

Summary of Review Meeting and Recommendations for the Future

Date of Review 26.11.85 at Paradise Road, Dundee

D.O.B.

21.8.68

Apology - John Davidson, Senior Social Worker, Dundee West

a point at which both girls were removed to the Salvation Army Hostel and

Their parents were separated at the time and alcohol abuse by their mother appears to have been a precipitating factor. The children had been left with their maternal grandmother and at her request were received into care in terms of Section 15 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 in October 1974. They were placed in St. Francis Children's Home, Roseangle, Dundee. A referral to the Reporter resulted in their placement on supervision in terms of Section 44(1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act in January 1975.

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The children remained in residential care for four years until October 1978 when they returned to their mother's care on supervision. This arrangement lasted for six months before breaking down. The children returned briefly to St. Francis's before Helen was transferred to Carolina House [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Both girls remained resident in Carolina House for approximately five years, during which time there seems to have been an expectation that they would eventually return to their grandmother's care and no alternative plans were made. It was not until November 1984 that Helen finally made the move, being joined by her sister three months later.

Parental rights in terms of Section 16 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act were assumed in November 1983.

Having spent most of their childhood in residential care Helen and, [REDACTED] experienced difficulties in adjusting to the demands of living in a family. [REDACTED]

This placement eventually ended in October 1985 when both Helen [REDACTED] were placed in the Salvation Army Hostel and subsequently allocated a flat in the Maybole Place Supported Accommodation Project which is managed by the Social Work Department's ILSU team.

Helen has provided the stabilising influence for her sister. To a certain extent her own maturity has given her a more confident and independent attitude towards coping with life. She has recently been considering a move to Manchester where her mother and her mother's co-habitee have offered her a home and there seems to be some hope of a suitable job. She has deferred a decision in recognition of [REDACTED] need for her support.

[REDACTED]

Copies to:-

Area Fieldwork Manager, Dundee West
Mr. F Cura, Asst. Area Controller, D/West
Mr. J Davidson, SSW, Dundee West
Mr. O Fuller, SW, Dundee West
Miss N Ballingall, ILSU
Admin Dundee West

Signed

Signed *Patricia Bouches*

(Reviewing Consultant)

Date *16/1/86*

Feedback re Resources to Field Work Director via Area Controller

Helen and [redacted] Andrews (Contd.)

Present situation

After four weeks in their ILSU flat Helen and [redacted] appear to the staff to have settled without difficulty. Miss Ballingall reported that no problems had arisen.

Although they receive supplementary finance which makes them far better off than their peers in the individual living situation, the girls claim that they have difficulty in budgetting.

Miss Ballingall explained that a member of staff was present at the Centre between 10 a.m. and 12 noon each day in order to assist with these problems and that she herself would be prepared to meet with Helen and [redacted] to discuss finances.

As far as employment is concerned Helen left her job as Nursery Assistant with Kiddicare Nursery, Cowgate, Dundee, in June 1985. She has been offered a job in Manchester and her mother has agreed to forward to the Social Work Department in Dundee the letters which have been received from the Careers office.

Annual medicals are now due and will be discussed by the girls with Mr. Fuller. [redacted] no recent health problems for either of the sisters have been brought to the attention of the social worker.

Contact with their father, his new wife and five children has been taking place on a regular basis, without the knowledge of the Social Work Department. This contact is said by the girls to be important for them but the depth of relationships and extent of support has yet to be established.

Both Helen and [REDACTED] are in the early stages of adjusting to their independent lifestyle after little preparation for the demands and adjustments required. They are unwilling to seek the minimal support offered and appeared reluctant at the review to accept the advice that they should persevere in their efforts. Their negative attitude to the Whitfield area makes alternative solutions all the more attractive. Both were strongly urged to view the present and future advantages in a positive light, e.g. application to Gowrie Housing Association once they had established that they are able to live independently.

Helen expresses a firm intention to move to Manchester. She has paid several successful visits to her mother's home and gets on well with the co-habitee. In view of her mother's history of heavy drinking it seems advisable that this household should be fully checked by the local Social Services Department, especially as there is now a suggestion that Helen herself may be developing similar inclinations. Mrs. Andrews has been in touch with the Social Work Department on a recent visit to Dundee.

