

LISA WILLIAMSON EXTRACTS FROM DOCUMENTS HELD BY SCRA

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2020-02-13 Police Concern Report

Lisa Williamson Female 26/01/1990 Perpetrator

7, 9, Tyler Gardens, Edinburgh, Home Address

Occupation: Unemployed

Place of Birth: Edinburgh

Ethnicity: White Scottish

07548512239 Mobile

Location - SOUTHERNESS HOLIDAY VILLAGE, ACCESS TO GILLFOOT PRIVATE ROAD, SOUTHERNESS, DG2 8AZ

Details of incident - Upon 13/02/20 [] and Lisa Williamson attended the communal entertainment area at Southernness Holiday Village with their 4 children; ... Staff on site noted both adults already appeared to have been drinking and quickly became heavily intoxicated with other patrons notifying staff due to the manner in which both were speaking with their children. About 2300hrs as the bar came to a close both adults were observed screaming, swearing and shouting abuse at their 4 young children, Lisa Williamson has subsequently stumbled and collapsed over [child1] ... resulting in an injury to her arm, however remained completely indifferent to her conduct. Site staff have contacted police and maintained observations and observed ...drunkenly arguing amongst themselves during their stumbling return to their caravan. Lisa Williamson has then allowed her children into the caravan... Upon police arrival both adults have conducted themselves appallingly in front of their respective children urinating over themselves caring little for the children supposedly in their care. Both adults subsequently arrested and conveyed to Dumfries Custody whilst local social workers arranged hotel accommodation whilst alternative family members were contacted.

Both parents arrested for S12 CYP offences and conveyed to custody Ambulance contacted [child1] checked in relation to a sore arm attributed to her intoxicated mother falling on her during the evening.

Vulnerability: Young children who were placed at risk as a result of their parents poor behaviour

Adversity: Concern that the parents behaviour has had a negative impact on the safety and wellbeing of the children

...mother and [] were intoxicated to the point of not recognizing their own children.

Charges - 1 CHILDREN/YOUNG PERSONS 1937 S12(1) WILFULLY ILL/NEG/ABA/EXP

2020-03-19 Investigation Form

Reporter's Decision: No Action-Refer To Local Authority

Reporter's Decision Details: Appears to have been 1 off incident, Mother co-operating with SW & seeking help with alcohol use VMS appropriate.

Nature of Incident/Extent of Concern - (i)Child's Development (ii)Parenting (iii)Family & Environmental Factors:

SW advises that Mum has been open and honest & has met with her GP and has been prescribed medication for anxiety. She has also attended the drop in at Turning Point regarding alcohol use and has a follow up appointment. TP will be referring the family to Circle for additional support for the whole family... SW will remain involved in the short term to ensure Mum continues to engage with services.

2020-03-20 No Hearing - advice letter to Relevant Person

20 March 2020

Lisa Williamson

9/7 Tytler Gardens

Edinburgh

EH8 8HS

Dear Lisa Williamson

I received a referral with concerns about [children] after the incident at the caravan in February. I have spoken to [children's] social worker and I have decided that a Children's Hearing is not required. This means you will not hear from me again, unless I receive a further referral about [children].

I think it would be helpful for [the children] to have advice, guidance and assistance provided by the Social Work Department on a voluntary basis. This can last for as long as everyone involved thinks it is necessary. I will leave the working out of the arrangements to the social worker, [children], you and any other Relevant Persons...

Yours sincerely

Karen Scott

on behalf of the Principal Reporter

2026-02-04 Social Work Report (extracts combined from two reports)

Mother Lisa Williamson

'I have visited [child 1] at home and observed interactions between her and Lisa.

I have visited Lisa at home.'

Summary of concerns, needs and risks

...Social work has been involved with the family on and off since 2017. Social work involvement has largely stemmed from concerns around Lisa's alcohol use and the impact this has had on the care of [child1] and [child2]. Lisa accepts her alcohol use as problematic and this increases the risk of emotional harm to [child1] and [child2]. Lisa is not engaged with any support around her alcohol use however Lisa admits her alcohol use is problematic and admits binge drinking. Lisa appears to struggle from abstaining. In addition to the risks to [child1] and [child2] when Lisa is using alcohol, Lisa is also at risk of harming herself when heavily intoxicated, as she appears to have little control over her actions. On 3 July 2024, [child1] contacted the Police around 1am due to Lisa being heavily under the influence of alcohol. Lisa had been keeping the girls awake, singing moving around the flat, and coming into [child1]'s bedroom,

preventing them from getting to sleep. Lisa has then pushed [child1], which upset her, as she was trying to look after [child2] and let her get to sleep. [child1] then called the Police, who attended...Police noted their concerns about the home environment at Lisa's, due to the level of mess, dirt and cat litter tray being found in [child1] and [child2]'s bedroom, with the smell of urine. Lisa at this time was not coherent and did not appear to understand what was happening around her...but a clear plan was put in place for Lisa to not drink while she was caring for the girls, and to only drink at the weekends when the girls are with []. Throughout the chronology, it is clear that there have been ongoing concerns over the state of the house and the impact this has on [child1] and [child2]. Improving the state of the house has been a priority for social work following the Child Protection Planning Meeting in July 2024, however there has been no significant change to the state of the house and Lisa has been unable to engage with supports around this. An Interagency Referral Discussion (IRD) was raised in June 2025 due to police attending the home address to take a statement from Lisa regarding another incident, where they note significant concerns for the state of the house. The IRD was agreed to close, on the basis of a robust plan for social work to support Lisa to engage with support services to address her alcohol use, make progress on the state of the home and engage with supports for her mental health. Following IRD closure, there has been no progress to the plan established. Police attended the home address again in August 2025 to take a statement from Lisa regarding another incident and again, noted significant concerns over the state of the house. Discussion between social work and police took place, an IRD was not raised at this time. The relationship between [child1] and Lisa can be a challenge... due to recent arguments between Lisa and [child1]. [child1]'s relationship with her mother is complex and difficult... There had been efforts to repair the relationship between Lisa and [child1]...

