrews should be offered a house now very soon. Once this happens efforts will have to be made to get electricity supply connected (Mrs Andrews owes money for previous accounts) and to furnish house. Mrs Andrews has recently been to the potatoes and has saved a little money for furnishings. It will take several weeks for Mrs Andrews to get the house in order. Once this is done, there should be no reason for the children not to spend weekends at home. Should weekends prove successful over a period of weeks, then it would be possible to recommend to the Panel that the children be allowed home.

Despite a short period when Mrs Andrews did not get in contact with me, she has co-operated much better during the last few months. I think she feels encouraged now that she sees some movement as regards her situation. Recently I brought Mrs Andrews to visit Sister Andrea and Sister Mary - Catherine who explained to her what the children's behaviour is like. It seems now that Mrs Andrews has a more realistic picture of the children and I would think better prepared for the difficulties she might encounter with them once they are home.

The children themselves have been unsettled and it is difficult to know why this has been the case. Their hopes are often falsely raised about going home. Generally they react very badly to disappointment and this tends to cause sulking amongst all three. Recently staff have been very concerned about David's behaviour. The least thing seemed to be upsetting David and he would then often go out of his way to provoke staff. He needs firm handling as well as time spent with him. Sister Mary-Catherine

Additional information (including comments on matters arising from case discussion)

gives David more of her time than he has had from other members of staff. He enjoys this relationship and I think he is slowly responding to it. David's aggressive manner

Plans or recommendations for future care, career, etc.

- 1) to continue working with mother towards setting up home for herself and the children.
- 2) to encourage mother's involvement in children's care and schooling and so prepare her more for their eventual return home.

Date of review 25.10.77

Signature of Social Worker

Signature of Area/Social Worker reviewing case

6 MONTHLY CASE REVIEW

Name of Child	1. David Ballantine Andrews	1. 13.7.67	9
	2. Helen Gavine Ballantine Markie Andrews	2. 21.8.68	8
	3. Sharon Elizabeth Andrews	d/b 3. 10.7.69	Age 7
Address	St. Francis, Roseangle, Dundee		

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Previous placements with reasons for removal

Brothers and Sisters - in care, with address None.

Brothers and Sisters Elsewhere None.

Parents' address, contributions, interest and contact, etc.

Mother - Janette Andrews - is now supposed to have a flat at 22 North Street, Dundee.

Father - John Andrews, present address unknown. Mother takes children occasionally to visit father.

Progress in school/employment (details of wages where applicable) All three below average in attainment but David [redacted] in particular making progress. Behaviour in class improved although concentration still lacking.

Summary of present situation: Over the last few months, I have been having more regular contact with Mrs. Andrews and she now visits me fortnightly. I have found her more co-operative. At present she is trying to clear arrears with Dundee Housing Division in the hope that she can soon be rehoused. An uncle is to lend her the money. I feel if Mrs. Andrews is ever to provide a home for the children, it will be in the next few months.

Additional information (including comments on matters arising from case discussion)

This Department has not yet found a suitable long-term foster home for the children.

Plans or recommendations for future care, career, etc.

1. To continue to work with Mrs. Andrews re steps to have the children home.
2. To review again either if long-term foster home found or if Mrs. Andrews gets a house.

Date of review 6/6/77

Signature of Social Worker.....

Signature of Area Social Worker
reviewing case.....

Client Copy

Mrs. G. Norrie,
Social Worker, Area 1

Mr. A. Bellord
Deputy Reporter to Children's Panel

18th April, 1979

GN/KM

Re: David, Helen and Sharon Andrews (d/b - 13.7.67, 21.8.68 and 10.7.69 respectively)

The above children are presently subject to Supervision Requirements under Sec. 44 (1) (a) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. The orders were last reviewed on 7th March, 1979. Unfortunately, since then, there have been several events which have given rise to some concern about the care of the children. On 27th March, the family moved from 43 Dunmore Street, Dundee without Mrs. Andrews notifying this Department, even although the family had been visited the previous day. Through my own investigations, I learned that the family had moved in with Mr. David Bremner, 22 Cheviot Crescent, Dundee. On 12th April, there was an incident near the grandmother's home when the children witnessed a row between Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Bremner. The children were upset. The police were called but I understand no charges were brought against either party. Immediately, Mrs. Markie, the children's grandmother, took them to St. Francis' Children's Home and she requested that the children be taken into care. They remained in care for 4 days until Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Bremner removed them, against advice from this Department.