[REDACTED]

The question of social work involvement was raised by the girls themselves. They declare themselves reluctant to remain in care and unaccepting of any advantages to be gained. As Helen will reach the age of 18 in August 1986 there seems little point in submitting an application to rescind parental rights, especially as the legal responsibility will be of particular importance if Helen is to be supported in her move from Dundee to Manchester.

[REDACTED]

Recommendations

The goal for Helen [REDACTED] Andrews is to assist each of them to make the transition from local authority care to independence with maximum support.

The associated tasks include:-

1. Regular support to be offered by ILSU team members and the social worker.
[REDACTED]
2. Miss Ballingall to meet with Helen [REDACTED] immediately to discuss their budgeting and financial difficulties.
3. Efforts to obtain satisfying employment/training to continue.

Helen and [REDACTED] Andrews (Contd.)

4. Routine checks to be completed in order to establish the lifestyle and home conditions of Mrs. Andrews in Manchester.
5. Consideration to be given to the value of making contact with Mr. Andrews and his family in order to establish their ability to offer support, [REDACTED].
6. Discussion on their position as young people in care and the alternatives to be undertaken by the social worker with Helen [REDACTED] independently of each other.
7. Medical examinations to be arranged with the agreement of Helen [REDACTED].
8. Preparation of background information for their future use to be continued for each of the sisters.
9. The next review to take place at Paradise Road on 3rd June 1986 at 11 a.m.

CASE REVIEWS

Summary of Review Meeting and Recommendations for the Future

Date of Review 3rd June, 1986 at Paradise Road, Dundee

Name

Present Address

D.O.B.

HELEN ANDREWS

21.8.68

Participants :

Mr. Cura, Assistant Area Fieldwork Manager, Dundee West

Mr. Fuller, Social Worker, Dundee West

Mrs. Bouchier, Reviewing Officer

APOLOGIES - Mr. Davidson, Senior Social Worker, Dundee West

Both girls were aware that the Review was taking place and had been invited to attend but Helen is living in Manchester [REDACTED]

Summary Discussion + Goals / Tasks for the Future (Goals to be listed separately)

A Social Worker's report (A016) and a summary of the Review held on 26th November, 1985 were available to this Review.

Recommendations from the Last Review

These were found to have been undertaken with various adjustments due to the fact that the girls had given up their flat in Maybole Place in favour of returning to live with members of their natural family. Helen had decided to make her home with her mother in Manchester where she had hoped to obtain a job but had found the opportunities less promising than she had anticipated. [REDACTED]

It was established that the Social Services Department in Manchester had investigated Mrs. Andrew's circumstances and submitted a favourable report on the basis of which Helen's move had been undertaken. The fact that Tayside Region holds Parental Rights until Helen leaves care on 21st August, 1986 is understood and she herself is aware that this Department is in a position to offer advice and guidance as well as financial assistance with further education beyond the age of 18. It was felt important for this to be confirmed by letter.

Helen has written to her sister in Dundee and appears to be happily settled in her mother's home. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Social work contact has been only intermittent and at the instigation of the girls themselves. While this is appropriate for Helen as she is about to reach the age of 18 years, [REDACTED]

As Mr. Fuller is shortly to be leaving the Department, it is necessary to record that the Review group considered that allocation to a new worker is essential in view of the fact that the Department holds Parental Rights in respect of these two girls. In view of their independence and present successful level of functioning with no particular problems, [REDACTED]

Recommendations

1. A leaving care case conference to be convened in August to coincide with Helen's [REDACTED] 18th birthday on 21st August, 1986. A final report from Manchester Social Services Department on her present situation to be requested and their co-operation acknowledged.
2. A letter to be sent to Helen Andrews formally acknowledging her 18th birthday and indicating the advice and guidance available from Social Services Department, Manchester and Tayside Region, including the possibility of financial assistance with further education from the latter until the age of 21 years.
3. Re-allocation to be undertaken as soon as possible [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]

Copies to :-

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Mr. Cura, AAFM., Dundee West
Mr. Davidson, SSW., Dundee West
Mr. Fuller's replacement
Admin., Dundee West

Signed

Signed

Malcolm Buchanan
(Reviewing Consultant)

Date

27th June, 1986

Feedback re Resources to Assistant Director via Area Field Work Manager.

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1. Name of Child
2. Address

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
St. Francis, Roseangle, Dundee

d/h.

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]

Age

(i) Date received into care

31.10.74

(ii) Date Parental Rights assumed

(iii) Date Committed to Care (State reasons and Section of Act)

1.1.76 -- 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.