Summary of progress on child's/young person's plan

HOME CONDITIONS

An IRD was raised in June 2025 due to police concerns about the state of the house. Officers were concerned due to the level of clutter, lack of food, state of the kitchen, cat faeces throughout the flat and an odour of cat urine. At this time, the IRD was agreed closure following a robust plan of referrals for Lisa to engage with services to support her mental health, and support her with maintaining the household. Police attended the address again in August 2025 and were concerned about the state of the property. Since IRD closure, there has been no progress in the house and Lisa has not engaged with supports put in place. There have been 2 referrals to Family and Household Support and both have been closed, due to Lisa's non-engagement with the service. The state of the house continues to be poor. There are three cats within the property and therefore are various littertrays throughout. During my visits, there has never been evidence of cat urine or cat faeces anywhere apart from the littertrays. The house has not smelt unclean during my visits, however the house has been in a poor condition with clutter throughout. Police report dated 23 June 2025 note the home environment to be neglected, untidy and unhygienic and there was a strong smell of urine and faeces from the litter boxes. Police report dated 13 August 2025 note the home was covered in cat faeces, urine, clutter, and empty cider cans which were littered in every room. Every room in the home resembled image 5 of the clutter scale. Police also noted Lisa herself appeared dirty and very unkempt. After receiving both police reports, I went out to visit the property and did not note a smell of cat faeces or urine. The home was in a poor state however it appeared that following police

expressing their concern, there was an effort to clean the home prior to social work visiting... Lisa and [] reported this to police. Police attended Lisa's home address to take a statement and it is noted within the IRD that the officer's in attendance at Lisa's home address were concerned at the state of the house there was clutter/clothing/rubbish strewn about the home... I attempted two unannounced visits with my Team Leader in September 2025, with no success. I had a successful unannounced visit on 29 September 2025, where the state of the home was in a similar condition to what I'd seen before. There are two bedrooms within the property. One room was used as [child1]'s room and the other is used as Lisa's room. [child2] used to sleep with Lisa in her room however has recently decided to sleep in the living room on the sofa, which is a sofa bed. This sofa bed is dressed appropriately to be used as a bed, with a duvet and pillow, however is used as the sofa during visits. There is a large amount of clutter within the property. There are piles of washing which Lisa reports as clean washing. Lisa does not put clean washing away, rather puts it in piles and takes clean washing from a pile. There is often a large pile of dirty washing on the kitchen floor. The kitchen is in the worst condition - there is usually a large pile of dirty dishes to be done. The worktops are not clear and are often dirty. The hall is cluttered with clothes and shoes, making it difficult to navigate through, needing to step over piles of clothes. There are a number of outstanding repairs within the property. There are kitchen cupboards that are missing, or hanging off the hinges. Lisa's front door had been kicked in by her a number of years ago and was replaced by a piece of wood fitted to the door however there is not a door handle, only a lock and key. Social work has sourced funding to replace the flooring in both the kitchen and bathroom of the property. This funding has been in place since Spring 2025 however this has not progressed. Lisa has not been able to clean the rooms in order to tear up the old flooring and allow fitters in to replace it... There is not a kitchen table, [child2] eats on the sofa in the living room (her bed). During visits, I have observed food packing on the sofa/[child2]'s bed. There are concerns about the poor conditions that [child1] and [child2] are exposed to, with a lack of progress in addressing the conditions of the home to improve this for [child1] and [child2]. In December 2025, I had a telephone call with Lisa to discuss her wanting to force [child1] to have a highly restrictive SIM card. During this phone call, Lisa became quickly upset with me over the phone, shouting that I was more concerned with [child1]'s feelings than her safety. Lisa requested I not contact her when I return from annual leave in January..., Lisa had one phone call with me to discuss [child1]'s disclosure. Lisa has stopped engaging with me and is not permitting me to visit her at home and is unwilling to speak with me over the phone. Lisa has stated that if I need to speak to her, I can do so via text. Due to this, I am unable to assess the home conditions or assess the state of the home that [child2] is currently living in. I last visited the home on 11 December 2025. Information from police in January 2026 suggests the home conditions continue to be poor. Due to Lisa's non engagement with social work, there are concerns that social work are now not able to see or assess the home conditions that [child1] and [child2] are continually exposed to.

[child2] has hobbies and interests that are supported by both [] and Lisa.

