

Memorandum



From

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To

APOCC (Child Abuse)

Regional Headquarters

McIver House

3rd Floor, Rooms 10/11

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Subject

INITIAL REPORT (CA1) dated 14.10.87 from GIRVAN/MAYBOLE TEAM

NAME OF CHILD/XXX

LEE DAVID JOHNSTONE

D.O.B. 9. 2.76

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ADDRESS:

28 Linden Avenue

Girvan

Please note that after considering the circumstances of the above child/xxx it has been decided to take no further action under the Child Abuse Procedures.

DAVID A READER
AREA MANAGER

c.c. Assist. District Manager - Mr. P. Cairns
District Officer Child Care - Mrs J Hunter
Senior Social Worker - Mrs R Murray
✓ Social Worker - Mrs Edith M Scobie

Initial Report Form

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Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

Area Team Girvan/Maybole		Area Officer Mr D A Reader	
Tel. No.: (0465) 2467		Home Tel. No.: (0292) 287771	
1. Name of Child/ren Lee David Johnstone		2. D.O.B. 09.02.76	3. Present Address 28 Linden Avenue Girvan
4. Other members of household [REDACTED]		5. Age/D.O.B.	6. Relationship to Child Father Mother Brother
9. (a) Referral to Area Team Date 07.10.87 Time 12.30pm		7. Home address if different from above	
Process of Referral to Area Team (b) Referred by Mrs Susan Barnett, Student Social Worker to Mrs Edith Scobie, Social Worker date 08.10.87		8. Last three known previous addresses: 39 Hillview Crescent, Cowdenbeat 22 Birch Terrace, Girvan 4 Urnfield, Girvan	
10. Full details of Referral While being interviewed by Mrs Barnett for a Children's Panel report, [REDACTED] stated that she had struck out at him and her nail caught him at the side of his left eye.			
11. Family Doctor's Name Address [REDACTED] Health Centre 109A Henrietta Street Girvan Tel: (0465) 3343		12. Known medical history of child Bed wetting.	
13. Specify Other Agencies in contact with family (i.e. RSSPCC, Health Visitor, etc.) including Schools/Playgroups attended [REDACTED] Educational Psychologist [REDACTED] Psychiatrist			
14. Previous contact with the Social Work Department 17.05.85: Girvan Social Work Department - rent arrears.			

15. REPORT Should normally include sections on (a) Parents/Caretakers, (b) Marital/Other Relationships, (c) Social Circumstances, (d) Alleged Incident (e) Vulnerability of Child, (f) Vulnerability of Other Children, (g) Resources Available and (h) Action Taken.

- (a) [REDACTED] The family have moved around quite a bit "to better themselves". They give the impression of being concerned parents. However, they are clearly experiencing difficulties coping with Lee's behaviour outwith the home.
- (b) [REDACTED] has expressed her concern that the stress and strains of Lee's behaviour - i.e. involvement in offences [REDACTED] do not have a consistent approach in dealing with Lee.
- (c) The family live in a 3 apartment maisonette situated on the top of a 5 storey block of flats. The house is comfortably furnished and well maintained. They have recently returned from Cowdenbeath having lived there for 2 years. Lee was found to be difficult at school there but was evidently not known to the local Social Work Department.
- [REDACTED]
- (d) [REDACTED] were interviewed with Lee. It was explained by [REDACTED] that she had told Lee not to take a carton of lime juice out of the 'packed lunches' cupboard. Lee openly defied her and when she went to grab him to remove him from the cupboard, one of her long nails scratched the side of his eye. The mark is consistent with this explanation and Lee agreed with the explanation, only changing some of the wording.
- [REDACTED] went on to say she felt guilty about the accident and has since cut her nails. She certainly does not consider it as an incident of child abuse. [REDACTED] did state that our concerns could have had some foundation in the past when she was again experiencing difficulties with Lee, but according to [REDACTED] Lee now gets sent to his room or kept in if he has been in trouble.
- (e) Clearly Lee is getting into a lot of trouble and he doesn't seem to realise the seriousness or the possible consequences of his behaviour. His parents are very concerned about
- (f) Lee and welcome the assistance from our Department in an endeavour to effect change in his behaviour and their coping capacity.

Given the stress factors involved in this case, coupled with the fact that there was also a 6 year old child in the family, it was felt that this incident should not be ignored and was therefore dealt with under the Child Abuse procedures. However, in discussion with the family, Mrs Murray, Senior Social Worker and myself were satisfied that the incident was not intentional and that Lee and his brother are not at risk of child abuse. It must be stated though that it is expected that the family will have ongoing Social Work intervention for quite some time to come.

(g) A report/...

Signature [REDACTED]

Designation Social Worker

Date 14th October, 1987

Signature [REDACTED]

Senior Social Worker

Date

14.10.87

This form should be dispatched immediately to:
Divisional Organiser (Community & Fieldwork) for the attention of Adviser in Child Care.

Copies to Area Officer
and District Manager.

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- (g) A report for the Children's Panel is being prepared at present. It is likely that the recommendation will be for a Home Assessment to seek as much assistance as possible with how best to help Lee and his family.
- (h) [REDACTED] were advised that we were satisfied about the explanation of the incident and that the children were not at risk of child abuse.

Signature . [REDACTED] .

Designation Social Worker

Date ..14th...October, 1987.

Signature [REDACTED]

Designation Senior Social Worker

Date ...14-10-87...

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REFERRAL FORM

Client's Name: Lee David Johnstone

Address: 28 Linden Avenue

Girvan

K226 OBU

Date of Birth: 9/2/76

Date of Referral: 7/10/87

PREVIOUS INFORMATION (If appropriate) e.g. FILE No.

Known - SER (Chg) currently being compiled.

BACKGROUND/MAIN PROBLEM

Child Abuse procedures followed after incident related to Mrs Susan Barnett, Social Work Student, while she was interviewing [REDACTED]

FOR FULL DETAILS, PLEASE SEE ATTACHED CAI

ACTION TAKEN

22/10/87 Notification received that NFA was being taken re Above CAI which was submitted (Copy Attached).

Signed: [REDACTED]

Social Worker Initial: [REDACTED]

ALLOCATION DECISION