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Summary of present situation (continued)

that Mrs. Andrews now has another house and since she also as a supply of electricity it would appear that she is either living with someone or using another house as her own. A considerable amount of work to Hydro Electric Co., Ltd.

The children have been sent to school and also working in their father's mill, only to look after the children once they are "one."

Mrs. Andrews does still visit the children but when it suits her. She claims to be attending an out-patient clinic at Hinesells Hospital [redacted] and also has given ill-health as a reason for missing visits. Mrs. Percie seems to take a week rest these days. I have not seen Mr. Andrews and according to the children he has recently served a short sentence in prison.

None circumstances have, therefore, not improved much. Recently, I advertised for a long-term foster home for the children and the response has been fairly promising. It will be some time before enquiries etc., can be completed but I hope something suitable will come out of this.

The children remain well settled in St. Ursula's.

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

Plans or recommendations for future care, career, etc.

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6 MONTHLY CASE REVIEW

Name of Child HELEN GIRVINE BALLANTINE MARKIE d/b 21.8.68 Age 6
Address St. Francis Children's Home, Roseangle, 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)

Date placed in present Children's Home or foster home
Placed 31.10.74 in St. Francis Children's Home, Roseangle, Dundee.

Previous placements with reasons for removal
5.7.72 - 26.7.72 - with maternal grandmother, who in any case has cared for her almost continually from birth. Children then returned to mother and her cohabitee.
15.2.73 - 30.3.73 - Again children placed with grandmother.
Children out of care when mother returned to grandmother's home.

Brothers and Sisters - in care, with address
David Andrews - St. Francis Children's Home, Roseangle, Dundee
Sharon Andrews - " " " "

Brothers and Sisters Elsewhere
None

Parents' address, contributions, interest and contact, etc.
Mr. Andrews - last known address - 11 Dons Road, Dundee
absolutely minimal interest - has visited once.
Mrs. Andrews - c/o Mrs. Markie, 12 Isla Street, Dundee, staying with her mother. Claims to be very interested, but does not visit very regularly.

Progress in school/employment (details of wages where applicable)
Good. According to Mrs. Carnegie (headmistress) Helen is very popular amongst her classmates.

Summary of present situation: Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have been separated since 1971. David, Helen and Sharon have lived at various times with their mother, their father, and their maternal grandmother, Mrs. Markie. They were received into care 31.10.74, following desertion by Mrs. Andrews. At this time as on several previous occasions, she left the children with her mother, Mrs. Markie. Mrs. Markie was unable to cope with the children, who are fairly wild, although they seem to have settled down fairly well at St. Francis. On 8.1.75

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Summary of present situation (continued) the children were made the subjects of a residential supervision order. Since the children were received into care, Mr. Andrews has, I believe, visited them once, before Christmas. He was reportedly drunk on that occasion. Mrs. Andrews returned from Manchester, where she was staying with her cohabitee, in the middle of December. She expresses great interest in the children, but nevertheless, her visits are not as frequent as they could be. (She has visited once since Christmas). She has, however, recently started work, and tells me that she is trying to get a house, so she can make a home for herself and her children. However, I feel that it will be sometime before she will be in a position to provide for the children. Helen and Sharon are showing problems in that they both soil their pants. They have done this since they entered St. Francis, and, as far as we can ascertain, they also did it before they were received into care.

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

The R.S.S.P.C.C. have also been involved in this case since January 1969.

Plans or recommendations for future care, career, etc. I feel that the three Andrews children will remain in the care of this department for some time to come. They seem to be fairly well settled now at St. Francis; it is within easy distance for both Mrs. Markie and Mrs. Andrews to visit them and I give them both every encouragement to do so. Mr. Andrews is virtually out of the picture now, and shows no interest whatsoever in the children.

Date of review.....5 February 1975.....

Signature of Social Worker.....

Signature of Area Social Worker

reviewing case.....

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Summary of present situation (continued)

She expresses interest in the children, and her co-habitee, Mr. [REDACTED] also appears willing to accept the children. However, Mrs. Andrews does not visit the children as often as she could - she always has a reason why she has not visited for, say, the last two weeks, but it is hard to tell how genuine the reason is e.g. 'flu, having a cooker fitted etc. However, I believe that the children have said that they see her often when 'granny' collects them from St. Francis, and takes them out - so in fact the children may well see their mother more often than we realise.