LISA'S MENTAL HEALTH

Lisa accesses mental health support through her GP. I supported her to an appointment in August 2025 with a mental health nurse to ensure Lisa has what she needs to be supported. Lisa takes prescribed medication for her mental health,

fluoxetine and quetiapine. Lisa had stopped taking her medication over the summer months as she felt she didn't need this. Lisa coming off her medication had notable impacts on her mental health,... Lisa is now taking her medication again, as prescribed. Lisa reports her mood has improved since taking her medication again, and is not experiencing such drastic dips in her mood as she was when not taking the medication. Lisa's mental health can be a barrier for her. Apart from the GP, Lisa does not engage in any supports for her mental health. Lisa has been offered advice to contact Women's Aid and Rape Crisis for additional support however declined me supporting her with this but has not engaged with these supports. Given Lisa's lack of engagement, it is not possible to have an up to date assessment of Lisa's mental health and determine whether she is taking her medication to improve her mental health. Lisa presents as accepting that things need to change and is open to discussing the concerns and the benefits of support services however has not been able to engage with supports put in place. Lisa has presented as tearful when discussing professionals' concerns for [child1] and [child2]...

LISA'S ALCOHOL USE

Lisa's alcohol use has been a concern throughout [child1] and [child2]'s life. Lisa maintains that she only drinks at the weekends when [child1] and [child2] are not in her care. Lisa admits that she binge drinks but is not accessing any support for her alcohol use. Lisa accepts that her alcohol use is problematic however has been unable to sustain any change or abstain from the use of alcohol. The plan following the CPPM in July 2024 was clear that Lisa is not to consume alcohol while caring for either [child1] or [child2]. It appeared that Lisa was following this plan however recently... I have been clear with Lisa that this is not the plan and Lisa was reflective and apologetic about this specific incident in December 2025...

ENGAGEMENT WITH SUPPORTS

Lisa was offered Family and Household Support and two referrals were made to this service by social work. Lisa did not engage with this and therefore was closed to the service on both occasions. Lisa was offered a place in Teen Triple P for supportive parenting strategies with [child1] however did not engage with this service. Lisa does not engage with any support around her alcohol use. Lisa reported knowing a family friend who works at Turning Point Scotland and was therefore unwilling to engage with this. Lisa presents as accepting that things need to change and is open to discussing the concerns and the benefits of support services however has not been able to engage with supports put in place. Lisa has presented as tearful and accepting when discussing professionals' concerns for [child1] and [child2] however has been unable to progress with the plan or sustain any change. It has been difficult to support Lisa to engage with supports to affect change. Without professional input, Lisa is unable to make necessary changes, address concerns and make progress to the Child's Plan for both [child1] and [child2].

SAFETY

... Lisa grounded [child1] and [child1] was using a burner phone with a high level of parental control and monitoring... however there is still a high level of control and monitoring of her online activity... Lisa and [] are aware of this risk. Part of the Plan following the CPPM in July 2024 was that Lisa was not to block [child1]'s phone

numbers and allow her to access her phone/data at all times for her and [child2]'s safety...

RELATIONSHIPS

Lisa can struggle to manage [child1]'s behaviour, it appears that when Lisa's rules are not being followed, arguments between Lisa and [child1] quickly escalate, with Lisa putting reactive strategies in place in an attempt to regain control. Previously, on occasions where Lisa was heavily intoxicated... Lisa has been referred to Teen Triple P (parenting course) and was offered a place in the course for September-November 2025, however has not engaged with this service and has not attended the group sessions. The relationship between [child1] and Lisa continues to deteriorate. Lisa and [child1] are both willing to repair the relationship however following some moments of reconciliation, it appears that [child1] and Lisa are not able to sustain a positive relationship with one another... Lisa's communication has mostly been via text message and there have been arguments over text message... There are complex dynamics between Lisa and [child1] that will require a therapeutic approach to addressing deep rooted issues that will require a willingness for both [child1] and Lisa to engage with. In discussion with Lisa around the language used toward [child1], she has been reflective and is understanding that her approach is unhelpful however maintains that [child1] is manipulative and selfish... Lisa continues to threaten [child1] with forcing her to return to Lisa's care so she can keep a close eye on her...

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

...Lisa and [] have agreed this between themselves and are flexible around this arrangement. [] and Lisa are both agreeing to [child1] living with [], however Lisa has made threats of forcing [child1] to return to Lisa's home and care which creates instability and insecurity for [child1]... Lisa accepts that [child1] is getting to an age where she can make her own decisions...

Where applicable, detail any current/proposed contact arrangements and the impact of this on the child/youngperson?

The plan was that both [child1] and [child2] spend Monday through Friday with their mum, Lisa and spend the weekends with their dad, []... [] and Lisa's communication seems to be only for arranging care of [child2], and this is supported by a third party (friend of Lisa).

What are the risks to the child/young person?

[child1] and [child2] are both exposed to parental alcohol use. Lisa is not engaging with any supports to address her alcohol use. The plan following the Child Protection Planning Meeting in July 2024 was for Lisa to not be drinking while caring for the girls. Lisa denies drinking during the week when the girls are in her care. Lisa is at risk of harming herself or [child1] and [child2] when heavily intoxicated, as she appears to have little control over her actions. [child1] and [child2] are both exposed to poor parental mental health and Lisa is not accessing support for this. Lisa stopped taking her medication as she felt she didn't need it but was struggling without it. Lisa is now taking her medication again, as prescribed, but needs to engage with mental health supports.