Needless to say, such events have had a distressing effect on the children and it would seem appropriate that a Hearing be arranged in the near future to review the home situation. Mrs. Andrews states that she would like Mr. Bremner to accompany her to any Hearing. They are both at the address in Cheviot Crescent, as above.


Mrs. G. Norrie
Social Worker



Tayside Regional Council

Social Work Department
Dundee Division

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname.....ANDREWS
Christian Names.....1. David
or forenames.....2. Helen
Address.....3. Sharon
.....St. Francis Children's Home,
.....Rosscangle, Dundee.

1. 13.7.67
2. 21.8.68
Date of Birth.....3. 10.7.69
Religion.....Protestant
Occupation.....schoolchildren
Marital State.....N/A

is to appear on 5th April, 1978, 10.15 am. at Dundee Children's Hearing Court in connection
with the crime or offence of Case Review

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

SCHOOL REPORTS: To follow.

FAMILY:
Father: John Andrews (32) 10 Westhall Pl.
unemployed. He and cohabitee have two children.
Mother: Janette Simpson Markie or Andrews (31) 215 Aberlady Cr.
unemployed.
Grandmother; Helen Markie, 43 Ballindean Road, Douglas, Dundee.

HOME CONDITIONS: Mrs. Andrews now has the tenancy of a three-bedroomed house
at 215 Aberlady Crescent. Furniture has been provided by this
Department and D.H.S.S.

HOME SITUATION: David, Helen and Sharon have been in the care of this Authority
since 31st October, 1974 and subject to supervision requirements
under Section 44 (1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 from
8th January, 1975. The last review took place on 12th October,
1977.

Mrs. Andrews always said it was her intention to set up a home
for the children but over three years she did nothing construct-
ive about it. However, last autumn, her uncle paid off her rent
arrears (over £70) on a previous tenancy and in October, the
Housing Division offered Mrs. Andrews the house at 215 Aberlady
Crescent. By February, the house was adequately furnished and
on the 28th of that month, the children were allowed home for
the weekend. They have been home each weekend since. The
children say they are happy staying in Whitfield and that they
would like to live permanently with their mother. There would
appear to have been no problems regarding the care of the child-
ren when they have been at home.

In my previous reports, I have expressed doubts about Mrs. Andrews'
ability to give a full commitment to the children and these have
not altogether been dispelled. It took Mrs. Andrews four months

to move house, even although she had been told that she could have the children home for a short stay over Christmas if the house were in order. Fortunately, nothing had been said to the children and they, therefore, did not suffer any disappointment over this. Why such a delay took place is not clear but I felt Mrs Andrews' list of excuses were just delaying tactics. Mrs. Andrews eventually moved to her new house when her mother left Isla Street to move to a single person's flat in Douglas. There have also been a few instances when Mrs. Andrews has failed to keep her promises to the children and I know that on at least one occasion she went out with her boyfriend rather than spend time with the children, as they had expected. Mrs. Andrews has the same boyfriend, 'uncle Graham' and she has still not told him about the children being in care, nor has she told him that she now has a house in Whitfield. She expects him to disapprove of both, and rather than make a clean breast of her circumstances, she continues in what must by now be a tangled web of deceptions. Seemingly, her boyfriend believes that she is living with her mother in Douglas. Mrs. Andrews still does not appear to have made up her mind about this relationship. On many occasions I have tried to discuss these different issues with Mrs. Andrews and found it impossible to get very far with her. She either finds excuses for not doing something or she agrees that it ought to be done then procrastinates. There are definite signs of immaturity in her behaviour.