Nevertheless, the steadiest influence in their lives still appears to be Mrs. Markie, their maternal grandmother. She is very fond indeed of them, and they of her and she visits them very regularly and takes them out.

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

Plans or recommendations for future care, career, etc.

Mrs. Andrews and Mr. [REDACTED] have appeared to settle down in a steady relationship, and have built up a nice home between them. Mrs. Andrews is keen to have her children returned to her, but because of their very unsettled past, I believe that we should give Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. Andrews a little more time to settle; meanwhile encouraging Mrs. Andrews to visit as often as possible. However, I feel that should things continue satisfactorily, [REDACTED], Helen and [REDACTED] can be returned home in the fairly near future.

Date of review.....17th July, 1975.....

Signature of Social Worker.....

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

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Name of Child Helen } ANDREWS d/b. [redacted] 21. 8. 68 Age [redacted] (7)
Address St. Francis', Roseangle, 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 - 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 - [redacted] - He and co-habitee have baby. No interest shown in [redacted], Helen and [redacted].
Mrs. Andrews - Believed to be again co-habiting, but whereabouts unknown.

Progress in school/employment (details of wages where applicable) Lack ability to concentrate. [redacted] and Helen 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 [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] and Helen to visit their grandmother. [REDACTED] Mrs. Andrews promised to call back the next day to spend some time alone with [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] Social Worker reviewing case

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Social Work Department

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1. [REDACTED]
 2. Helen Davine Ballantine Jackie Andrews
 Name of Child 3. [REDACTED] d/b. [REDACTED] Age [REDACTED]
 Address St. Francis, Rosemount, 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) 31.1.76 - Section 44 (1) (b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. Past 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: Janet's Andrews, 16 Isla Street, Dundee. Contact with children continues to be irregular.

Father: John Andrews - present address unknown. Believed to be cohabiting. 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 not noticeable.

Summary of present situation: Shortly after the last review, Mrs. Andrews and [REDACTED] were again separated. [REDACTED] 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 would earn from this, she was

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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 Mr. Andrews turning up only occasionally, despite promises both to the children and to myself.

The children are continually having to face disappointments. Even Mrs. Mackie 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, [redacted], Helen and [redacted] 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.

[redacted] Helen wet the bed that Sunday night, a most irregular occurrence for Helen.

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.

Mr. 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 [redacted] Helen and [redacted] 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.....23 September 1976.....

Signature of Social Worker.....

Signature of [redacted] Social Worker reviewing case.....

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Dundee Division.

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1. [REDACTED]
 2. Helen Gervine Ballentine Herkie Andrews
 3. [REDACTED]
 St. [REDACTED]
 Name of Child
 Address
 1. [REDACTED]
 2. 21.8.68
 3. [REDACTED]
 d/b [REDACTED]
 Age [REDACTED]

(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.

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Summary of present situation (continued)

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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.

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Name of Child

1) [redacted]
2) [redacted]
3) [redacted] 20 years

Address

27, Victoria Road, Dundee, Dundee.

d/b

1) [redacted]
2) [redacted]
3) [redacted] 21.8.88

Age

1) [redacted]
2) [redacted]
3) [redacted] 9

(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 14 (1)(b) Social Work (Statutory)

1st 1962.

First 1962 - parents were likely to cause the child serious harm, and were seriously

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

Previous placements with reasons for removal

Foster

Brothers and Sisters - in care, with address

None

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Summary of present situation (continued) through the Housing Case Conference on 21st October that

the Andrews should be offered a house now very soon. Once the housing effort will have to be made to get electricity supply connected () and to furnish house. The Andrews have recently seen to the potatoes and has saved a little money for furniture. It will take several weeks for the 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.

During a short period when Mrs Andrews did not get in contact with me, she has operated much better during the last few months. I think she feels encouraged now that she sees some movement towards her being. Recently I thought Mrs Andrews to visit Sister and Sister who explained to her that 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 will encounter with them once they are home.

The children themselves have been unstable and it is difficult to know why this has been the case. Their homes are often falsely related about going home. Generally they react very badly to disappointment and it is hard to cause another moment of this. Recently staff have been very concerned about and Helen's behaviour.

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

Helen periodically appears

aggressive manner and she can also be unreasonable. We now believe that Helen may be having difficulties in school as a result of her being kept back a year and of this will, therefore, be made to discuss with school staff to find out if there is a better solution to Helen's difficulties.