There is a lack of safe home environment for [child1] and [child2]. It is possible Lisa is cleaning for social work visits and I am seeing a slightly better version of the house than is normal. Recent police reports indicate the state of the house is concerning due to the level of disorganisation and clutter, lack of food in the home and cat faeces and

odour of cat urine. There is a lack of resources to meet [child1] and [child2]'s needs. [child1] has a complex and difficult relationship with her mother. Lisa's communication with [child1] and hurtful language used toward and about [child1] presents a risk to [child1]'s confidence and mental wellbeing. This also presents a risk to [child2] for when she approaches adolescence and if she starts to push parental boundaries, Lisa's approach may be similar... All of the above risks are heightened by Lisa not engaging with supports and Lisa having a lack of resources to meet [child1] and [child2]'s needs. There has been no progress to the plan since July 2024 which increases the risk of harm to both [child1] and [child2].

... In August 2025, Lisa had kept [child2] off school due to her concern for [child2] safety. Lisa and Abbeyhill Primary School established a plan for Lisa to drop [child2] off and pick her up from the school ... [child2] attendance is 64% in January 2026.

What are the risks posed by the child/young person to themselves?

... Lisa was previously monitoring all [child1]'s phone activity through parental controls on a burner phone... This phone did not have the same high level of monitoring however provided location services for [child1] that both [] and Lisa could access...

What protective factors and strengths would increase the child's/young person's resilience?

Lisa has responded appropriately and protectively of both [child1] and [child2] in the past when she feels they've been placed at risk, she has followed up with police. Lisa is open and accepting of the concerns and acknowledges change needs to be made. Lisa appears willing to engage with supports.

What are the parent's/carer's views about the child's/young person's circumstances and wishes for the future?

More recently, Lisa has been unkind in her language toward [child1], calling her selfish and manipulative. Lisa is aware that the state of the house is a concern for professionals and has accepted that her alcohol use is problematic. Lisa is also aware her mental health can present challenges, however little change has been made to address these concerns. Lisa has previously presented as accepting of concerns however Lisa is not happy to engage with social work and has said that she doesn't want to see me or speak to me.

It appears that Lisa and [child2] get along well. Lisa does not report her and [child2] having the same disagreements as Lisa and [child1] have.

Summary and reason why compulsory measures are recommended

... Throughout the chronology, it is evident that there have been longstanding concerns about the home conditions. Lisa is aware the state of the house is poor and needs to be improved. Lisa is agreeing to referrals to services that can offer Lisa additional support with the house and her mental health. However, Lisa has not engaged with supports offered to her. There have been numerous attempts at referrals to support services, such as Circle, Turning Point, FHS. [child1] therefore continues to be exposed to poor parental mental health and parental alcohol use. There has been a significant lack of change or progress to the plan for Lisa. The state of the house and Lisa's alcohol use are entrenched concerns that have been ongoing for a number of years without any period of sustained change. Lisa has not taken on board advice to engage with support services and has a lack of ability to change and address concerns. There have been 2 IRDs since June 2025, both noting concerns about the state of the house. In August 2025, police contacted social work to express their concern over the state of the house however an IRD was not raised at this stage. It is evident that despite targeted supports over a lengthy period, Lisa is unable or unwilling to make the necessary changes to ensure the safety and wellbeing of her children. ...

Lisa is not happy with this since the recent IRD, Lisa feels that [] is unable to safeguard [child1] and has threatened to return [child1] to Lisa's care. The relationship between Lisa and [] has broken down following this, resulting in co-parenting of [child2] becoming difficult with limited communication between Lisa and []. If Lisa is no longer agreeing to [child1] residing with [], ... Although it has been a difficult time for Lisa, her mental health and alcohol use impact her parenting, resulting in neglect for both [child1] and [child2]. The state of the house is poor and there has been little effort or commitment to bring about change to the home conditions...

Recommendations

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- 1) The state of the home at Lisa's is poor. Lisa has not managed to progress with the plan to tidy the house...
- 2) There are concerns around Lisa's alcohol use. The plan is for Lisa only to drink when [child1] and [child2] are in the care of their dad. While it appeared that Lisa was adhering to this plan, recent information suggests this is not the case. Lisa is not engaging with any supports to address her alcohol use. Lisa's alcohol use is ongoing and presents as a risk to [child1].
- 3) [child1]'s relationship with Lisa continues to be difficult. [child1] is living at [] but there is a risk that Lisa will no longer agree to this arrangement, ...
- 4) Lisa's engagement with supports has been poor. There has been a slight improvement in Lisa's engagement with me but Lisa has not engaged with various supports put in place for her, such as Family and Household Support and Teen Triple P. Lack of change despite efforts to provide supports.
- 5) There are concerns for Lisa's mental health. Lisa appears to be engaging with the GP and taking her medication but Lisa stopped taking her medication over the summer, resulting in low mood for Lisa...

Lisa is not engaging with social work and therefore there will not be an opportunity to share this with her.

Lisa's alcohol use - Lisa is not to drink alcohol on the days that both [child1] and [child2] are in her care. If Lisa is not able to maintain this she is to seek support from substance misuse services.

Home conditions - There has been funding sourced for flooring in the house to support the cleaning of the home.