On the other hand, it is fair to say that Mrs. Andrews has seen more of the children over the last six months and she has kept better contact with both the staff at St. Francis and myself. When she is with the children she is attentive to them and interested in their progress in the Home and at school. She has become more aware of the children's difficulties and I think now realises that their behaviour and in particular David's, needs careful managing. She has discussed with both myself and the staff at St. Francis how best to handle the children's moods.

The children have made progress during their time in care. They are still prone to sulking and outbursts of temper but these are less frequent as the children now respond more readily to discipline. It is David's behaviour that gives most cause for concern as he is the one who has the least amount of self-control and the one most likely to be upset. Since the children started spending weekends at home, the staff in the Home have found them less irritable and generally more contented.

Mr. Andrews does not visit the children but Mrs. Andrews occasionally takes the children to his home. The children rarely talk about him and show no interest in seeing him more often. They continue to visit their grandmother regularly.

ASSESSMENT AND
RECOMMENDATION:

Now that Mrs. Andrews has suitable accommodation for herself and the children, it has been possible to allow them to spend several weekends at home. These weekends appear to have been successful and the time now seems right to allow the children to return home permanently. Mrs. Andrews, however, will require ongoing advice on the care of the children and I, therefore,

recommend that David, Helen and Shara remain under the supervision of this Department.

Miss G. Chapman

Miss G. Chapman
Social Worker

30th March, 1978
GC/CMcG

Tayside Regional Council
Social Work Department - (Dundee Division)

APPLICATION FOR A CHILD/CHILDREN TO BE RECEIVED INTO CARE

NAME	DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH	RELIGION
(1) DAVID ANDREWS	13.7.67 DUNDEE	PROTESTANT
(2) HELEN ANDREWS	21.8.68 DUNDEE	"
(3) SHARON ANDREWS	10.7.69 DUNDEE	"
(4)		
(5)		

HOME ADDRESS(ES) 22 CHEVIOT CRESC 40 BRENNER
 DUNDEE

FATHER'S NAME JOHN ANDREWS D.O.B. 6.12.45 RELIGION PROTESTANT
 ADDRESS 10 WESTHILL PLACE Dundee
 NATIONAL INS. NO. [] OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER unemployed

MOTHER'S NAME JEANETTE ANDREWS D.O.B. 6.2.47 RELIGION PROTESTANT
 ADDRESS 22 CHEVIOT CRESCENT Dundee
 NATIONAL INS. NO. [] OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER unemployed housewife

DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE divorced Now residing with David Brennan at above address

BROTHER(S) AND SISTER(S) NOT INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION (NAMES, DATES OF BIRTH, ADDRESSES AND, IF IN CARE, STATE DETAILS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY)

NAME(S), ADDRESS(ES) OF OTHER INTERESTED RELATIVES (State relationship)

MRS J. MARKIE - maternal grandmother
 43 Ballindoon Rd, Dundee
 MR DAVID BALLANTYNE - 68 N COURT ST. (great uncle)

REASON FOR APPLICATION AND SECTION OF ACT

mother being assaulted by boyfriend & grandmother removed child
 from the scene & feeling that they should not be at home at present,
 asking for her to be taken into care

see 15 S.W (Scotland) Act 1968.

Child's Name

School - Class

Clergyman's Name, Address

and 'Phone No.

Date and Place of Baptism

Doctor's Name, Address

and 'Phone No.

David
.....
last attended Gilbert R.
.....

Helen
.....
last attended Gilbert R.
.....

DATE AND PLACE OF IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINATIONS:

Basic Whooping Cough, Diphtheria
and Tetanus

School Booster of above

Primary Smallpox

Re-vacc. Smallpox

Basic Oral Polio

School Booster of above

Measles

B.C.G.

Others (state type)

Date and Place of last X-ray

Details of Allergies

Details of any illnesses and/or

Operations (dates and Hospitals)

Subject to Bed-wetting?

Contact with infection?

Medical Card Number

Sharon:

Last attended Gibson P.

CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE RECEPTION OF CHILD/CHILDREN INTO CARE WHERE THE PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MAKE APPLICATION

Delete as
Applicable

Do you hereby agree that the Director of Social Work shall have the right and authority, if in his or her opinion, it is in the interest of the child/children so to do, or the circumstances require such action,

- (a) to arrange for the immunization of your child/children against Whooping Cough, Diphtheria and Tetanus? YES/NO
- (b) to arrange for the vaccination of your child/children against Smallpox, Tuberculosis, Poliomyelitis and Measles? YES/NO
- (c) to place your child/children in any hospital for medical, or if urgently necessary surgical treatment (including the administration of a general anaesthetic for the purpose of diagnosis or operation)? YES/NO
- (d) to arrange for your child/children to receive dental treatment? YES/NO
- (e) to arrange for the baptism of your child/children into and to bring him/her/them up in the Protestant, Catholic or other faith as appropriate. (State faith if applicable) YES/NO

I confirm the information given by me to be correct to the best of my knowledge. Further I agree to the conditions attached to the receiving of my child/children into the care of the Local Authority as follows:-

1. If the Social Work Department accepts my/~~our~~ child/children into care he/~~she~~/they may be accommodated in a foster home or Children's Home at its discretion.
2. The acceptance into care of my/~~our~~ child/children may necessitate weekly contributions in accordance with my/~~our~~ means.
3. I/We must keep the Social Work Department informed of my/~~our~~ address(es) and that failure to do so may render me/us liable on summary conviction to a fine.

(Signed) Father
Mother
Date

Signature of person making application if not parent X Helen Markis
Relationship to child/children maternal grandmother
Date 12.4.79

Proposed Placement Address

Application approved by

Area Controller

Date

CASE REVIEW IN RESPECT OF THE MARKIE CHILDREN on 16TH MARCH, 1981

HELEN MARKIE	(d/b 21.8.68)	Section 44(1)(b)	M. Porter
DAVID MARKIE	(d/b 13.7.67)	Section 44(1)(b)	M. Porter
SHARON MARKIE	(d/b 10.7.69)	Section 44(1)(b)	M. Porter

These children were received into care on 31.10.74. Mother had left the children on 5.10.74 with their maternal grandmother while she went dancing. She did not return and was later believed to be living in Manchester. Conditions at grandmother's house were not good. The house was dirty, as were the bedclothes and rubbish was strewn across the floor. This Department visited at the request of the R.S.P.C.C. and the upshot was that the children were taken into care. At this time, grandmother said the children had been left with her for some days on several occasions and also that they had been left with their father.

The three children were placed in St. ^{Frances} Thomas' Children's Home and the matter reported to the Reporter. A Hearing was called on 8.1.75 and the children were made the subject of a Section 44 (1)(b) Supervision Order naming St. Frances.

Mother returned to Dundee after a few months and set up home in Beechwood with a Mr. Rice. She began making noises about having the children to live with her but she was unable to visit them or have much contact with them. It later transpired that Mr. Rice was not keen on having the children and Mrs. Andrews was thus divided in her loyalties. Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Rice separated in November, 1975 but mother's visits to the children did not increase.

In 1976 mother's situation began to improve and she began a relationship with another man. She found a permanent home and over a period of time the situation appeared stable. As a result at a Hearing on 5th April, 1978, the children were returned home and the Order moved to 44 (1)(a). This situation was to remain stable for nearly 13 months. At that time mother's relationship with her cohabitee broke down and she began associating with a Mr. Bremner. It was stated by grandmother that this man was ill to the children and that Mrs. Andrews was neglecting them. Enquiries revealed that this was in fact the case and a Hearing was called on 9th May at which it was decided the children should live with their grandmother Mrs. Markie until the situation could be sorted out. At a subsequent Hearing on 6th June, 1979 it was confirmed that the children remain with their grandmother under Section 44 (1) (a).