[child2] school attendance - Lisa and school to support [child2] in managing any difficulties with peers. Lisa to communicate with school if [child2] will be off.

[child2] sensitivity with clothing and shoes – [] & Lisa to take [child2] shopping to find appropriate clothing that [child2] will feel comfortable in.

11 Oct 2012 - Anonymous Report - raising concerns about Lisa's alcohol use, observed Lisa to be under the influence of alcohol whilst at a park with [child1]. The caller states that [child1] had ran, and was almost hit by a passing car.

20 Aug 2013 - Police Report Received - Police attended due to a call regarding a disturbance. Lisa had been on a night out and had got into an argument with friends, whilst under the influence of alcohol. [child1] was with her grandmother and not

present. Concerns shared about the home environment, with it being cluttered, dirty dishes and rubbish lying around the property.

10 Dec 2016 - Police Report Received - Verbal argument following [] returning home under the influence and waking the children.

7 Aug 2017 - Anonymous Report - Contact made with Social Care Direct, sharing concerns for [child1], advising that Lisa approximately 2-3 times per week is verbally and emotionally abusive to [child1], and that this can be heard, as it is in a loud voice.

3 Oct 2017 - Concerns reported from school for [child1]. [child1]'s hair is often not brushed and unwashed, clothes are dirty and stained.

28 Oct 2017 - Police Report Received - attended at Lisa's home, due to an argument between Lisa and [child1].

30 Oct 2017 - Joint Home Visit, Health Visitor and Social Work - home conditions observed to be cluttered and untidy, clothes all over the floor. Two holes in the wall noted, Lisa stated happened a long time ago. Lisa did not want an EYC referral for [child2]. Lisa shared she is due to start counselling.

13 Nov 2017 - Home Visit by Health Visitor - Shona (HV) shared concerns about the home environment and exploring what supports would help the family.

13 Nov 2017 - Child Planning Meeting at Abbeyhill Primary School. Lisa discusses shouting at [child1] and is remorseful for this. Lisa discusses lack of support...

5 Dec 2017 - Shona contacted Social Work to share that Lisa was not adhering to the agreed plan from the CPM, and had missed her GP appointment and two appointments with Link Up (Counselling Service).

28 May 2019 - Lisa currently in Hospital at the Royal Edinburgh on a voluntary basis.

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3 Jun 2019 - Royal Edinburgh Hospital advise that they have referred Lisa to the Alcohol and Substance Misuse Team for community based support, as Lisa has been withdrawing from alcohol.

18 Jun 2019 - Joint Home Visit, Social Work and Shona (HV) - Agreed to refer Lisa to Turning Point, and Lisa to engage with GP around her medication. Agreed to consider a parenting group work referral. [child2] to attend EYC over the summer....

24 Jun 2019 - NSPCC Referral - Concerns for [child1] and [child2], and in particular [child1], who Lisa is heard shouting at. Concern alleges that [child1] is seen leaving for school in tears, with Lisa shouting from the window, and on occasions outside on her bike to avoid further arguments. Concerns about argument between Lisa and her boyfriend, noting aggressive shouting and abuse by Lisa.

4 Jul 2019 - Child Planning Meeting at Craiginny EYC - ... [child2] continues to sleep with Lisa as she does not have her own bed. Application for funding for a bed to be made. [child2] still breastfeeding at night, Shona to discuss Lisa's medication with GP regarding cross over to [child2]. ...

8 Jul 2019 - Update from Shona - Lisa attended initial appointment at Turning Point, supported by Shona.

2 Aug 2019 - Lisa has attended appointment with specialist mental health Nurse and made appointment with Turning Point.

30 Sep 2019 - Child Planning Meeting at Abbeyhill Primary. Lisa accessing support from Circle and Turning Point....

5 Jan 2020 - Police Report Received - Disagreements via text message communication between [] and Lisa

14 Feb 2020 - Lisa is on holiday at a caravan park in Dumfries with [child1], [child2], Lisa and [] become intoxicated and shouting and swearing at children. Both Lisa

and [] are arrested. [child1] and [child2] are removed from Lisa's care ... IRD raised by Police.

25 Feb 2020 - Home Visit by Social Work - Discussion with Lisa about recent event. ... Referrals to Circle and Turning Point agreed. ... Lisa consulted GP and will continue to do so. ...

10 Mar 2020 - Home Visit by Social Work - Lisa has attended Turning Point and has a follow up. Referral made to Circle for the whole family...

22 July 2020 - Child Planning Meeting - Lisa engaging with Sam Black from Circle Project. ...

21 Jan 2021 - Anonymous Referral - Referrer alleging that they can hear Lisa shouting and swearing at both children.

8 Apr 2021 - Shona contacted SCD following her home visit, due to smelling alcohol from Lisa, who confirmed she had been using alcohol with [] the night before.

27 May 2021 - Shona contacted SCD seeking advice from SW as Lisa's mental health has taken a downturn and family needing support over the summer holidays.

9 Aug 2021 - ... Shona is concerned as Lisa is not coping well and admitting this herself. The home was in "poor condition" there was a mess everywhere and door ways obstructed by items. Lisa confirmed she had been using street valium to help with her anxiety. Lisa not picking up her medication for her mental health. Lisa confirmed she is "binge drinking" when the girls are outwith her care.