At the time the children came to live with her, grandmother lived in a two roomed house which was much too small for their requirements. With the help of this Department she obtained a larger house. However, before she could move in, Mrs. Markie burned her foot in an accident in the kitchen and found she was unable to cope with the children. She spent two weeks in hospital and the children resided with their aunt, a Mrs. Khan. After Mrs. Markie's discharge from hospital she admitted being unable to cope and the children were received into Carolina House on 24th March, 1980.

For some months prior to the breakdown, the Department had been concerned with Mrs. Markie's handling of the children. Her health wasn't too good and she had great difficulty in coping with the household chores. The house was always very untidy and sometimes downright/

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downright dirty. She was having difficulties in controlling the children and was buying convenience foods such as fish and chips for meals. She was also overindulging the children by buying them expensive gifts out of the fostering allowance. As a result, the help offered by the Department was quite intensive. The social worker concerned visited regularly and the services of a Family Helper were offered to help make the tea and to assist with budgetting and home-making. Mrs. Markie refused these offers of help.

At a Hearing on 30th April, the placement at Carolina House was confirmed by a Hearing.

Since the children came back into care neither Mrs. Markie nor mother has visited the children. The children for their part visit grandmother regularly but she in turn blamed the Social Work Department for the children's misfortunes and gave them the impression that the Social Work Department removed them from her care against will. Despite every effort by the social workers to get Mrs. Markie to be honest with the children, she has consistently failed to do so and this is proving very upsetting to the children and preventing them from settling down in Carolina House.

Mother, Mrs. Andrews has recently been in touch with Sharon at school and had made arrangements to meet the children on a Saturday outwith Carolina House. This is not acceptable and Carolina House are to encourage both mother and grandmother to visit Carolina House.

The children are in different houses at Carolina. David being in a separate house from the girls. Arrangements are to be made for David to join the girls as soon as a vacancy occurs.

DAVID

Compensates emotionally by over-eating. Very emotional boy who is easily moved to tears. At school he is described as clumsy, overweight and not very bright.

CONCLUSIONS:

In retrospect, allowing the children home to mother was a mistake. This was followed by another mistake in allowing the children to live with grandmother. The children are now in care and there are no relatives who can take over their care. Carolina is a bit impersonal for them and they require the kind of care that fostering or a family group home can provide. Preliminary investigations regarding fostering have been carried out but hopes are not high. The possibility of a family group home is to be investigated further.

Mr. H. Gaston
Senior Social Worker

HG/LDM
12th March, 1981

21/3/81



Tayside Regional Council

Social Work Department
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Dundee Children's Hearing on 1st April, 1981.

REPORT: on

David (d/b 13.7.67), Helen (21.8.68) and Sharon Andrews (10.7.69)
c/o Carolina House Children's Home,
Dundee.

At a Hearing on 30th April 1980 the Supervision Orders on the above-named children were varied to include a condition of residence in Carolina House. The report prepared at that time indicated that the children's grandmother Mrs. Markie was unable to cope with them and that Carolina House could offer a consistent, disciplined environment.

It was noted in the last report that Mrs. Markie had been allocated a three bedroomed house. This enabled her to take the children for weekends and some holidays. When I became the social worker for this family in December Mrs. Markie said she was giving up the house and moving in with her brother who has a one bedroomed house. She has in fact only recently given up the tenancy but in the meantime the children were becoming more unsettled in Carolina House. There is little doubt that they want to be with their grandmother full-time but as the situation now stands they are unable to stay with her even for weekends. Unfortunately, she is now promising that at some stage she will have another house of her own where she will be able to take them and despite any efforts to prevent her building up their hopes the children are already seeing this as a possibility.

Over the last few months I have been seeing the children on a weekly basis. They all show concern for each other and see themselves very much as a family. Unfortunately it has not yet been possible to move David into the girls' house but the staff of Carolina House are keeping this under review. I find all three children very talkative and anxious to discuss whatever is worrying them. They have at times made complaints about Carolina to their grandmother and I feel sure this is an attempt to get her more involved with them. With the staff of the Home I have been trying to encourage Mrs. Markie to visit there as the children feel it would help them to settle.

As the school reports indicate all three children are of below average ability but it seems that they are making efforts to settle in school. Hopefully this is an indication that they are beginning to come to terms with their overall living situation.

With regard to the children's parents I have not had any contact with them. Their mother recently spoke to Sharon at school and tried to make an arrangement to see the children. Sharon was keen on the idea but David and Helen understandably have not worked through the feelings of anger and hurt they feel towards her about being in care. She has not made an official approach to Social Work Department or Carolina House regarding any future involvement she might have with the children. Unfortunately Mrs. Andrews does not appear keen to let the Department know where she is living but should the opportunity to discuss the children's future with her arise I would follow this up.

I feel that the future prospect for these children is that they will remain in long-term care. It is unfortunate that Mrs. Markie is unable to be completely honest with them but possibly her own guilt feelings prevent this. With the staff of Carolina House I will continue to encourage her to visit there as I feel this is helpful for the children. From time to time I meet with the children, Mrs. Markie, Mrs. Khan (maternal aunt) and Mr. Ballantyne (Mrs. Markie's brother) for a "family meeting". We use these meetings to help clarify issues which are causing confusion for the children and these issues are usually related to their grandmother's situation. I intend to continue with these as another way of encouraging Mrs. Markie to be more realistic about what she can offer her grandchildren.

With these points in mind I would respectfully suggest that the Supervision Requirement Orders be continued in terms of Section 44 (1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act.

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Ms. M. Porter
Social Worker.

31.3.81.

TAYSIDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

6 MONTHLY CASE REVIEW

Name of Child 1. Daniel
2. Helen
Sharon

1 13.7.67 - 13
 2 21.8.68 - 12
 3 10.7.69 - 11

Address Caroline House, 133 Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee

(i) Date received into care (State reason and Section of Act) 31.10.74
8.1.76. Sect. 44(1)(b) S.W Scotland Act - lack of parental care.

(ii) Date Parental Rights assumed

Date placed in present Children's Home or foster home

24.3.80

Previous placements with reasons for removal

31.10.74 - St Thomas' Children's Home - Children's Hearing on 8.1.75 - 44(1)(b)
5.4.78 - children returned to mother 44(1)(a)
9.5.79 - children moved in with maternal grandmother 44(1)(a) as
mother was not looking after them adequately.

Names and Addresses of Brothers(s) and Sister(s) in Care

Names and Addresses of Brother(s) and Sister(s) NOT in Care

Parents' address, contributions, interest and contact, etc.

Not known.

Progress in school/employment (details of wages where applicable)

David is not an academic pupil but well liked in school and gradually settling down to make reasonable progress.

Summary of present situation: last year - but rejected.

Last hearing review was on 1.4.81 when Supervision Orders (44(1)(b)) were continued. Grandmother is now living with her brother so the children are unable to have weekends with her. She is promising to get another larger house and says she will have them with her - very unrealistic and highly unlikely. Parents have made no enquiries about the children although mother turned up at Sharon's school one day - before going off to England again. I understand she is Dundee again - still cohabiting with Mr Bremner.

All 3 children still want to be with G/mother and consequently are not fully integrated into C. House. David moved into the girls' House in April and this has certainly helped. The children are very fond of each other. David, more than the girls, visits G/mother and gets quite weepy and upset at the thought that they cannot live with her. Caroline has tried hard to encourage Mrs Markie (G/mother) to visit there and have tea etc. with the children but she has only rarely visited them.

Although the children would not be amenable to fostering meantime I have explored the idea with our area homefinder and it is extremely unlikely that we would find people willing to take these children. I have also looked at the possibility of a family group home, given that one child is likely to remain residential care but finding three places in one unit is not likely.

Plans or recommendations for future care, career, etc.

Bleak prospect of long term residential care for children, who do not want to be in a Children's Home. Unfortunately Tayside has nothing else to offer them.

Date of Review 9.7.81

Signature of Social Worker Margaret A. ...

Signature of Reviewing Officer ...