19 Aug 2021 - Home Visit by Social Work - house is cluttered and Lisa appeared to have a low mood. Lisa struggles with her mental health, recently had a change in medication. Lisa has struggled to cope with lockdown. Lisa feels the state of the house has got on top of her. Social Work will follow up referral to Circle. ...

19 Sep 2021 - Police Referral Received - Lisa accidentally kicked [child1] in the face whilst under the influence of alcohol. ...

13 Oct 2021 - Circle contacts SCD to advise that Lisa has not engaged with the service....

31 Aug 2022 - Police Report Received - ... Police shared concerns about the condition of the home, noting piled up dirty clothes, dishes and food everywhere. There was a strong smell of cat urine.

6 Dec 2022 - Referral from Lisa's GP Ruth Wiggins - Ruth contact SCD on behalf of Lisa, sharing that Lisa is struggling with her mental health, accessing support for this via GP services, but also contacted SCD for help, Ruth wanted to know if this had been progressed.

19 Dec 2022 - School contact SCD as [child2] has not been collected from School, and this has happened a couple of times, whereby Lisa is 1-2 hours late. ...

20 Jul 2023 - Lisa contacts SCD looking for advice and support, as she is struggling to manage with [child1]'s behaviours, feeling she is not being listened to, and that her phone is being used inappropriately, ...

31 Aug 2023 - Information provided to Lisa for Children 1st parent help and advice line.

15 Apr 2024 - Lisa contacts Police due to concerns about her friend who was caring for [child1] on 12 Apr 2024, ... IRD raised, Police follow this up. During the investigation officers note Lisa sharing that she does on occasion provide [child1] with a glass of wine at dinner. The concerns regarding the home environment still present.

22 Apr 2024 - Police Report Received - following an argument between Lisa and [child1], ... Lisa grew concerned for [child1]'s safety and contacted police to report her as missing. Lisa had been contacted by [child1]'s friend's mum, ...

23 Apr 2024 - ... Lisa then reported [child1] missing, ...

23 Apr 2024 - Home Visit to Lisa, home conditions continue to be cluttered....

3 Jul 2024 - Police Report Received - Lisa had taken the phone off [child1] and assured officers that all was well. Officers attended to confirm the welfare of all parties. Police found the property to be in considerable disrepair... Lisa tried to grab [child2] off her. Lisa has then pushed [child1] back into her bedroom. ... Officers noted that Lisa was slurring her words, and stumbling around the house. It was of the officers opinion she could not care for the children at that time. Lisa was later referred to MHAS due to concerns for her emotional and mental wellbeing....

8 Jul 2024 - Home visit to Lisa by Claire. Lisa is remorseful and wanting children to return to her care with support in place. It was agreed that they could return to her care with a plan in place. Lisa agreed to a referral to Turning Point.

16 Jul 2024 - Referral to Family and Household Support.

23 Jul 2024 - Unsuccessful unannounced visit to Lisa.

26 Jul 2024 - IRD raised due to the children being exposed to parental alcohol consumption...

6 Aug 2024 - Jenny attempts to contact Lisa, she replied on 8th August and is open to a visit.

13 Aug 2024 - Jenny tries to contact Lisa to arrange to visit on 14th August, no reply.

19 Aug 2024 - Jenny tries again to contact Lisa, unable to get through on phone so messages to ask to visit today or tomorrow. No reply.

21 Aug 2024 - Letter sent to arrange visit after numerous failed attempts to arrange something by phone or text.

27 Aug 2024 - Home visit to Lisa. ... The home conditions need to be improved as it is cluttered and unhygienic. Lisa seems prepared to work on this. Lisa is currently not drinking when she has the children. This will be monitored and encouragement to get support with her alcohol use will continue to be given. Need to assess how she engages with FHS and social work to make some changes...

03 Sep 2024 - Family Group Decision making advised by social worker Jenny Pickthall that as Lisa is working to the plan that Lisa does not feel she wants to progress with family meeting but Jill Banks from FGDM agreed to contact Lisa to explain more about a family meeting...

06 Nov 2024 - Home visit to Lisa by Jenny. The home was very messy and cluttered. Lisa not engaging with any conversations or support around her alcohol use but said she doesn't drink when the girls are there. ... Jenny agrees to help Lisa with trying to tidy and declutter the house. Discussion about Lisa attending Teen Triple P group but Lisa said she wouldn't feel comfortable in group setting.

10 Dec 2024 - Jenny tries to call Lisa but no answer, voicemail left...

18 Dec 2024 - Home visit by Jenny. Lisa and [child2] present, ...The home was very cluttered again, the room that had been cleared was now full of clothes. Lisa and [child2] sleeping in living room, the bedding didn't look clean. Lisa given presents from Cash for Kids for [child1] and [child2]...

12 Feb 2025 - Avenel trust charity granted Lisa £400 to be used for carpets and furnishings. Jenny will supervise the spends...

25 Feb 2025 - Police Report Received - Lisa calling police to report inappropriate messages ...

27 Feb 2025 - Home visit by Jenny. The home is still very cluttered. Lisa has taken [child1]'s phone from her, ...

03 Mar 2025 - Child welfare concern form received in respect of incident on 25 Feb when Lisa had argued with [child1] ...

31 Mar 2025 - Jenny visits Lisa, [child1] and [] at home....

24 Apr 2025 - YPPM at Drummond Community High School. Present: Lisa (mum), [child1], Jenny (SW), Martha (SW), Leah Rankin (Guidance Teacher), Pauline Sharp (DHT)...

20 May 2025 - Martha visits Lisa, [child2] and [child1] at home...

12 Jun 2025 - Lisa cancels home visit, reschedules for tomorrow as she is not well.

13 Jun 2025 - Lisa cancels home visit, reschedules for Monday as she is still not well.

16 Jun 2025 - Unsuccessful visit to Lisa at home. Lisa did not respond to suggested rescheduled visit and was not in at the time of visit.

23 Jun 2025 - IRD raised by police. Police attend Lisa's home due to a report from Lisa about allegations against an ex-partner. Police attend and note significant concerns about the home environment, high level of clutter and disorganisation within the property...

18 Jul 2025 - IRD agreed to close. Plan for support includes a referral to Family and Household Support, Women's Aid, and mental health support for Lisa...

31 Jul 2025 - Martha visits [child1], [child2] and Lisa at home. ... Lisa is down the stair at a neighbour's. Martha pops in to speak with Lisa. ...

13 Aug 2025 - Police Report Received - Lisa contacted police to report a complaint about a Deliveroo driver. Police attended the home on 16 Aug 2025 to take a statement from Lisa and noted significant concerns related to poor home conditions which included cat faeces, cider cans and soiled mattresses...

08 Sept 2025 - Unsuccessful unannounced visit to Lisa.

10 Sept 2025 - Unsuccessful unannounced visit to Lisa.

16 Sept 2025 - Supporting Lisa to GP appointment with mental health nurse.

29 Sept 2025 - Successful unannounced visit to Lisa...

09 Jan 2026 - ...Police note concerns for home environment when taking statement from Lisa.

16 Jan 2026 - Lisa is not engaging with social work...

2026-03-03 Email correspondence from Relevant Person (Lisa Williamson)

From: Lisa Williamson <xxprincesslisaxx@hotmail.com>

Sent: 03 March 2026 10:11

To: SCRA Communications Mailbox <communications@scra.gov.uk>

Subject: Lisa Williamson parent of [child1] and [child2]

Hi I recently had a letter saying that the social worker Martha Avery had requested a children's panel for me and my children. This came as a shock to me because she hasn't been involved with my younger child or me for months. Last time I seen her was the 26th January and that was for my eldest daughter and nothing to do with my youngest. And she hasn't been in touch with me at all either. All the points she's put down for needing a panel are things that were concerns last year and everything has been improved upon. The 3 things said were concerns about my house tidiness and cleanliness. Which has been improved upon. They offered me help and support last year and never followed through so I've done this all myself. I had cut my alcohol intake down drastically and haven't been drinking around my kids for months and also have been 2 weeks now I have been completely away from alcohol. Also with my daughters school attendance she has been at school and off when she's not been well. I was struggling for a while to get her into school and I received absolutely no support for this but Martha would just tell me I need to get her into school but absolutely no guidance or any kind of support and I have improved on her time at school by myself. She's the social worker for my eldest daughter now she dropped my youngest

daughter last year. This social worker has ignored all my concerns about my eldest which has resulted in her putting herself in more dangerous situations and not being safe. I have still yet to put everything together and write a complaint about her. This referral has been put in for absolutely no reason and feels malicious. There's really is no need for a children's panel and the social worker knows this fine well. Obviously if you decide you want to go ahead with the panel that's fine I'll be there but it's really just wasting everyone's time. My mobile number is 07777417038 if anyone wants to speak to me about this. Thank you.

2026-04-22 Initial Investigation Letter Lisa Williamson

22 April 2026 Lisa Williamson 9/7 Tytler Gardens Edinburgh EH8 8HS

Dear Lisa Williamson,

My name is Kirsty Miguda-Scott and I am a Children's Reporter. It is my job to decide if a Children's Hearing is needed for []. There is more information about **Children's Hearings** on the last page.

Why am I writing to you?

I have received a **referral** from [] social worker, Martha Avery. Martha is concerned about the situation at your home for [] just now, particularly in relation to the cleanliness and tidiness of the home, [] not attending school so often recently and the possible impact of your alcohol use on your care of []

I have to make a decision about [] because of this referral.

What decisions can I make?

- To arrange a Children's Hearing for [].
- Not** to arrange a Children's Hearing for [].
- If I decide **not** to arrange a Children's Hearing for [], I can ask someone from Social Work to provide support.

I will only arrange a Children's Hearing if I think:

- Extra support is needed for []

AND

- This must be done through a **Compulsory Supervision Order**...

2026-04-24 Social work update Pre-Hearing Panel - Martha Avery

[] and Lisa are separated however [] has a shared care arrangement of [child 2] with Lisa, this is arranged by the family.

[Child1] is no longer living with Lisa after this relationship breakdown.

Hearing Arrangement Forms dated 24/04/2026, 01/05/2026, 21/05/2026 & 11/06/2026

Lisa Williamson Mother ☒ Notify - Full Papers

2026-05-01 Statement of Grounds (extracts from both children's Grounds)

Statement of grounds accepted at a children's hearing on 1st May 2026.

Section 67 Ground(s)

The children's reporter has arranged a children's hearing for [children] because the reporter believes the following ground(s) apply

1. (a) the child is likely to suffer unnecessarily, or the health or development of the child is likely to be seriously impaired, due to a lack of parental care

Supporting Facts

1. [child1 & child 2] is the child of Lisa Williamson. [child1 & child 2] normally lives with her mother ... at Flat 7, 9 Tytler Gardens, Edinburgh.
2. Ms Williamson drinks alcohol to excess. When heavily intoxicated she appears to have little control over her actions. Ms Williamson's alcohol use places [children] at risk.
3. Ms Williamson suffers from low mood and her use of prescribed medication has fluctuated. Ms Williamson often spends the whole day in bed. Ms Williamson's mental health impacts on her ability to care for [children]....
4. Conditions in the family home are regularly poor. It has been cluttered, unhygienic and disorganised. This places [children's] health and safety at risk.
5. Ms Williamson has not engaged with supports to address her alcohol use, mental health and home concerns, despite numerous referrals to support services.
7. [child2] attends Abbeyhill Primary School where her attendance has been poor. In January 2026 her attendance was 64% despite plans being put in place between Ms Williamson and the school. Poor school attendance will affect [child2] educational and social development.

2026-05-01 Decisions and Reasons – Hearing

Purpose:

to consider the statement of grounds s.69(2)

Decision:

To proceed in the absence of Lisa Williamson, mother

Reason:

Lisa was aware of today's hearing and had communicated to social work that she would attend, however, chose not to. Both [], and social work tried to contact Lisa before the hearing started, however, she did not return the call until near the end of the hearing...

Decision:

To make an interim compulsory supervision order after the statement of grounds was accepted. ...

Reason:

The panel decision was unanimous - that an interim order is urgent and necessary. The panel heard that [children's] Mum, Lisa, has challenges with her mental health and often turns to alcohol and other substances, which results in her sleeping for a significant portion of the day. This is having a significantly negative impact on [child2], often resulting in her not attending school, not being kept clean and witnessing her mum under the influence...the panel heard that Lisa has threatened to disrupt the placement.

2026-05-05 Proof Application for Citations [child2]

Form 60 Rule 3.45(1) Form of application to sheriff under section 94(2)(a) of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

SHERIFF COURT AT EDINBURGH

Application to sheriff under section 94(2)(a) of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Lisa Williamson (Mother) c/o SCRA, Springkerse Business Park, Stirling did not attend the grounds hearing.

2026-05-13 Warrant to Cite Proof 1st Calling

Form 33 Form of warrant to cite child and to give notice/intimate to relevant person(s), curator *ad litem* and safeguarder in applications under section 93(2)(a) or 94(2)(a) of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Rule 3.11 Court Ref. EDI-B638-26

Edinburgh Sheriff Court on 13 May 2026

The sheriff

1. assigns **29 May 2026** at 10:00 within Edinburgh Sheriff Court, 27 Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LB for the hearing of the application;
2. appoints the Principal Reporter forthwith to cite; **Lisa Williamson (mother) and [] both c/o the Principal Reporter, SCRA, Ochil House, Springkerse Business Park, Stirling as relevant persons to the action;**
3. grants warrant to cite witnesses and havers;...

Sheriff S F Gill

2026-05-21 Decisions and Reasons - Hearing - [child2]

Purpose: to consider whether to make a further interim compulsory supervision order s.96

Decision: To make a further interim compulsory supervision order during the proof application

Reason: Whilst [] and Lisa are in regular communication and tend to agree on most matters relating to [child2], Lisa's recent medication change could potentially impact on her mood and her engagement.

Decision: The child must reside with []

Reason: Lisa acknowledges this is best for [child2].

Decision: Contact between the child and Lisa Williamson, mother is to be agreed by []

Reason: Contact between [child2] and Lisa was discussed in depth. Lisa is making progress with her support for her alcohol reliance, however a recent change in her medication could have an adverse impact on her mood and engagement. Given that could impact on Lisa's ability to properly care for [child2] during contact, it was unanimously agreed that all contact should be managed by [] to ensure it is in [child2] best interest at that time.

2026-05-29 Court Interim Order and Established Grounds

Edinburgh Sheriff Court on 29 May 2026 Sheriff S Cook J

Act: Karch, Reporter

Alt: []...

Williamson, natural mother

The sheriff, on the unopposed motion of the Reporter, in respect that the statement of supporting facts are accepted, dispenses with the hearing of evidence; finds the said ground to be established; directs the principal reporter to arrange a children's hearing

to decide whether to make a Compulsory Supervision Order in relation to the child in terms of Section 108(2) of the Children's Hearing (Scotland) Act 2011; on the verbal motion of the Authority Reporter, the Sheriff makes an interim compulsory supervision order under Section 109 (5) of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011, in respect of the child

[child 2], until Friday 19 June 2026 with the following measures:

1. The child must reside with []
 2. Contact between the child and Lisa Williamson, mother is to be agreed by []
- Sheriff S Cook

2026-06-11 Decisions and Reasons – Hearing

Purpose: to consider whether to make a compulsory supervision order in relation to grounds established on the 29th May 2026 s.119

Decision: To make a compulsory supervision order.

Reason: ...The panel heard that [] and Lisa are managing contact well between themselves, and that there is no need for a contact measure in the order.